

English Vocabulary with examples

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Here is a list of the most common English words with examples of their use. This basic vocabulary of less than 2000 words provides a good starting point for communicating in English. In 1930, linguist and philosopher Charles Ogden published a book called "Basic English: A General Introduction with Rules and Grammar" in which he used a vocabulary of 850 words. Jean-Paul Nerriere later introduced "Globish", a subset of English with a vocabulary of 1500 words that can serve as a Global English to conduct business transactions. The sentence structure of English is explained in the [English Grammar](#) section.



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The following abbreviations are used for parts of speech:

adjective *adj.*, adverb *adv.*, auxiliary verb *aux.*, conjunction *conj.*, noun *n.*, preposition *prep.*, pronoun *pron.*, verb *v.* For irregular verbs, the infinitive, past tense, and past participle are given in parentheses, e.g., (BREAK, BROKE, BROKEN). The past participle verb form can generally be used as an adjective, e.g., THE BROKEN GLASS.

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A, AN - indefinite article

A cat. An apple.

ABLE *adj.* - having sufficient power to accomplish something

He will be able to finish by noon.

ABOUT *adv.* - near, close to, approximately

He was here about one month ago. The movie was about a boy and his dog.

ABOVE *prep.* - at a higher level

The cloud was above the mountain.

ABSURD *adj.* - very unreasonable, illogical, or inappropriate

The argument was absurd.

ACCEPT *v.*, ACCEPTANCE *n.*, ACCEPTABLE *adj.* - approval or agreement

John accepted the contract. The contract was acceptable.

ACCESS *n.*, *v.*, ACCESSIBLE *adj.* - ability to enter or make use of

Mary had access to money. She accessed the computer

ACCIDENT *n.*, ACCIDENTAL *adj.*, ACCIDENTALLY *adv.* - unforeseen or unplanned event

They met by accident in the shop.

ACCOUNT *n.*, *v.*, ACCOUNTABLE *adj.*, ACCOUNTING *n.*, ACCOUNTANT *n.* - Explanation or reason, sometimes dealing with money or time

John's bank account had \$100. The accountant balanced the books.

ACCUSE *v.*, ACCUSATION *n.* - to charge with an offense or crime

The man was accused of stealing.

ACROSS *adv.* - on the opposite side

The house was across the river.

ACT *n., v.*, ACTION *n.*, ACTOR *n.*, ACTIVE *adj.* - to do something; performance or accomplishment

She acted decisively. He likes active sports.

ADD *v.*, ADDITION *n.*, ADDITIONAL *adj.* ADDITIONALLY *adv.* - to increase

He added one room to the house. John knows how to add two plus two.

ADDRESS *n., v.* - to communicate directly, a location for contact

Mr. Smith addressed the audience. We found the address of the hotel.

ADMINISTER *v.*, ADMINISTRATOR *n.*, ADMINISTRATION *n.* - to manage or supervise

The teacher administered the test. John is the administrator of the school.

ADMIT *v.*, ADMISSION *n.* - to accept or acknowledge

She admitted that she was wrong. The price of admission is \$5 dollars.

ADULT *adj., n.* - fully developed and mature

Entrance was restricted to adults only.

ADVANCE *n., v.*, ADVANCEMENT *n.* - to move forward, promote or improve

He advanced the clock one hour.

ADVERTISE *v.* ADVERTISEMENT *n.* - to announce publicly

The car was advertised in the newspaper.

ADVISE *v.*, ADVICE *n.* - to give information or recommendation

The police advised him to talk to a lawyer. That was good advice.

AFFECT v. - to influence

The computer was affected by the dusty air.

AFRAID adj. - to fear

We are all afraid of the dark.

AFTER adj., adv. - later in time or place

John went after 4 O'Clock. He left after Mary.

AGAIN adv. - another time

The car is out of order again.

AGAINST prep. - in opposition or opposite direction

The fish was swimming against the current. Mary voted against the candidate.

AGE n., v. - to become old; the time of life

The car seemed to age very fast. John's father died at an advanced age.

AGENCY n., AGENT n. - company or person that helps to achieve some goals

The employment agency found a job for Mary. My insurance agent offered me a good deal.

AGGRESSION n., AGGRESSIVE adj. - to attack or fight

The tiger was very aggressive.

AGO adj., adv. - earlier than the present time

John's father died long ago. Two years ago Mary got married.

AGREE v., AGREEMENT n. - to reach common consent

John agreed to buy the car. He reached an agreement with the car dealer.

AGRICULTURE n. - cultivation of the land and raising of crops.

The history of agriculture goes back thousands of years.

AID n., v. - to help or provide support

Mary received financial aid for her studies. John aided the man in the wheelchair.

AIM n., v. - to locate a goal or point a weapon

He aimed the pistol at the bird.

AIR n., v. - the atmosphere, to expose to the atmosphere

All mammals breathe air. She aired the carpet after cleaning it.

AIRCRAFT, AIRPLANE n. - vehicle that travels through the air.

The airplane was two hours late.

AIRPORT n. - a place where airplanes can operate.

New York has two major airports.

ALARM n., v. - a signal that warns of danger

The fire alarm sounded in the middle of the night. The chickens were alarmed by the barking dog.

ALBUM n. - a book for storing a collection

His album had many rare photographs.

ALIVE adj. - to live

We found the dog alive and well.

ALL - everything or everyone; the whole amount

All the king's horses and all the king's men couldn't put Humpty Dumpty together again.

ALLY n., v., ALLIANCE n. - a connection or relationship

England and the United States were allies during World War II.

ALMOND adj., n. - a cream-colored, elliptical nut; the color of an almond

We ate ice cream with roasted almonds.

ALMOST adj. - very nearly but not exactly or entirely

He had almost reached the door when he fell.

ALONE adj. - separated from others; without company; single

She sat alone in the kitchen.

ALONG prep. - in parallel; together with

We walked along the bank of the river. Mary went along with our plans.

ALREADY adv. - prior to a specified time

We had already had breakfast when John came.

ALSO adv. - in addition

We had eggs for breakfast and also bacon.

ALTHOUGH conj. - even though

She still rides a bicycle although she is 78 years old.

ALWAYS adv. - all the time

She is always happy to see me.

AM v. - first person singular of verb BE

I am very happy.

AMMUNITION n. - projectiles or explosives for war

The soldiers did not have enough ammunition for their guns.

AMONG prep. - in the middle; in between

Mary was among the visitors to the school.

AMOUNT n., v. - a quantity

The amount of food was not enough. The bill amounts to \$10.

ANARCHY n. - no government or administration

The anarchy of the country made it hard to establish a business.

ANCESTOR n. - a forefather or progenitor

Our ancestors established traditions the we still follow today.

ANCIENT adj. - very old

The ancient stone walls were crumbling.

AND conj. - in addition

John and Mary will go to the party.

ANGER n., v., ANGRY adj. - emotional displeasure; irritability

Bad service angers her. She gets angry when the mail is late.

ANGLE n., v., ANGULARITY n. - two lines diverging from a common point

The car was parked at an angle instead of parallel.

ANIMAL n. - a living organism that is not a plant

Dogs and pigs are intelligent animals.

ANNIVERSARY n. - yearly commemoration

My aunt and uncle celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary.

ANNOUNCE v., ANNUNCIATION n. - to publicly declare

The winners of the contest were announced on Friday.

ANOTHER adj. - different from a previous one

John ordered another drink.

ANSWER n., v. - a response to a request

John did not receive an answer to his letter.

ANY adj., ANYBODY n., ANYTHING n. - a selection without restriction

You can choose any flavor of ice cream that you want.

APOLOGIZE v., APOLOGY n. - to ask forgiveness

John apologized for what he said, but his apology was not well received.

APPEAL n., v. - a request for help or sympathy

He appealed to their sense of justice.

APPEAR v., APPEARANCE n., APPARENTLY adv. - to become visible; look like; seem

The car appeared suddenly. He maintained the appearance of neutrality.

APPLE n. - a round fruit with small seeds.

Newton was inspired when an apple fell from a tree.

APPOINT v., APPOINTMENT n. - an official designation; arrangement for a meeting

The president appointed an assistant. Mary had an appointment with a doctor.

APPROPRIATE adj., v., APPROPRIATION n. - adequate; to take exclusive possession

She wore a dress appropriate for the occasion. The city appropriated his property.

APPROVE v., APPROVAL n. - to accept as satisfactory

The engineer approved the plan. The engineer gave his approval.

APRIL n. - The fourth month of the year.

April showers bring May flowers. It is very rainy in April.

ARE v. - second person singular and plural of verb BE

You are very happy. They are happy too.

AREA n. - a region

The area next to the building was used for parking.

ARGUE v., ARGUMENT n. - to provide a reason

The customers argued over who should pay the bill.

ARM n., v. - a part of the body connected to the hand; a weapon

You cannot hug a child with nuclear arms.

ARMY n. - a group of people trained for war.

The army prepared to defend the border.

AROUND adv., prep. - to go in a circle

He went around the corner.

ARREST n., v. - to stop; to keep in custody

The police arrested the thief.

ARRIVE v. - to reach a destination

The airplane arrived on time.

ART n., ARTIST n., ARTISTIC adj. - an occupation requiring skill

The artist specialized in abstract art.

ARTILLERY n. - heavy guns

The artillery pounded the walls of the castle.

AS adv., conj. - in the way or manner

The computer was as hot as a stove. I lived in the same building as my brother.

ASH n. - the remains of burning something

The house burned down and only the ashes were left.

ASK v. - to request

She asked him if he spoke English.

ASLEEP adj., adv. - to sleep.

John was asleep in bed.

ASSIST v., ASSISTANCE n. - to help

John assisted the old lady to cross the street.

ASTRONOMY n., ASTRONOMICAL adj., ASTRONOMICALLY adv. - study of stars; a large quantity

The price was astronomically high. You need a telescope to study astronomy.

AT prep. - indicates a location or time

She came at 5 O'Clock. We waited at the bus station.

ATMOSPHERE n., ATMOSPHERIC adj. - air; environment

The arguments created a tense atmosphere. The atmospheric pressure decreased as the airplane gained altitude.

ATOM n., ATOMIC adj. - the smallest particle of an element; a small quantity

An atom of hydrogen has one proton and one electron. An atomic bomb uses uranium or plutonium.

ATTACH v., ATTACHMENT n. - to connect or put together

There was a check attached to the letter.

ATTACK n., v., ATTACKER n. - to work against using physical or verbal force

The terrorists attacked the embassy.

ATTEMPT n., v. - to make an effort; try

John attempted to set a new record.

ATTEND v., ATTENTION n. - to look after; participate

It has come to my attention that you are late in your payments. Mary attended the science class.

ATTRACT v., ATTRACTION n. - to pull together

A restaurant with good food attracts many customers.

AUGUST n. - the eighth month of the year

It is always very hot in August.

AUNT n. - a sister of your mother or father

My aunt had a birthday on Sunday.

AUTHORITY n. - power to influence

The police have the authority to arrest criminals.

AUTOMATIC adj., AUTOMATICALLY adv., AUTOMATION n. - having a self-regulating mechanism

The lights turned on automatically.

AUTOMOBILE n. - a vehicle for personal transportation

The automobile had four doors.

AUTUMN n. - fall season, late in life

The leaves of the trees turn red in the autumn.

AVERAGE adj. n. - value representative of the members of a group

The man was of average height - not too tall and not too short.

AVOID v., AVOIDANCE n. - to stay away

He avoided an accident by pressing the brakes.

AWAKE adj., v. - to stop sleeping

John was awake by 5 AM. He woke up at 4 AM.

AWARD n., v. - a gift or prize

John was awarded a medal for his heroism. John received an award for heroism.

AWARE adj. - to notice or know

Mary was aware that the trip would be difficult.

AWAY adv. - in a different direction

She looked away from John and saw the ocean.

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BABY n., v. - a very young child; an infant; to treat with great care

The baby is 14 months old. John babied his new car.

BACK adj., n., v. - the rear part of the body; provide support

His back was burned by the sun. Several people backed the proposal.

BACON n. - pork belly that has been cured and smoked.

He had bacon and eggs for breakfast.

BAD, WORSE, WORST adj., BADLY adv. - unacceptable; unpleasant

The child behaved badly during the party. He was a bad child. Michael is worse than Brian, but Jerry is the worst.

BAG n., v. - a flexible container for carrying something; a sack

John bagged the groceries. Mary put her shoes in a bag.

BAGGAGE n. - container for carrying clothing while traveling

John lost his baggage when he flew to New York.

BALANCE n., v. - equality; equilibrium; symmetry; total

He used a balance to check the weight. The auditor tried to balance the books.

BALL n. - a round object

Balls are used many games. Keep your eye on the ball.

BALLOON n., v. - an inflatable bag; an increase

There were several balloons filled with helium at the party. Her figure ballooned as she gained weight.

BALLOT n., v. - a sheet of paper for voting; to vote

Most of the candidates in the ballot were unknown.

BAN n., v. - to forbid or prohibit

Cigarette smoking was banned in the restaurant.

BANANA n. - an elongated tropical fruit.

Mary likes ripe bananas.

BANK n., v. - a place to keep something of value; to save; the margin of a river

Mary has a lot of money in the bank. The fish came close to the bank of the river.

BAR n., v. - an elongated structure; a place where alcohol is sold; to block passage

The entrance to the street was barred. In the evening, we went to the bar for a beer.

BARREL n. - a large cylindrical container

They collected rain water in a barrel.

BARRIER n. - an obstacle or obstruction

A barrier prevented us from entering the street.

BASE n., v., BASIC adj., BASICALLY adv. - the bottom or foundation; fundamental

The base of the tower is unstable. A barrel is basically a container.

BASKET n. - a container made of woven material

The guests came with a basket of fruit.

BATTLE n., v. - an organized fight

The doctors battled the epidemic.

BE aux., v. (BE, WAS, BEEN) - auxiliary verb with irregular conjugation.

I was. I am. I will be. You are. He is. She is. We are. They are.

BEAN n. - the seed of a leguminous plant

Don't spill the beans.

BEAR n., v. (BEAR, BORE, BORN), BEARABLE adj. - a large animal; to support

He could hardly bear the weight of the baggage.

BEAT n., v. (BEAT, BEAT, BEATEN) - to strike; a regular rhythm

The thieves beat him up. They danced to the beat of the music.

BEAUTY n., BEAUTIFUL adj., BEAUTIFULLY adv. - pleasing to the eye

Several beautiful girls swam in the ocean.

BECAUSE conj. - for the reason that

Mary did not go because she was sick.

BECOME v. (BECOME, BECAME, BECAME) - to come into existence

Mary became a doctor last year.

BED n. - a piece of furniture on or in which to lie and sleep

John was asleep in bed.

BEEF n., v. - the meat of a cow or bull; to add strength

Mary ate beef stew for supper. They beefed up the supports of the bridge.

BEEN v. - past participle of the verb BE

He had been at home since 5 PM.

BEER n. - an alcoholic drink made from fermented grain

We had a beer with our supper.

BEFORE adj., adv. - at an earlier time

You have to walk before you can run.

BEGIN v. (BEGIN, BEGAN, BEGUN), BEGINNING n. - to do the first part of an action; start

We will begin in chapter one. Hurry, the class has already begun.

BEHIND adj., adv. - toward the back

The pillow fell behind the sofa.

BELIEF n., BELIEVE v. - to hold an opinion

Many people believe in the afterlife. That is a popular belief.

BELL n. - a hollow metallic device that gives off a reverberating sound when struck

The church bell rang early in the morning.

BELONG v. - to be suitable, appropriate

The red shoes belong to Mary.

BELOW adv. - at a lower place

The temperature was below freezing.

BEND n., v. (BEND, BENT, BENT) - to turn from a straight course

The car went around the bend. John bent a piece of wire.

BEST adj. - superlative of GOOD; excelling all others

John knows where to get the best ice cream.

BETRAY v., BETRAYAL n. - to deliver to an enemy; deceive

Benedict Arnold betrayed his country.

BETTER adj. - comparative of GOOD

John speaks English better than German.

BETWEEN prep. - in space separating two things

You have to choose between vanilla and chocolate.

BIG adj., BIGGER, BIGGEST - of large size

The elephant was very big. It was bigger than the lion.

BILL n., v. - an itemized list of the cost; the jaws of a bird

John received the bill from the doctor.

BILLION n. - one thousand million; 1,000,000,000

The government spent more than one billion dollars.

BIOLOGY n., BIOLOGICAL adj., BIOLOGICALLY adv., BIOLOGIST n. - The science of plant and animal life.

Biology is a fascinating subject.

BIRD n. - a warm-blooded vertebrate

A bird in the hand is worth more than two in the bush.

BIRTH n. - the act of bringing forth new life. (See BEAR)

A birthday celebrates the anniversary of a birth.

BITE n., v.(BITE, BIT, BITTEN) - to seize with the teeth or jaws

He took a big bite of the fruit. He bit the fruit.

BITTER adj. - an unsavory or disagreeable taste.

The cheese had a bitter taste.

BLACK adj., BLACKNESS n. - very dark in color

I rode a black horse last Sunday.

BLADE n. - the cutting part of a knife; the leaf of a grass

The knife blade was very sharp.

BLAME v. - to hold responsible

They blamed the woman for the mistake.

BLANKET n., v. - heavy cover

I slept under a warm blanket.

BLESS v., BLESSING n. - to consecrate by religious rite

Mary received a blessing from the pope.

BLEED v. (BLEED, BLED, BLED) - to lose blood

John bled for five minutes after he cut his finger.

BLIND n., v., BLINDLY adv., BLINDNESS n. - without eyes or vision

The blind man walked with a cane. Mary was blinded by the bright sunlight.

BLOCK n., v. - a piece of material used for building. To obstruct passage.

The small house was made of concrete blocks. A donkey blocked the road.

BLOOD n., BLOODY adj. - the fluid that circulates in the heart, arteries, capillaries, and veins

John got a blood transfusion when he was sick.

BLOW v. (BLOW, BLEW, BLOWN)- a current of air; a forcible impact

The children were blowing soap bubbles.

BLUE adj. - the color blue; a sad mood

There were no clouds and the sky was blue.

BOARD n., v. - a flat piece of material; to climb into a ship; a table set with a meal

The floor was made of pine boards. John paid \$30 dollars per day for room and board.

BOAST n., v. - to speak with excessive pride

The man boasted that he was the best carpenter.

BOAT n. - a ship for travel on water

We traveled from Mexico to Spain by boat.

BODY n. - the main part of an object

You can have a good body if you exercise and have a good diet.

BOIL n., v. - to generate bubbles of vapor when heated

We boiled some water to make coffee.

BOLD adj. - standing out prominently

The sign was printed in **bold** letters.

BOMB n., v. - an explosive device; to attack with explosives

A bomb explosion destroyed the building.

BOND adj., n., v. - to bind together; a monetary guarantee

The pieces of wood were bonded with glue.

BONE n. - one of the hard parts of the skeleton

Mary fell and broke a bone in her arm.

BOOK n., v. - a long printed literary composition; to make an appointment

I read the book from cover to cover. John booked a flight to Europe.

BORDER n., v. - an outer part or edge; to create an edge

We need a passport to cross the border.

BORN adj., v. - past participle of BEAR

Mary was born in Mexico.

BORROW v. - to receive something with the intention of returning it.

John borrowed fifty dollars from Mary.

BOTH pron. - the one as well as the other

John and Mary are both single.

BOTTLE n., v. - a rigid container with a narrow neck; to preserve in a bottle

We ordered a bottle of wine with supper.

BOTTOM n., v. - the underside of something; to go to lowest point.

The formula was at the bottom of the page.

BOW n., v. - to bend into a simple curve

American Indians hunted with bows and arrows.

BOWL n. - a container with a broad mouth

The soup was served in white bowls.

BOX n., v. - a rigid container with or without a cover; to put something in a box

Mary got a box of chocolates.

BOY n. - a male child

The boy had a blue shirt.

BOYCOTT n., v. - refusal to deal with

People were boycotting the store.

BRAIN n. - the major organ of the nervous system

Psychologists study the function of the brain.

BRAKE n., v. - to stop;

He applied the brake to stop the car.

BRANCH n., v. - a separation from the main portion

John cut the branches of the tree.

BRASS n. - a metal made from copper and zinc

There was a brass decoration on the wall.

BRAVE adj. - having courage

The brave fireman saved the boy from the fire.

BREAD n., v. - a food made from baked fermented grain

We had a bread and butter with our dinner.

BREAK n., v. (BREAK, BROKE, BROKEN) - to fragment into small pieces; a discontinuity

The cat broke the cup.

BREAKFAST n. - the first meal of the day; literally, to break the fast

John had cereal and milk for breakfast.

BREATH n., BREATHE v. - to inhale air into the lungs

He had difficulty breathing because of the smoke. He was out of breath.

BREED v. (BREED, BRED, BRED) - to produce offspring

The farmer breeds chickens.

BRICK n. - a piece of material used for building smaller than a BLOCK

The brick house was on top of the hill.

BRIDGE n., v. - a path over an obstacle

The Brooklyn bridge is in New York.

BRIEF adj., n. - of short duration; a short written document

We had a brief meeting in the afternoon.

BRIGHT adj. BRIGHTLY adv. - radiating or reflecting light; intelligent

The flowers looked beautiful in the bright sunlight.

BRING v. (BRING, BROUGHT, BROUGHT) - to carry from another place

John brought a bottle of wine. Mary will bring a cake.

BROAD adj., BROADLY adv. - wide

Mary had a broad smile.

BROADCAST n., v. - to send in all directions

The radio broadcast was in English.

BROIL v. - to cook by radiant heat

Mrs. Smith broiled the chicken in the oven.

BROTHER n., BROTHERLY adj. - a male who has the same parents as another

John's brother is a doctor.

BROWN adj. - the color brown

John wore brown shoes to the party.

BRUSH n., v. - a device with bristles set into a handle; to touch lightly

You have to brush your teeth every day.

BUBBLE n., v. - a small gas globule

The soda started bubbling as soon as it was opened.

BUDGET n., v. - an allocation of funds for a specific purpose

The company budget has enough money for a new computer.

BUILD v. (BUILD, BUILT, BUILT), BUILDING n. - to construct; develop systematically

Mr. Smith wants to build a new house. His current house was built 30 years ago.

BULL n. - a mature male of various usually large animals; (female: COW)

In Spain, bullfighters tease and then kill the bulls.

BULLET n. - ammunition for a small gun

The pistol did not have bullets.

BURN n., v. (BURN, BURNED, BURNT) - to destroy by heat or fire

The candle burned with a bright flame.

BURST v. (BURST, BURST, BURST) - to break open suddenly

The balloon burst with a pop.

BURY v. - to hide or conceal by covering with something

The lady died on Thursday and they buried her on Friday.

BUS n., v. - a large motor vehicle designed to carry passengers

We rode by bus from Washington to New York.

BUSINESS adj., n. - an organization for commercial transactions

John went on a business trip to Spain.

BUSY adj. - to be occupied by an activity

Mary was very busy on Friday.

BUT conj. - an exclusion or exception

She was busy, but she still had time to read the book.

BUTTER n., v. - the fat from milk; to spread with butter

We had bread and butter with our breakfast.

BUTTON n., v. - a small disk used as a fastener for clothing; to fasten

John forgot to button his shirt.

BUY v. (BUY, BOUGHT, BOUGHT) - to obtain in exchange for something

I bought some bread this morning. I will buy milk tonight.

BY prep. - in proximity to; near

The cat sat by my feet.

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CABBAGE n. - a leafy vegetable

The cabbage soup was delicious.

CABINET n. - a place used for storage; a group of administrators

We stored the canned food in the kitchen cabinet.

CAKE n. - a sweet baked pastry

John had some cake for dessert.

CALENDAR n. - a system for organizing the days of the year

The modern calendar has 12 months.

CALL n., v. - to speak in a loud voice

John called me this morning.

CALM adj., n., v. - quiet, peaceful

The weather was calm after the storm.

CAMERA n. - a device for taking pictures

I bought a new camera three months ago.

CAMP n., v. - a place in the country usually for recreation

We went camping during the summer.

CAMPAIGN n., v. - a series of operations designed to achieve a result

The election campaign brought many new voters.

CAN v. (CAN, COULD, COULD) - auxiliary verb; n., v. (CAN, CANNED, CANNED) - a small container; to preserve in a can.

We opened a can of sardines. You can open the can. She could not open it.

CANCEL v., CANCELLATION n. - to eliminate or remove

They cancelled the game because of rain.

CANCER n. - a disease; sign of the zodiac

His father died of lung cancer because he smoked.

CANDIDATE n. - a person suitable for a particular position

Our candidate for president lost the election.

CANDY

They brought a box of candy to the party.

CAPITAL n. - the seat of power of a country or state

Washington, D.C. is the capital of the United States.

CAPTURE n., v. - take hold of, bag; take prisoner

We tried to capture the cat, but it ran away.

CAR n. - a vehicle for personal transportation

John drives a black car.

CARD n. - a small paper document

We played cards after supper.

CARE n., v. CAREFUL adj., CAREFULLY adv. - to take care; (opposite: CARELESS adj., CARELESSNESS n.)

He took good care of his chickens. He was careful with the eggs.

CARROT n. - an orange, elongated root vegetable

Mary made a salad of carrots and raisins.

CARRY v., CARRIER n. - to lift and move away

Mary could not carry the heavy box.

CASE n. - a set of circumstances; an enclosed cabinet

The detectives could not solve the case of missing boat. Mary put the cups in a display case.

CASH n., v. - transfer money; money

I need to get some cash for my trip. I will cash a check at the bank.

CAST n., v. (CAST, CAST, CAST) - to throw to the ground; to mold

The gambler cast the dice. They casted the bronze statue in this factory.

CAT n. - a small domestic animal; feline

Mary has a black cat. Some people are afraid of black cats.

CATCH n., v. (CATCH, COUGHT, COUGHT) - to trap

He caught a fish last Sunday. Mr. Smith could not catch his dog.

CAUSE n., v. - a reason

Sooner or later, smoking causes cancer.

CELEBRATE v., CELEBRATION n. - a festivity or ceremony.

She celebrated her birthday last November.

CELL n., CELLULAR adj. - an isolated enclosure

Human blood has red and white cells. The thief was imprisoned in a jail cell.

CENTER n., v., CENTRAL adj., CENTRALLY adv. - the middle or focus

She loved to be the center of attention. We put the pot in the center of the table.

CENTURY n. - one hundred years

The airplane was invented in the twentieth century.

CEREMONY n., CEREMONIAL adj., CEREMONIALLY adv. - a formal ritual,

The marriage ceremony took place in a big church.

CERTAIN adj., CERTAINLY adv., CERTAINTY n. - to be sure; without doubt

He was certain that he had put the money on the table.

CHAIN n., v. - to join together; provide continuity

The dog was chained to the wall. The crash started a chain reaction.

CHAIR n., v. - a seat; an important position

There were four chairs around the table. Mr. Smith chaired the meeting.

CHAIRMAN n., CHAIRWOMAN n. - a person in an important position

The chairman asked for silence.

CHALLENGE n., v. - to demand; an invitation to compete

John challenged Roger to a game of chess.

CHAMPION n. - an overall winner

John was a chess champion.

CHANCE n. - an opportunity; luck

Lottery is a game of chance.

CHANGE n., v. - transform; alter

Mary changed her clothes. The weather will change tomorrow.

CHARGE n., v. - to load; add electricity

We had to charge the battery to start the car.

CHASE n., v. - go after

The dog chased the cat.

CHECK n., v. - a document to transfer money; to review; to stop

He wrote a check for the rent. John checked to see if mail had come.

CHEER n., v., CHEERFUL adj. - to be happy; to encourage

Mary was cheerful after winning the lottery.

CHEESE n. - a food made from curdled milk

I had a grilled cheese sandwich for lunch.

CHEMICAL adj., CHEMISTRY n. - the study of atoms, molecules and their reactions

Mary studied chemistry at the university. The burning of wood is a chemical reaction.

CHERRY n. - a small round fruit, usually red

Mrs. Smith made a cherry pie.

CHEST n.,. - the thorax; a box with a lid used for storage

The doctor took a chest X-ray to check for cancer. John keeps his photos in a wooden chest.

CHICKEN n. - a common domestic bird

The farmer raised chickens to sell eggs.

CHIEF n. - a leader; main manager

The chief of police spoke on the radio today.

CHILD n. (plural: CHILDREN) - a young person

The child was dressed in blue. Several children were playing.

CHOCOLATE n. - a drink or candy made from cacao beans

John brought some chocolate candies for dessert.

CHOICE n., CHOOSE v. (CHOOSE, CHOSE, CHOSEN) - a selection

You have two choices: chocolate or vanilla. You have to choose between chocolate and vanilla.

CHURCH n. - a building or organization for religious practice

Mary went to church on Sunday.

CIRCLE n., v., CIRCULAR adj., CIRCULARLY adv. - a round geometrical figure; to have the shape of a circle

The dog circled around the snake. The Olympic flag has five circles.

CITIZEN n. - an inhabitant; an well-liked person

John was a citizen of the United States.

CITY n. - a place with a large population

New York city is famous for its high buildings.

CIVILIAN adj. - non-military

There were few civilians at the army base.

CLAIM n., v. - to assert or demand

John claimed that he saw a ship yesterday.

CLASH n., v. - confront; fight; conflict

The two armies clashed throughout the day.

CLEAN adj., v., CLEANLINESS n. - without impurity; free from contamination

You should only drink clean water. Mary cleaned the house yesterday.

CLEAR adj., v., CLARIFY v., CLEARNESS n., CLARITY n. - transparent, pure; to make clean

The water was completely clear. John should clear his papers from the table. The explanation clarified the meaning.

CLIMATE n. - the typical weather

Florida has a warm climate.

CLIMB n., v. - to go up

We climbed the mountain last weekend. John needs to climb the stairs.

CLOCK n., v. - an instrument to measure time; a measure of time (See also O'CLOCK)

The car was clocked at 60 miles per hour. The clock on the wall is slow.

CLOSE adj., v., CLOSURE n. - very near; to block entry; to end operation

The street was closed because of an accident. Mary and John were close friends.

CLOTH n., CLOTHE v., CLOTHING n. - a material made by weaving; to dress in cloth

Mary was clothed in a red dress. Her clothing was made of red cloth.

CLOUD n., v., CLOUDINESS n., CLOUDY adj. - lacking transparency; vapor

It was a cloudy and rainy day. There were dark clouds in the sky.

COAL n. - a fossil fuel

Coal and petroleum are the primary fuels of industry.

COAST n., v., COASTAL adj. - the place where the land and water meet; to travel without power

The Atlantic ocean is along the east coast of the United States. The car coasted downhill with the motor off.

COAT n., v. - to cover; a heavy garment for outdoor use

Mary coated the bread with butter. John put on his coat and hat.

COFFEE n. - a drink made from roasted grains; coffee beans

Mary likes her coffee with cream and sugar.

COLD adj., n., COLDLY adv., COLDNESS n. - a low temperature; without warmth (see COOL)

The soup was cold. John was received coldly by his neighbors.

COLLAR n., v. - something worn around the neck

We always put a collar on the dog. The collar of the shirt was dirty.

COLLECT v., COLLECTION n. - to bring together; gather; accumulation

John collected stamps since he was a child. He has a big collection.

COLLEGE n. - a school for advanced study

John went to college in Texas.

COLONY n., COLONIAL adj., COLONIZE v. - to establish a place to live

There was a colony of insects in the tree. Spain colonized America.

COLOR n., v. - an optical property based on the reflection of light

The primary colors are red, blue and yellow.

COMBINE v., COMBINATION n. - to bring together; a specific sequence

Mary combined a red shirt with a brown skirt. The combination was not good.

COME v. (COME, CAME, COME) - to get closer; approach

John came for dinner yesterday. Mary will come tonight.

COMFORT n., v., COMFORTABLE adj. - a satisfying experience; to give hope

Mary tried to comfort the crying child. These shoes are very comfortable.

COMMAND v., COMMANDER n., COMMANDMENT n. - an order that must be obeyed; a law

The commander commanded us to stop fighting. There are 10 religious commandments.

COMMENT n., v. - to say something

John made a comment about the high prices. Mary also commented about the prices.

COMMITTEE n. - a group of people appointed to study something

The budget committee will find out the best way to spend the money.

COMMON adj., COMMONLY adv. - ordinary; with shared attributes

The two sisters had a lot in common. They both had the common cold.

COMMUNICATE v., COMMUNICATION n., COMMUNICATOR n. - to give information

John had not communicated with Mary for 3 months. They could not communicate by telephone.

COMMUNITY n. - a group of people with common interests

They joined a community of retired persons.

COMPANY n. - a group of persons; a business organization;

It is better to be alone than in bad company. Large companies create many jobs.

COMPARE v., COMPARISON n., COMPARATIVE adj. - to examine the similarities and differences

You cannot compare apples and oranges.

COMPETE v., COMPETITION n. - an event where two or more people try to be the first to meet an objective

John entered a chess competition. They compete for a big trophy.

COMPLETE adj., v., COMPLETELY adv., COMPLETION n. - to finish; a whole thing

She felt completely satisfied with her work. John completed the assignment.

COMPLEX adj., COMPLEXITY n. - difficult to understand

Chemistry is complex subject. They did not understand the complexity of the problem.

COMPROMISE n., v. - a mutually agreeable solution;

They wanted different things, but they reached a compromise.

COMPUTE v., COMPUTER n., COMPUTATION n. - a mathematical calculation

John worked as a computer programmer. Navigation requires complex computations.

CONCERN n., v. - to worry; anxiety

She was concerned about the trip.

CONDEMN v., CONDEMNATION n. - to find guilty

The thief was condemned to spend 3 years in jail.

CONDITION n. - a circumstance, a requirement

He lent me the book on the condition that I return it by next week. The car was in very bad condition.

CONDUCT n., v., CONDUCTOR n. - behavior; to lead

The orchestra conductor had gray hair. You have to conduct yourself properly.

CONFERENCE n. - a large meeting

John went to a computer conference last week.

CONFESS v., CONFESSION n. - to tell the truth about bad behavior

The prisoner confessed about the crime.

CONFIRM v., CONFIRMATION n. - to verify the validity

The hotel confirmed John's reservations.

CONGRATULATE v., CONGRATULATION n. - to wish joy

We congratulated Mary about her birthday. She received many other congratulations.

CONGRESS n. - a formal meeting of delegates

The U.S. congress is discussing new laws for medical insurance.

CONNECT v., CONNECTION n. - to join together

We need to connect the computers.

CONSERVE v., CONSERVATION n., CONSERVATIVE adj. - to save or preserve

Conserve your strength for the real fight. We need to conserve our natural resources.

CONSIDER v., CONSIDERATION n., CONSIDERATE adj. - to think about carefully; thoughtful

John considered buying the house on the hill.

CONSUME v., CONSUMER n., CONSUMPTION n. - to spend; to use completely

Mrs. Smith consumed twelve eggs in three days.

CONTAIN v., CONTAINER n. - to keep or control

Each box contains 12 candies. The containers were filled with candy.

CONTENT adj., n. - to be satisfied; something that is contained

Mary was content to be healthy. The contents of the box were not known.

CONTINENT n. - a large division of land in the Earth

Asia is the largest continent.

CONTINUE v., CONTINUAL adj., CONTINUOUS adj., CONTINUATION n. - without stopping

The children were continuously making noise. I stopped reading, but I will continue after supper.

CONTRACT n., v., CONTRACTION n. - an agreement; to shorten; to acquire or get

John signed the contract for the car. Mr. Smith contracted malaria in Africa. The word "can't" is a contraction of cannot.

CONTROL n., v., - to regulate

Vaccines are used to control diseases. Mr. Smith lost control of his car and had an accident.

CONVENTION n - a meeting of many persons; a general custom

There was a convention of engineers in the hotel. By convention, women wear a white dress to get married.

COOK n., v. - to prepare food by heating; a person who prepares food

Mary can cook Italian food. The restaurant had a very good cook.

COOKIE n. - a small flat cake

Mary baked some cookies last Saturday.

COOL adj., v. - to make colder; moderately cold

The night air was cool.

COOPERATE v., COOPERATION n. - to work together

All the team members cooperated to finish the project.

COPY n., v. - to create a duplicate of an original

We made five copies of the contract.

CORK n. - a stopper for a bottle

John removed the cork from the bottle and poured the wine.

CORN n. - a food grain

Corn originated in Mexico.

CORRECT adj., v., CORRECTION n. - to make right or fix an error

John knew the correct answer. We used a pencil to make a correction.

COST n., v. (COST, COST, COST) - the price of something

The fruits cost \$2.00 dollars.

COTTON n. - a type of fiber

Mary was wearing a cotton shirt.

COUNT n., v., COUNTER n. - to associate numbers with something

We counted the number of dogs. The total count was five.

COUNTRY n. - a political state or nation; a field outside the city

His country of birth was Spain. Mary likes country music.

COURT n., v. - an assembly to decide judicial cases; to seek affection

The case was decided in a federal court. John was courting Mary three years ago.

COVER n., v. - to spread something over; to keep; to hide

Mary covered herself with her coat. The boy was covered with dust.

COW n. - a mature female of various usually large animals; (male: BULL)

Every day, the farmer had to milk the cows.

CRACK n., v. - to break; a sharp sound.

Mary cracked the eggs over the pan. The pot cracked from the heat.

CRAFT n., v. - an occupational skill; a vehicle

They taught crafts like sewing and carpentry. He drove the craft at a high speed.

CRASH n., v. - to break violently and noisily from a collision

John crashed his car against a tree. The tree came crashing down.

CREAM n., v., CREAMY adj. - the fat from milk; to make smooth

Mary likes coffee with cream. Mrs. Smith made a creamy soup.

CREATE v., CREATION n. - to make something new; CREATURE n. - something created, usually animate

John created a modern sculpture. John's creation received good reviews. Dragons are creatures of fantasy.

CREDIT n., v. - to give money or recognition; CREDITOR n. - one who gives credit.

The bank credited ten dollars to my account. You have to give John a lot of credit for his effort.

CREW n. - a team of people working together

John was a member of the ship's crew.

CRIME n. - illegal activity; CRIMINAL n. - one who performs illegal activities

It is a crime to kill someone. The jails are full of criminals.

CRISIS (plural: CRISES) n. - a dangerous moment

John had a financial crisis after his house burned down.

CRITIC n., CRITICIZE v. - to give an opinion; to identify defects or weakness

Mary criticized the design of the dress.

CROSS n., v. - an intersection of two straight lines; a perpendicular way; CRUCIFY v. a way of killing people in ancient Rome by nailing them to a cross

John crossed the river in a boat. Jesus was crucified on a cross.

CRUSH v. - to reduce in size by pressing; to defeat

We crushed the oranges to make some juice. John crushed his competitors at chess.

CRY n., v. - a loud shout; to shed tears

The baby woke up crying. Big boys don't cry.

CULTURE n., v., CULTURAL adj., CULTIVATE v. - to grow; a social tradition

People greet by kissing in some cultures. Mary cultured some yogurt yesterday. Farmers cultivate the land.

CUP n., v. - a small container, usually for liquids; the shape of a cup

John had a cup of coffee in the morning. The child cupped his hand.

CURE n., v. - to recover from illness; a medicine

There is no cure for old age. The doctor cured his fever.

CURRENT adj., n. CURRENTLY adv. - at the present time; a flow like water

Currently, she has no money. The river's current was too strong.

CURSE n., v. - bad words or bad wish

The young boy was punished for cursing. The witches put a curse on that house.

CURTAIN n. - a covering for a window

We were in a house with red curtains.

CUSTOM n., CUSTOMARY adj. - a habit or tradition; CUSTOMS n. - an inspection station for international visitors

It is his custom to drink some wine with his meal. The fruits were confiscated by customs to prevent introduction of parasites.

CUT n., v. (CUT, CUT, CUT) - to split with a sharp instrument

Mary cut her finger while preparing supper. John cut down the tree.

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DAMAGE n., v. - to harm or destroy

The house was damaged by the storm. There was not much damage.

DANCE n., v. - movement of the body, usually to the rhythm of music.

I could have danced all night. The tango is an Argentinian dance.

DANGER n., DANGEROUS adj., DANGEROUSLY adv. - something that can cause injury, pain or harm

It is dangerous to drive too fast, but she liked to live dangerously.

DARK adj., n., DARKLY adv., DARKNESS - without light; black in color

We could not see anything in the darkness. It was so dark that you could not see your hand in front of your face.

DATE n., v. - a specific time in the calendar; a time for a meeting;

Do you know the date when Columbus discovered America? John and Mary dated for three months before they married.

DAUGHTER n. - a female child

John has three daughters and no sons.

DAY n. - the time when the sun is usually seen; 24 hours

He did not eat for three days. In summer the days are very long and the nights are short.

DEAD adj., DEADLY adv., DEATH n. - not living (see DIE)

Her uncle was found dead in his bed. His death was unexpected.

DEAF adj. - without hearing

The deaf man used hand signs to communicate.

DEAL n., v. (DEAL, DEALT, DEALT), DEALER n. - to handle or distribute; an arrangement

The card dealer dealt the cards. A drug dealer was killed.

DEAR adj. DEARLY adv. - precious; expensive; an greeting

Dear Mr. Smith, how are you? The effort cost them dearly.

DEBATE n., v. - a discussion from several points of view; an argument

They debated about where to go on Sunday. The debate lasted one hour.

DEBT n. - something that is owed

He could not pay his debt of student loans.

DECEMBER n. - the last month of the year; the twelfth month

Christmas is an important holiday in December.

DECIDE v., DECISION n. - to reach a conclusion;

Mary could not decide between the pink or red dress. It was a difficult decision.

DECLARE v., DECLARATION n. - to state an intention or fact

John declared his love for Mary. Mary declared her wish for independence.

DECREASE adj., n., v. - to reduce; make smaller

The temperature decreased very rapidly. The decrease in temperature was great.

DEED n., v. - something that is done (see DO); an action; a document of ownership; to donate

John got the deed for his house. The murder was a horrible deed.

DEEP adj., DEEPLY adv., DEPTH n. - far below the surface

The farmers got water from a deep well. She looked deeply into his eyes.

DEFEAT n., v. - loss of a contest

Napoleon was defeated at Waterloo. Napoleon lost power after the defeat.

DEFEND v., DEFENSIVE adj., DEFENSE n. - to protect against aggression or attack

John knows how to defend himself. They say that the best defense is a good offense.

DEFICIT n., DEFICIENCY n. - a lack; low amount

The city could not pay due to the fiscal deficit. Eat well to avoid vitamin deficiencies.

DEFINE v., DEFINITION n. - explanation of the meaning; to mark the limits

What is the definition of "work"? John could not define the meaning.

DEGREE n. - a level or measure; an educational level

The temperature was 20 degrees Celsius. John has a degree in engineering. There was a high degree of correlation.

DELAY n., v. - to wait until later; to slow

The airplane was delayed one hour. There was a one-hour delay.

DELICATE adj. - subtle

The flower had a delicate fragrance. These negotiations are very delicate.

DELIVER v., DELIVERY n. - to set free; to take something to a person or address; to assist in giving birth

John delivered the package to Mary. Mary delivered a healthy baby.

DEMAND n., v. - to request with great authority

The workers demanded to be paid. Their demand was ignored.

DEMOCRACY n., DEMOCRATIC adj. - a form of government decided by voting

What is the difference between a democracy and a monarchy?

DEMONSTRATE v., DEMONSTRATIVE adj., DEMONSTRATION n. - to show

Mrs. Smith demonstrated how to decorate a cake. The demonstration lasted 15 minutes.

DENOUNCE v., DENUNCIATION n. - a public accusation or condemnation

The treasurer was denounced by the secretary.

DENY v., DENIAL n. - to declare untrue; to refuse acceptance

The treasurer denied taking the money. We did not believe his denial.

DEPEND v., DEPENDENT adj., n. - to place trust; rely on (opposite of INDEPENDENT)

Mary's mother depends on her help, but she does not like to be dependent.

DEPLOY v., DEPLOYMENT n. - to spread out; install

The equipment was deployed in the field. The deployment took two hours.

DEPRESS v., DEPRESSION n. - a low point or hole; to push down

The car hit a depression on the road. Please depress the button to ask for help.

DESCRIBE v., DESCRIPTION n. - listing of attributes

John described his adventures in India. His description was detailed.

DESERT n., v. - an empty place; to abandon

The Sahara desert is hot and dry.

DESSERT n. - a sweet dish served at the end of a meal

We had ice cream for dessert.

DESIGN n., v. - to devise for a specific function

The architect designed a beautiful house. His design was simple and practical.

DESIGNATE v., DESIGNATION n. - an indication; to assign

John was designated to drive after the party.

DESIRE n., v. - to wish strongly

John desired to spend a vacation in Hawaii.

DESTROY v., DESTRUCTION n. - to break or ruin

John destroyed his old papers. Wars cause a lot of destruction.

DETAIL n., v. - a small feature; to take care of the small features

John's explanation was very detailed. I don't like so many details.

DEVELOP v., DEVELOPMENT n. - to construct, build or process

John's daughter was developing into a great lady. Urban development is the evolution of the city.

DEVICE n., v. - a tool, procedure or technique

This is a device for cutting wood.

DEVISE v. - to invent or design

He needs to devise a new way for solving the problem.

DEVOTE v., DEVOTION n. - to give or dedicate for exclusive use

John devoted all his time to studying astronomy. The nun has great devotion for God.

DICTATE v., DICTATION n., DICTATOR n. - to command; to read for a person to transcribe; an absolute ruler

John dictated a letter to his secretary. The secretary took dictation. Hitler was a dictator.

DIE v. - to stop living (see DEAD)

The cat died two days ago. Nobody wants to die, but everybody dies.

DIET n., v. - to eat according to specific rules; the food eaten to maintain proper nutrition

Mary's diet is limited to 1800 calories. John dieted for 3 months.

DIFFERENT adj., DIFFERENTLY adv. - not similar, distinct

There are two different dogs. The two dogs behave very differently.

DIG v. (DIG, DUG, DUG) - to make a hole in the ground

You should not dig your own grave. John was digging for gold.

DIM adj., v., DIMLY adv., DIMNESS n. - to reduce the light or make dark

The room had dim lighting. It was dimly lit.

DINNER n. - the principal meal of the day

Mary invited us for dinner.

DIPLOMAT n., DIPLOMATIC adj. DIPLOMATICALLY adj. - skill in handling affairs peacefully

John was very diplomatic because he did not want to offend the guests.

DIRECT adj., v., DIRECTLY adj., DIRECTION n., DIRECTOR n. - to manage; without deviation or interruption; a particular way or course

John went directly to his office. The director organized the group. Mary went in the wrong direction.

DIRT n., DIRTY adj., v. - soil; to make unclean.

Please wash the dirty clothes. The dirt had a black color.

DISAPPEAR v., DISAPPEARANCE n. - to become invisible or go out of view

The cat disappeared during the night.

DISARM v., DISARMAMENT n. - take away arms

Peace returned after the troops were disarmed.

DISCIPLINE n., v. - to punish; to condition by training

The children behave well because they have good discipline at home.

DISCOVER v., DISCOVERY n. - to find something new

Columbus discovered America. The discovery of America changed the world.

DISCUSS v., DISCUSSION n. - to talk about a topic or for a specific purpose

They discussed about peace. The discussion lasted three hours.

DISEASE n. - a symptom of illness or bad health

Infectious diseases are transmitted by dirty water.

DISK n. - a round, flat object

Coins are usually metal disks.

DISLIKE v. - to find unpleasant

John dislikes cats, but loves dogs.

DISMISS v., DISMISSAL n. - to send away or ignore

John dismissed the negative idea. The student was dismissed from class.

DISPOSE v., DISPOSAL n. - to make available; eliminate

John has a company car at his disposal. The garbage disposal was not working.

DISPUTE n., v. - to argue or contradict

They disputed about the ownership of the book.

DISSIDENT n. - a person who opposes the government

The dissidents protested with big signs.

DISTANCE n., v. - an interval between two things; to move away

The distance between Washington and New York is 200 miles. Mary distanced herself from her relatives at an early age.

DIVIDE v., DIVISION n. - to break into parts

The result of dividing 6 by 2 is 3. Division is the opposite of multiplication.

DO v. (DO, DID, DONE) - to accomplish something; also auxiliary verb

I did my homework. My project is done. How did you do it?

DOCTOR n., v. - a person who practices medicine; to provide medical care or change something

My doctor recommends a low-fat diet.

DOCUMENT n., v. - an official paper; to record information about something

John documented his trip to China. The documents are very detailed.

DOG n., v. - a canine; to be obstinate

Mary has two dogs.

DOLLAR n. - a unit of American money

The book cost five dollars.

DOOR n. - an opening into a room

The bathroom door is closed.

DOUBLE adj., n., v. - to multiply times two

The bacteria doubled every two hours. Mary found an egg with a double yolk.

DOUBT n., v. - to distrust or lack confidence

I doubt that Mary will come today. I have many doubts.

DOWN adj., prep. - toward a lower physical position

Jack and Jill went down the hill.

DRAIN n., v. - to empty a liquid; a pipe for outflow of liquid

The drain in the bathroom was stopped up. The water did not drain.

DRAW v. (DRAW, DREW, DRAWN) - to pull from a container; to make an image with a pencil

John drew a picture of Mary. Playing poker, John drew two kings.

DREAM n., v. (DREAM, DREAMT, DREAMT) - thoughts and images during sleep; a strongly desired goal

Last night, I had a strange dream. I dreamt that I was flying.

DRESS n., v. - to put on clothes; a woman's robe

John was dressed in a black suit. Mary wore a red dress.

DRINK n., v. (DRINK, DRANK, DRUNK) - a liquid suitable for swallowing

I drank a glass of water this morning. John likes to drink beer.

DRIVE n., v. (DRIVE, DROVE, DRIVEN) - to set or keep in motion; the process of conducting a vehicle

We for a drive on Sunday. We drove to the country.

DROP n., v. - the quantity of fluid that falls in one spherical mass; to fall

John dropped the ball. Mary uses eye drops.

DRUG n., v. - chemical substance; the use of drugs

Heroin is an addictive drug. George was arrested for drug possession. The girl was drugged.

DRY adj., v., DRYLY adv., DRYNESS n. - to be without water; to remove water

Use the towel to dry the table. The day was hot and dry.

DUE adj., n. - something owed; owing as a debt

The payment is due on the first of the month.

DULL adj., v., DULLNESS n. - not sharp; mentally slow

Simon was a very dull person. The knife was so dull that it could not slice a tomato.

DURING prep. - throughout the duration of

He swims during the summer. The tree fell during the storm.

DUST n., v., DUSTY adj. - fine particles of earth or soil; to remove or apply dust

The room was very dusty. Mary used a broom to sweep the dust. The baker dusted the bread with powdered sugar.

DUTY n. - an obligation; a tax

John's duty is to train new employees. We had to pay a duty on the wine we brought from our trip.

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EACH pron. - every one; all

Each person will get some cake.

EAR n. - the organ for hearing; the fruiting spike of a cereal

Mr. Spock had pointed ears. We boiled the ears of corn.

EARLY adj., adv. - near the beginning of a period of time

The early bird gets the worm. I woke up early in the morning.

EARN v., EARNER n. - the payment received for work

Mary earns \$20 dollars per hour.

EARTH n. - our planet; the soil or dirt on the ground

The Earth is the third planet from the Sun. This earth is good for agriculture.

EASE adj., v., EASY adv. - to do without effort; not difficult

He solved the problem with ease. The problem was easy. Mary eased herself into the comfortable chair.

EAST adj., n. - the direction toward the rising sun.

The Sun rises in the east. New York is in the east of the United States.

EAT v. (EAT, ATE, EATEN) - to consume food

John was not hungry, but he ate anyway. I don't like to eat when I am not hungry.

ECOLOGY n. - study of organisms and the environment

Professor Smith studies the ecology of the Mississippi river.

ECONOMY n., ECONOMIC, ECONOMICAL adj., ECONOMICALLY adv. - the management of expenses; the reduction of expenses

The economy of the country has been bad recently. This is an economical car.

EDGE n., v. - the border of an object; to defeat by a small margin

This knife has a very sharp edge. Mary edged her classmates in the test.

EDUCATE v., EDUCATED adj., EDUCATION n. - to learn; learning or training

Mary was educated in Washington. Her education was in mathematics.

EFFECT n. - the result of an action; to perform or accomplish

The law goes into effect next week. The duty of the legislature is to effect the will of the citizens.

EFFORT n. - the amount of work to accomplish something

It takes a lot of effort to build a house.

EGG n., v. - the hard-shelled reproductive body produced by a bird

I would like eggs and bacon for breakfast.

EIGHT n., EIGHTH adj. - the number 8

A stop sign has eight sides. Mary's daughter is in the eighth grade.

EITHER adj., conj., pron. - one or the other

I don't like either book. Either Mary or John took the keys.

ELASTIC adj., ELASTICITY n. - flexible; capable of recovering size and shape after deformation

Her pants had an elastic band at the waist. Ceramics do not have much elasticity.

ELECT v., ELECTION n. - to select, usually by voting

There will be a presidential election soon. I hope they elect a good president.

ELECTRIC, ELECTRICAL, ELECTRONIC adj., ELECTRICALLY adv., ELECTRICITY n. - related to electrons and the flow of electrons

Electrical outlets in the US supply 110 volts. Lightening is caused by electric storms. I sent a message by electronic mail.

ELEMENT n. ELEMENTAL, ELEMENTARY adj. - something fundamental or basic

Water consists of the elements hydrogen and oxygen. Mary's daughter goes to elementary school.

ELEVEN n., ELEVENTH adj - the number 11

One dozen is eleven plus one. John's son is in the eleventh grade.

ELSE adv. - a different person, manner or place

She loves somebody else. What else did she say?

EMBASSY n. - the office of a foreign government

The Mexican embassy in Washington, D.C. is on Massachusetts avenue.

EMERGENCY adj., n. - something that requires immediate attention

John came late because he had an emergency at work. Emergency vehicles drove by with lights flashing.

EMIT v., EMISSION n. - to throw out or give off

Automobiles emit poisonous gases. The emissions pollute the atmosphere.

EMOTION n., EMOTIONAL adj., EMOTIONALLY adv. - a strong psychological feeling

The actor's emotional performance made the audience cry. People question Mary's emotional stability.

EMPLOY v., EMPLOYMENT n., EMPLOYEE n., EMPLOYER n. - to use; to provide work

John's company employs 250 people. John is an employee of the company which employs him.

EMPTY adj., EMPTINESS n. - containing nothing

The bottle was completely empty. We put the empty bottle in the trash.

END n., v. - the last or final portion; to terminate

At the end of the concert everybody applauded. Mary wants to end her relationship with John.

ENEMY n. - an opponent with aggressive intentions

Envy can be your worst enemy.

ENERGY n., ENERGIZE v., ENERGETIC adj., ENERGETICALLY adv. - with great force or power

It takes a lot of energy to move a big car.

ENFORCE v., ENFORCEMENT n. - to regulate or police

Society benefits from enforcement of the laws.

ENGINE n., ENGINEER n., v. - a mechanical appliance; the design of mechanical appliances

The engine of the car was powerful. Seven engineers designed the car.

ENJOY v., ENJOYMENT n. - to get pleasure

John and Mary enjoyed the concert.

ENOUGH adv., pron. - a sufficient number or amount

We already have enough cats. Two is more than enough.

ENTER v., ENTRANCE n. - to go into; a door or gateway

The entrance is on the left. Open the door and enter.

ENVIRONMENT n., ENVIRONMENTAL adj. - the surroundings

We have to take care of our environment to have a better world for our children.

ENVY n., v.. ENVOUS adj. - jealous

Mary envied the woman with the big car.

EQUAL adj., v., EQUALITY n. - the same; identical

Two plus two equals four. The laws do not always provide equality for men and women.

EQUIP v., EQUIPMENT n. - to provide supplies

The soldiers were well equipped. Their equipment was very modern.

ESCAPE n., v. - to get away

The mouse escaped through a hole in the wall.

ESPECIAL adj., ESPECIALLY adv. - of great distinction or importance (synonym: SPECIAL)

Food seems more expensive, especially fruits.

ESSENCE n., ESSENTIAL adj., ESSENTIALLY adv. - the basic nature of something

The sea is essentially water. Mr. Smith was in essence an honest person.

ESTABLISH v., ESTABLISHMENT n. - to set up or bring into existence; a business

The English established colonies in America. We visited an establishment that sells computers.

ESTIMATE n., v. - to provide an approximation

John had to estimate the cost of a new computer. His estimate was two thousand dollars.

ETHNIC adj., ETHNICITY n. - related to the common racial, national or cultural origin

There are many ethnic neighborhoods in New York.

EVAPORATE v., EVAPORATION n. - to convert into vapor; disappear

We used evaporated milk to make the cake. The body cools by evaporation of sweat.

EVEN adj., adv. EVENLY adv. - at the same level; to a great extent; divisible by two

He was very smart even as a child. Two is an even number.

EVENT n. - something that happens

The concert was an event that we will not forget.

EVER adv. - always

More resources are needed by the ever increasing population.

EVERY adj. - each individual of a group

He skipped supper every day this month. John goes fishing every few days.

EVIDENCE n., EVIDENT adj. - to be obvious; to provide proof

The evidence was in his favor. The truth was evident.

EVIL adj. - causing harm; morally sinful

The murder was an evil act. The devil is evil.

EVOLVE v., EVOLUTION n. - to change and adapt; become better

Darwin developed the theory of evolution. Species evolve to adapt to their environment.

EXAMINE v., EXAMINATION n. - to inspect closely

John examined his new car carefully. The English examination was about verb conjugation.

EXAMPLE n., EXEMPLIFY v. - a pattern to be imitated

Gold is an example of a metal.

EXCELLENT adj. - of the highest quality

Mary prepared an excellent dinner yesterday.

EXCEPT v., prep., EXCEPTION n. - to exclude

We go to school every day except Sundays.

EXCHANGE n., v. - substitute one thing for another

John exchanged the book for a pen.

EXCUSE n., v. - a reason; to pardon

The prisoner did not have a good excuse for his crime.

EXECUTE v., EXECUTION n. - to put into effect; to kill

The prisoner was executed in an electric chair.

EXERCISE n., v. - to perform an action; physical movement

John exercised every morning. Exercise helps to build bigger muscles.

EXILE n., v. - to send away as punishment

The enemies of the king lived in exile.

EXIST v., EXISTENCE n. - the state of being

Does the soul really exist? The existence cannot be proved.

EXPAND v., EXPANSION n. - to increase in volume or size

The bubble expanded until it burst. Our business needs to expand to a bigger building.

EXPECT v., EXPECTATION n. - to anticipate or look forward to something

Mary expected John to pay for supper. Did John meet her expectation?

EXPERIENCE n., v. - to have practical knowledge or skill

He had good experience painting houses. He was an experienced painter.

EXPERIMENT n., v. - to try

Experiments help us to gain experience. Doctor Smith experimented with fats.

EXPERT n. - a person with special skill or knowledge

John is an expert computer designer.

EXPLAIN v., EXPLANATION n., EXPLANATORY adj. - to make plain or understandable

The teacher explained how to do the homework. His explanation was very clear.

EXPLODE v., EXPLOSION n. - to burst forth with sudden violence or noise

The balloon exploded with a loud noise. It was a small explosion.

EXPLORE v., EXPLORATION n., EXPLORATORY adj. - to investigate, study, or analyze

Columbus started the exploration of America.

EXPORT adj., n., v., EXPORTER n. - to carry or send a commodity to another country

The United States is great exporter of wheat.

EXPRESS adj., EXPRESSION n. - to give or convey an idea or opinion; indication of mood

John expressed his opinion at the meeting. Mary's face had a strange expression.

EXTEND v., EXTENSION n. - to make longer or bigger

John added an extension to his house. I would like to extend my vacation.

EXTRA adj. - additional

I would like to add an extra room to my house.

EXTREME adj., EXTREMELY adv. - to a high degree

John was extremely tired. We are expecting extreme weather conditions.

EYE n., v. - the organ of sight; to look

John was eyeing the cake. I got some dust in my eye.

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FACE n., v. - the front part of the human head; to confront

The soldiers faced great opposition. Her face had a nice smile.

FACT n. - something that is true or has actual existence

The facts helped to build a case against the cashier.

FACTORY n. - a building where something is manufactured

The automobile factory produced 100 cars per day.

FADE v. - to lose color or become invisible

The carpet faded after three months in the sun.

FAIL v., FAILURE n. - an unsuccessful attempt; a disappointment

The salesman failed to meet his quota. Mrs. Smith's business was a complete failure.

FAIR adj., n., FAIRNESS n. - just, impartial and honest; pleasing to the eye or mind

She was a fair maiden. The judgement of the court was fair.

FAITH n., FAITHFUL adj., FAITHFULLY adv. - strong allegiance; religious belief

John served his boss faithfully. Her faith in God provided her with strength.

FALL n., v. (FALL, FELL, FALLEN) - to be pulled by the force of gravity; autumn

John fell and broke his arm yesterday. The trees have beautiful colors in the fall.

FALSE adj., FALSELY adv., FALSEHOOD n. - something artificial or that is not true; a lie

The cashier was falsely accused of stealing money. Grandma wears false teeth.

FAMILY n. - a group of individuals related by ancestry; a group of individuals living under one roof

My family gathered to celebrate Christmas.

FAMOUS adj. - well-known; notable

Einstein is famous for his theory of relativity.

FANCY adj., v. FANCIFUL n. - excellent; to visualize or interpret

We went to a fancy restaurant on Friday. John is full of fanciful ideas.

FAR, FARTHER, FURTHER adj. - distant; away

The city was still far away. It was much farther than we thought. We still have to go further.

FAST adj. - with great speed; n., v. - to abstain from food

The car went very fast. John had to fast before his medical exam.

FAT, FATTER, FATTEST adj. - with a lot of grease; corpulent

Mary is getting fatter from eating too much. She was the fattest of the group.

FATHER n., v. - a man who has begotten a child

John's father was a carpenter.

FAULT n., v. - a defect; to blame

The accident was the driver's fault. Mary can't fault them for not coming.

FEAR n., v. - to feel anxiety (see AFRAID, FRIGHTEN)

We fear the night because we cannot see. This fear is irrational.

FEATHER n., v. - a plume from a bird; to furnish with feathers

Birds have their longest feathers in their wings.

FEBRUARY n. - the second month of the year.

February is usually very cold in New York.

FEED n., v. (FEED, FED, FED) - to give food

The farmer fed his chickens every morning.

FEEL v. (FEEL, FELT, FELT), FEELING n. - a sensation; intuition

Last summer, I felt very hot. I did not like that feeling.

FELLOW n - a companion; a confederate

He is a very good fellow, which nobody can deny.

FEMALE adj., n., FEMININE adj. - a girl or a woman

There were three females and one male at the meeting. Knitting is traditionally a feminine activity.

FENCE n. - a border or enclosure

A white fence separated the house from the road.

FERTILE adj. - agriculturally productive

The fertile valley provided all the food they needed.

FEW, FEWER, FEWEST adj. - a small number

There were few people at the meeting today. There were even fewer yesterday.

FIBER n. - a thread or filament

The cloth was made from silk fibers.

FIELD n., v. - a large area; to catch something

Corn grew tall in the fertile field. John fielded some questions during the meeting.

FIERCE adj. - very aggressive and combative

I did not like John's fierce attitude.

FIFTEEN n., FIFTEENTH adj. - the number 15

Mary's daughter celebrated her fifteenth birthday.

FIFTH - see [FIVE](#)

FIFTY n., FIFTIETH adj. - the number 50

John and Mary celebrated their fiftieth anniversary. There were fifty guests.

FIGHT n., v. (FIGHT, FOUGHT, FOUGHT) - combat or confrontation

The cat and the dog were fighting. It was a short fight.

FILE n., v. - a tool with cutting ridges for smoothing surfaces; a folder or cabinet where papers are kept; a row of persons or animals

Mary filed her nails. The secretary filed the documents. There was a long file of soldiers.

FILL n., v., FULL adj. - to put as much as possible; material used for filling

Mary filled the glass with water. The glass was full.

FILM n., v. - a thin coating; a motion picture

The water had a film of oil. We saw a nice film at the theater.

FINAL - see [FINISH](#)

FINANCE n., v., FINANCIAL adj., FINANCIALLY adv. - management of money

John is an expert in finances. I could use some financial advice.

FIND n., v. (FIND, FOUND, FOUND) - to come upon by searching

Mary found a silver coin. What do you expect to find?

FINE adj., FINELY adv. - delicate; superior; FINE n., v. - money paid as punishment

Today was a fine day. John had to pay a fine for illegal parking.

FINGER n. - any of the terminating members of the hand; to point out

The human hand has five fingers.

FINISH n., v., FINAL adj. - to complete; the end; the last

John finished working at 5 PM. The final exam was on Friday.

FIRE n., v., - a flame; burning; to drive away; to discharge a gun

We used matches to start the fire. John has never fired a gun.

FIRM adj., n., FIRMLY adv. - having a solid structure that resists stress or pressure; a company or business

He shook my hand firmly. John had worked for the firm for 10 years.

FIRST adj., FIRSTLY adv. - number one in order precedence

The first lady is the wife of the president. First, let us eat.

FISH n., v. - an aquatic animal; FISHY adv. - doubt or suspicion; similar to a fish

We always eat fish on Friday. I like to go fishing. His explanation was fishy.

FIST n. - a closed hand

He hit him with his fist.

FIT adj., n., v., FITNESS n. - in good shape; suitable in size or design

The dress fit Mary very well. Exercise improves physical fitness.

FIVE n., FIFTH adj. - the number 5

Mary has five children. John is the fifth president of the company.

FIX n. v. - to repair; to be in a stable or unmoving position

Mary fixed her eyes on the gift. John fixed the car.

FLAG n., v. - a cloth insignia; a note or warning

The flag of the United States has 13 stripes. Mary flagged the errors in the document with a blue pencil.

FLASH n., v. - a burst of light; a short time interval

Lightening flashed during the storm. I saw a flash of white light.

FLAT adj. - a smooth level surface

The landscape was flat as far as we could see. John had a flat tire during the trip.

FLOAT n., v. - to stay above the surface of a liquid

Ice floats on water.

FLOOD n., v. - to overflow with water.

The streets were flooded after the heavy rain.

FLOOR n. - the lower surface of a room

Mary's house has marble floors.

FLOW n., v. - the passage of a fluid such as water

The river flowed under the bridge. The flow was rapid due to the recent rain.

FLOWER n., v., FLOWERY adj. - the blossom of a plant; the colorful reproductive organ of a plant

The trees flower in the spring. Roses are very popular flowers.

FLUID adj., n. - a liquid

The bottle had a yellow fluid.

FLY n., v. (FLY, FLEW, FLOWN) - to travel in the air; a winged insect

The birds flew in all directions. The dead cat attracted a lot of flies.

FOG n., v., FOGGY adj.- small particles in the air; cloudiness or confusion

We could not see far because of the morning fog. My mind was foggy after drinking whiskey.

FOLD n., v. - to bend a pliable material

Mrs. Smith folded the towels. You cannot fold a piece of paper in half more than 13 times.

FOLLOW v. - to go after someone or something

We followed the guide into the forest.

FOOD n. - something to eat.

The food in the restaurant was not very good.

FOOL n., v., FOOLISH adj. - a person lacking in judgment

Do not fool with the pistol. It is foolish to play with a gun.

FOOT n. (plural: FEET) - the terminal part of a leg; an American unit of measure equal to 30.48 centimeters

He was six feet tall. The baby had tiny feet. John jumped a five-foot fence

FOR prep. - a function word to indicate purpose

The gift is for Mary. This oil is for the furniture.

FORBID v. (FORBID, FORBADE, FORBIDDEN) - to prohibit

Entrance to the office was forbidden.

FORCE n., v., FORCEFULLY adj. - to expend energy

John tried to force the door open because he forgot the key. Mary spoke forcefully in favor of her project.

FOREIGN adj., FOREIGNER n. - native of another land

John could speak two foreign languages. The tour group included one foreigner.

FOREST n., v. - a dense growth of trees.

We went to the forest to gather mushrooms.

FORGET v. (FORGET, FORGOT, FORGOTTEN), FORGETFUL adj., FORGETFULNESS n. - inability to remember

Do not forget your wife's birthday! I know you can be forgetful.

FORGIVE v. (FORGIVE, FORGAVE, FORGIVEN), FORGIVENESS n. - to pardon

Mary did not forgive John for having forgotten her birthday.

FORM n., v. - to mold or make; a shape

The handle of the cup had a curved form. The cups were formed in a plaster mold.

FORMER adj. - previous

The former president also attended the party.

FORTY n., FORTIETH adj. - the number 40

John has been married forty years. Sunday is his fortieth anniversary.

FORWARD v. - to send ahead

John forwarded me the letter he received.

FOUR n., FOURTH adj. - the number 4

A square has four corners. This is the fourth time that I hear a bell.

FRAME n., v. - a border for an object.

The picture had a gold frame. John framed the photograph.

FREE v., FREEDOM n. - without restraint; without cost

Mary enjoyed the freedom of her vacation. She loved to be free of obligations.

FREEZE v. (FREEZE, FROZE, FROZEN), FREEZER n. - to become solid from cold temperature; to stop

The plants froze last night from the cold weather. All the plants were frozen.

FRESH adj., FRESHLY adv., FRESHNESS n. - having its original qualities; new

I got some fresh bread from Mrs. Smith. The bread was freshly made.

FRIDAY n. - the sixth day of the week

We always eat fish on Friday.

FRIEND n., v. FRIENDLY adj., FRIENDLINESS n. - a close amicable relationship

John went with his friends. Mrs. Smith is not very friendly.

FRIGHTEN v. - to make afraid (see FEAR)

The thunder of the storm frightened me.

FROM prep. - a starting point of a physical movement or a starting point in measuring

Mary went from the kitchen to the bedroom. Where are you from?

FRONT adj., n. v.- the principal surface of an object

The front of the house had a beautiful garden.

FROST n., v., FROSTY adj. - a covering of small ice crystals on a cold surface

John prepared me a frosty drink. The grass was covered with frost during the night.

FRUIT n., v. FRUITY adj., FRUITINESS n. - the reproductive body of a plant

John bought a basket of fruit. What fruit do you prefer, apple or orange?

FRY n., v. - to cook in hot oil

Fried food can make you fat. I like French fries.

FUEL n. v. - a combustible substance; to stimulate

Petroleum is a major industrial fuel. Lower taxes fueled the economy.

FULL - see [FILL](#)

FUN n., FUNNY adj. - something that provides amusement or enjoyment

Let's go have some fun. What she said was not funny.

FURNISH v., FURNITURE n. - useful or desirable equipment; to provide something

Mary furnished the living room with modern furniture.

FURROW n., v. - a trench in the earth made by a plow; a groove

She was very old and had a furrowed brow. We need to make some furrows to plant corn.

FUTURE n. - a time that is to come; what is going to happen

Without an education your future cannot be prosperous.

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GAIN n., v. - to acquire or get possession; to advance

Mary gained weight last month. The troops gained enemy territory.

GALLON n. - an American unit of measure equal to 3.785 liters.

My car gives me 24 miles per gallon. I bought a gallon of milk.

GAME n., v. - an activity for amusement; any animal hunted for sport

I went to a baseball game yesterday. I don't like card games.

GARDEN n., v. - a plot of ground where herbs, fruits, flowers, or vegetables are cultivated; to tend a garden

I have tomatoes in my garden. Mary loves gardening.

GAS n., v. - a fluid that has neither independent shape nor volume but tends to expand indefinitely; a combustible fluid

Nitrogen is the most common gas in our atmosphere. I need to put gas in the car.

GATE n., v. - a doorway or entrance

Close the gate so that the dog will not get out of the yard.

GATHER v., GATHERING n. - to assemble; an assembly of people

I want to gather some flowers from the garden. John is going to a gathering with his coworkers.

GEAR n., v. - a mechanism that performs a specific function; a wheel with teeth

Put the car in gear. Don't forget your camping gear.

GENERAL adj., n., GENERALLY adv. - applicable to every member of a class; a high ranking military officer

Generally, all dogs bark. I saw a picture of General McArthur.

GET v. (GET, GOT, GOT or GOTTEN) - to obtain

I need to get some food. She got what she deserved.

GIRL n. - a female child; a young woman

The family has two girls and one boy. The girl next door has a red dress.

GIVE v. (GIVE, GAVE, GIVEN), GIFT n. - to put into the possession of another

John gave Mary a gift. Please give me some water.

GLASS n., GLASSY adv. - a transparent or translucent material consisting of a mixture of silicates.

I need my reading glasses. I also need a glass of water. Don't break the glass windows.

GLOBE n., GLOBAL adj. - a spherical or rounded object; the world

Our school has a globe of the Earth. Have you heard about global warming.

GO v. (GO, WENT, GONE) - to move out of or away from a place

I want to go home. Mary already went home; she is gone.

GOAL n. - a final destination

My goal is to be healthy, wealthy and wise. What is your goal?

GOD n., GODLY adj. - a being or object believed to have more than natural attributes and powers and to require human worship

The ancient Egyptians worshiped many gods.

GOLD n. GOLDEN adj. - a yellow precious metal

Mary wears a gold ring on her left hand.

GOOD adj. (GOOD, BETTER, BEST) - of a favorable characteristic

The apples were good, but the oranges were better. Japanese women make the best wives.

GOOD-BYE adj., n. - a concluding remark or gesture at parting

Mary said good-bye when she left. I gave her a good-bye kiss.

GOVERN v., GOVERNOR n., GOVERNMENT n., GOVERNMENTAL adj., GOVERNMENTALLY adv. - to control, direct, or strongly influence the actions and conduct

The U.S. is governed by the people. The government is a democracy.

GRACE n., GRACEFUL adj., GRACEFULLY adv. - a state of sanctification; pleasing or attractive in line, proportion, or movement

She danced very gracefully.

GRAIN n., GRAINY adj. - a small hard particle or crystal; the seeds of various cereal grasses

A grain of wheat is very small.

GRAM n. - a metric unit of weight

One pound is equivalent to 453 grams.

GRANT n., v. - to give or transfer formally

John got a grant to study global warming. Mary granted me access to the property.

GRAPE n. - a fruit of a vine.

These red grapes are used for making wine.

GRASS n., GRASSY adj. - any of a large family of monocotyledonous mostly herbaceous plants

John has to cut the grass in his yard every Saturday.

GRAVE adj., n., GRAVELY adv. - severe, serious; a tomb

His father's grave is in the old cemetery. The father had been gravely sick.

GRAY adj., GRAYNESS n. - a color between black and white

John's father has gray hair.

GREAT adj., adv., GREATNESS n. - large in size; remarkable in magnitude

Edgar Allan Poe was a great writer. Such greatness is not easy to achieve.

GREEN adj. - a color; not ripened or matured

The trees were covered with green leaves in the springtime.

GRIND v. (GRIND, GROUND, GROUND) - to reduce to powder or small fragments

I was going to grind some coffee, but Mary already ground some.

GROUND n., v. - the surface of the earth; to justify or provide a reason

John made a hole in the ground to plant a tree.

GROUP n., v. - a number of things or people having some unifying relationship

A group of tourists visited the park.

GROW v. (GROW, GREW, GROWN), GROWTH n. - to increase in size

Mary's children are growing very fast.

GUARANTEE n., v. - an assurance

This television is guaranteed to work properly for five years.

GUARD n., v. - to protect; keep from harm

The soldiers guarded the fort. There were three guards at the entrance.

GUIDE n., v. - to provide direction

We went on a guided tour of the museum. Our guide could speak Spanish.

GUILT n., GUILTY adj. - a feeling of culpability for offenses

The children felt guilty after having behaved so badly.

GUN n., v. - a pistol or rifle; a device that throws a projectile

All the soldiers had guns.

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HAIR n., HAIRY adj. - the pigmented filaments that form the characteristic coat of a mammal

Mrs. Smith has white hair. John has a hairy chest.

HALF adj., n. (plural HALVES)- two equal parts; HALVE v. - to divide in two equal parts;

John ate half of the cake. We need to halve the cost of our purchases.

HALT n., v. - to stop

Halt! Who goes there? The project halted for lack of funds

HAM n. - the thigh of a pig; v. - to act with exaggerated speech or gestures

We had baked ham for supper.

HAND n., v. - the terminal part of the vertebrate forelimb; a deal of cards

Each hand has five fingers. Would you like to play a hand of poker?

HANG v. (HANG, HUNG, HUNG) also a regular verb - to suspend without support from below

Horse thieves were often hanged in the past.

HAPPEN v. - to occur

Mistakes will happen.

HAPPY adj., HAPPINESS n. - joyful; enjoyment

John and Mary are very happy together.

HARD adj. (HARD, HARDER, HARDEST) - difficult; solid

I don't like to sleep on the hard floor. The chemistry test was harder than I expected.

HARM v., HARMFUL adj. - to injure or cause damage

This little dog cannot harm you. Smoking is a harmful habit.

HARMONY n. - a pleasing or congruent arrangement; a combination of simultaneous musical notes

Mrs. Smith lives in harmony with her neighbors.

HAT n. - a covering for the head

John was wearing a black hat.

HATE n., v. - intense hostility and aversion usually deriving from fear or anger

John hates to work hard.

HAVE aux., v. (HAVE, HAD, HAD) - auxiliary verb; to hold or maintain

I had a dollar, but now I have a candy bar.

HE pron. (HE, HIS, HIM, HIMSELF) - third person masculine pronoun

He works on Sunday. I gave him my address. He talked about himself.

HEAD n., v. - the part of the body that has the brain; to go, to lead

John was headed toward his office. The dog had a big head.

HEADQUARTERS n. - main office

The headquarters of John's company is in New York.

HEAL v. - to restore to original purity or integrity

The dog healed from its injury.

HEALTH n., HEALTHY adj. - the condition of being sound in body, mind, or spirit; not sick

Mary is very healthy. He is in good health.

HEAR v. (HEAR, HEARD, HEARD) - to perceive by the ear

I hear loud music.

HEART n. - the organ of the body that pumps blood

My heart was beating with excitement.

HEAT n., v.,; HOT adj. - to make warm

Please, heat the soup. I like hot soup.

HEAVEN n., HEAVENLY adj. - a place or condition of utmost happiness

Isn't this cake heavenly? I feel that I am in heaven.

HEAVY adj., HEAVILY adv. - having a great weight

This bag is too heavy. Mary depends heavily on John's help.

HELICOPTER n. - an airplane with a propeller on top

We flew by helicopter from New York to New Jersey.

HELL n. - a place or state of misery, torment and unhappiness

Some people believe that there is a devil in hell.

HELLO n. - a greeting

I said "hello" to Mary.

HELP n., v. - to give assistance or support

The child needs help with her homework. Mary is helping the child.

HER adj., pron., HERS pron. - possessive and objective form of SHE

Give her the book. Her book is heavy. This book is hers.

HERB n. - a medicinal or savory plant

John grows several herbs in his garden.

HERE adv. - at this place

John is here.

HIDE v. (HIDE, HID, HIDDEN) - to conceal

Hide your money when you travel. It is better if you keep it hidden.

HIGH adj., HIGHLY adv. - having large extension upward

A high wall separates the properties. John thinks highly of Mary.

HIJACK v. - take by force

An airplane was hijacked last year.

HILL n., HILLY adj. - a usually rounded natural elevation of land lower than a mountain

Jack and Jill went up the hill. It was hilly terrain.

HIM pron. - objective case of HE

She gave him a book.

HIS adj., pron. - possessive case of HE

This is his book.

HISTORY n., HISTORICAL adj. - a chronological record of significant events

The history of Europe describes many historical events.

HIT v. (HIT, HIT, HIT) - to contact forcefully

The ball hit the window.

HOLD v (HOLD, HELD, HELD) - to have possession or ownership; to restrain

John held the glass in his right hand. What are you holding?

HOLE n. - an opening; a deep space

The dog was digging a hole in the ground.

HOLIDAY n. - vacation; a period of relaxation

The 4th of July is a national holiday in the United States.

HOLLOW adj., n., v. - an unfilled space

A bird has a nest in the hollow tree.

HOLY adj., HOLYNESS n. - having a divine quality

Christians consider the Bible a holy book.

HOME n., v. - one's place of residence

John goes directly home after work.

HONEST adj., HONESTLY adv., HONESTY n. - free from fraud or deception

John is a very honest person.

HONOR n., v., HONORARY adj. - a symbol of distinction or superior standing

His uncle was buried with full military honors.

HOOK n., v. - a curved or bent device for catching, holding, or pulling

I bought several fish hooks. I would like to hook some fish.

HOPE n., v. - to expect with confidence

I hope that we can be friends.

HORRIBLE adj. - extremely unpleasant or disagreeable

John had a horrible dream.

HORSE n. - a large solid-hoofed herbivorous mammal (*Equus caballus*)

Mary knows how to ride horses.

HOSPITAL n. - an institution where the sick or injured are given medical or surgical care

The victims of the car crash were taken to the hospital.

HOSTAGE n. - a prisoner held for a price

The bank robbers took four hostages.

HOSTILE adj. - marked by malevolence

There was a hostile environment in John's old workplace.

HOT adj. - very warm (see HEAT)

The soup was hot.

HOTEL n. - an establishment that provides lodging to the public

Mary stayed in a hotel when she visited New York

HOUR n. - 60 minutes; a customary or particular time

We had to wait for one hour at the airport.

HOUSE n., v. - a building that serves as living quarters for a family

John's house is white. The jail housed 200 prisoners.

HOW adv. - for what reason; in what manner or way

How did he die? We don't know how he died.

HOWEVER adv., conj. - in whatever manner or way

We will help however we can.

HUG n., v. - to press tightly with the arms

Mary hugged the child.

HUGE adj. - very big

John caught a huge fish.

HUMAN adj., n. - a bipedal primate mammal (*Homo sapiens*); characteristics of men or women, in general

Humans started farming and domesticating animals about 10,000 years ago.

HUMOR n., v., HUMOROUS adj. - the quality of being amusing or comic

John always has good humor. I heard some humorous stories.

HUNDRED n., HUNDREDTH adj. - the number 100

Ten times ten equals one hundred.

HUNGER n., v., HUNGRY adj. - a craving or urgent need for food or a specific nutrient

John was hungry because he did not eat breakfast. He did not feel hunger after he ate.

HUNT n., v. - to pursue with intent to capture or kill

The police were hunting for the fugitives.

HURRY n.,v. - to move or act with greater speed

John hurried to go to work. He was in a hurry.

HURT v. (HURT, HURT, HURT) - to inflict with physical pain or material harm

John hurt himself when he fell.

HUSBAND n. - a male partner in a marriage; v., HUSBANDRY n. - to manage prudently and economically

Is John Mary's husband? Yes. John is Mary's husband.

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I pron. - First person nominative pronoun. Compare to ME, MINE, MY

I love you.

ICE n., v. - frozen water, to put in ice

My drink had some ice cubes.

IDEA n., IDEAL adj. - a formulated thought or opinion, conforming to a standard of perfection

Edison had a great idea. She had an ideal weight.

IDENTIFICATION n., IDENTIFY v. - to establish the identity of

We were able to identify the problem. The identification took a long time.

IF conj. - in the event that

We will go if we can get a car. If we go, Mary will stay home.

ILL adj., ILLNESS n. - not in good health, not normal

John was ill, but his illness did not last long.

ILLEGAL adj. - against the law, not legal

It is illegal to drink and drive.

IMAGINE v., IMAGINATION n. - to form a mental image

I cannot imagine what Mary will do tomorrow.

IMMEDIATE adj., IMMEDIATELY adv. - without interval of time

Brush your teeth immediately after you finish eating.

IMPORT v. - to bring from a foreign or external source

The shirts were imported from China.

IMPORTANCE n., IMPORTANT adj. - having great worth or significance

John lost some important papers. They were of great importance for his business.

IMPROVE v., IMPROVEMENT n. - to enhance in value or quality, make better

The new diet improved John's health. There was a great improvement.

IMPULSE n., IMPULSIVE adj. - a force that produces sudden motion

John felt a great impulse to buy a new car. The decision was impulsive.

IN prep. - inside

John was in the office.

INCH n., v. - a unit of measure equal to 2.54 centimeters; to move in small increments

Her waist measured 32 inches. A worm was slowly inching forward.

INCIDENT n., INCIDENTAL adj. - an action or situation that is separate from the normal experience

There was a serious incident in Iraq.

INCLUDE v., INCLUSION n. - to take in as part of a whole

We *included* the children in our list.

INCREASE n., v. - to make greater, augment

Our sales increased 4 percent last month. That was a large increase.

INDEPENDENT adj., INDEPENDENTLY adv. - free, not controlled by others

Mrs. Smith lived *independently* until she got sick. She was independent before.

INDIVIDUAL adj., n., INDIVIDUALLY adv. - existing as a distinct entity; separate

The candies were individually wrapped. Each individual received a gift.

INDUSTRIAL adj., INDUSTRY n. - a branch of business or manufacture; INDUSTRIOUS adj. - persistently active

John worked in the computer industry for 10 years. Ants are very industrious insects.

INFECT v., INFECTION n. - to contaminate with a virus or bacteria

The child had an ear infection.

INFLATE v., INFLATION n. - to expand and increase in volume

We had to inflate the tire of the car during our trip. Economic inflation increases prices for everybody.

INFLUENCE n., v., INFLUENTIAL adj. - being able to affect something

The new evidence influenced the result.

INFORM v., INFORMATION n. - to communicate knowledge

John informed me of his decision. The information was not very precise.

INJECT v., INJECTION n. - to force a fluid into; to introduce an element or factor into some situation or subject

John injected his comments into the conversation. The doctor gave me a vitamin injection.

INJURE v., INJURY n. - to damage or hurt

The runner was injured when he fell. It was a serious injury.

INK n., v. - a colored fluid for writing and printing

John inked the printing plates. He used red ink.

INNOCENT adj. - faultless; free from guilt or sin

The man who was arrested was innocent.

INSANE adj., INSANITY n. - mentally sick or disordered

The killer was insane.

INSECT n. - any small invertebrate animal with a body segmented into a head, thorax, and abdomen with only three pairs of legs.

The insects can bite you when you sleep in the forest.

INSPECT v., INSPECTION n. - to view closely in critical appraisal

Our house was inspected for termites. The inspection cost \$200 dollars.

INSTEAD adv. - in place of; as a substitute or equivalent

He was going to write but called instead

INSTITUTE v., INSTITUTION n. - to establish in a position or office; a significant practice, relationship, or organization

He would like to institute a new procedure. The institution of marriage was established long ago.

INSTRUMENT n. - a tool; a device used to produce music

The carpenter put his instruments in a toolbox. Her favorite instrument was the piano.

INSULT n., v. - to treat with insolence, indignity, or contempt

John was insulted by the bad treatment that he received. Pollution is an insult to the environment.

INSURE v., INSURANCE n. - to take necessary measures and precautions; a contract to indemnify or guarantee against loss

John insured his house against flooding. The insurance was expensive.

INTELLECT n., INTELLECTUAL adj. - the capacity for rational or intelligent thought

Einstein had great intellectual power. His intellect was superb.

INTELLIGENCE n., INTELLIGENT adj. - having a high or degree of mental capacity

John is very intelligent. His intelligence can be compared with Einstein.

INTENSE adj., INTENSELY adv., INTENSITY n. - a characteristic in extreme degree; exhibiting strong feeling

The sky had an intense red color at sunset..

INTEREST n., v. - to engage the attention; a charge for borrowed money

Mary had no interest in music. My bank pays five percent interest on savings accounts.

INTERFERE v., INTERFERENCE n. - to interpose in a way that hinders or impedes

We should not interfere in their business.

INTERNATIONAL adj., INTERNATIONALLY adv. - relating to, or affecting two or more nations

There is a huge international trade between the U.S. and China.

INTO prep. - a function word to indicate entry, introduction, insertion, superposition, or inclusion

He went into the house.

INVADE v., INVASION n. - to enter for conquest or plunder

The rats invaded the house. The invasion lasted three days.

INVENT v., INVENTION n. - to devise by thinking; to produce something original through the use of the imagination

Edison invented the light bulb. This invention changed our way of life.

INVEST v., INVESTMENT n. - to use resources for future benefits or advantages

John invested his money in the stock market. His investments have been successful.

INVESTIGATE v., INVESTIGATION n. - to make a systematic examination

The FBI investigated the crime. The investigation lasted three months.

INVITE v., INVITATION n. - to request the presence or participation of

John invited Mary to dinner. The invitation was for Saturday.

INVOLVE v., INVOLVEMENT n. - to engage as a participant

John was involved in the new project. His involvement was unexpected.

IRON n. - a heavy malleable ductile magnetic silver-white metallic element that readily rusts in moist air; an instrument that is heated to remove wrinkles from clothing.

Mary ironed John's shirt. Iron is an essential metal for the automotive industry.

IRRITATE v., IRRITATION n. - to provoke impatience, anger, or displeasure; to produce soreness, roughness, or inflammation of a bodily part

John's jokes always irritate Mary. John had a skin irritation after walking in the forest.

IS v. - third person singular of verb BE

He is very happy. Mary is a teacher.

ISLAND - a tract of land surrounded by water; an isolated area

Cuba is a big island.

ISSUE n., v. - to go, come, or flow out

The president issued a statement at noon. The newspaper publishes the first issue at 6 AM.

IT pron. - third person singular nominative and objective pronoun. ITS - third person possessive pronoun.

It is here. I gave it to John. Its quality is outstanding.

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- J -

JACKET n. - a coat

He was wearing a leather jacket.

JAIL n., v. - a place to hold criminals

He was jailed for three days. The jail was very cold.

JANUARY n. - the first month of the year.

Mary's uncle has birthday in January.

JELL v. - to thicken a liquid; JELLY n. - a thick viscous liquid

I like strawberry jelly.

JEWEL n., v. - a precious stone; covered with precious stones

The jewel around her neck was an emerald. The king had a jewelled crown.

JOB n., v. - a piece of work

John was looking for a new job.

JOIN v. - to put together; JOINT n., JUNCTION n. - a point of contact

Mary will join us for supper. The knee joint joins the thigh with the leg.

JOKE n., v. - words or actions that provoke laughter

He joked about her nose. She did not like the joke.

JOY n., JOLLY adj., JOYFUL adj., JOYFULLY adv. - the feeling of happiness (see ENJOY)

She spoke joyfully. Mary got great joy from cooking.

JUDGE n., v., JUDGEMENT n. - to evaluate and give an opinion; a person who gives legal opinions

Mary was a judge at the dog show. Mary judged the dogs at the show.

JUICE n., v. - the fluid from vegetable or animal tissues; to make juice

Mary juiced the oranges. We drank orange juice.

JULY n. - the seventh month of the year

I went on vacation last July.

JUMP n., v. - a sudden upward move into the air

The dog jumped over the fence. John was a long-jump champion.

JUNE n. - the sixth month of the year.

There are many weddings in June.

JURY n. - a group of people who judge; JUROR n. - a member of a jury

There were 12 jurors. The jury consisted of 12 people.

JUST adj., adv., JUSTLY adv. - proper; very recently

The decision was just. He just left five minutes ago.

JUSTICE n. - the quality of being just, impartial, or fair

The people asked for justice after the horrible crime.

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KEEP v. (KEEP, KEPT, KEPT) - to preserve or retain

John kept the money in the bank. Mary keeps her cat in the house.

KEY n. - an instrument for opening a door or a box; an important component

John lost the key to his house. The key ingredient of her cake is chocolate.

KICK n., v. - to hit with the foot

John kicked the ball. It was a strong kick.

KILL v. - to destroy or stop life

The farmer killed a chicken for our supper.

KIND adj., n. - a category or variety; a helpful gesture

Mary was kind to animals. John does not like this kind of fruit.

KISS n., v. - to touch with the lips

John kissed Mary. It was a long kiss.

KIT n. - a package of related material

The kit included all the tools needed.

KNEE n., KNEEL v. - a joint in the middle part of the leg; to rest on the knees

Mary kneeled in church. Her knees were covered with dust.

KNIFE n. (plural: KNIVES) - an instrument with a sharp edge for cutting

Mary cut the bread with a knife.

KNOCK n., v. - to strike with a sharp blow

We knocked on the door three times. The boxer was knocked out in the first round.

KNOT n., v. - to intertwine a string; a lump

John had difficulty making a knot in his tie.

KNOW v. (KNOW, KNEW, KNOWN), KNOWLEDGE n. - to understand

The young boy already knew how to multiply, but he did not know how to divide

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LABOR n., v. - expenditure of physical or mental effort; work

They labored hard to finish their assignment. Domestic labor can be expensive.

LABORATORY n. - a workplace for studying scientific experiments

Our chemistry laboratory is very small.

LACK n., v. - to be deficient or missing

His theory lacks support. The lack of support prevents publication.

LAKE n. - a large inland body of standing water

Lake Superior is the largest of the five Great Lakes.

LAMB n. - a young sheep

Little Bo-Peep lost her sheep but took care of the lambs.

LAND n., v. - the solid part of the surface of the earth; to set or put on shore from a ship

The eagle has landed. The land was covered with forest.

LANGUAGE n. - the words, their pronunciation, and the methods of combining them used and understood by a community

How many languages do you speak?

LARGE adj., LARGER, LARGEST; LARGELY adv. - big; having more than usual power, capacity, or scope

Mary put the hat in a large box.

LAST adj. - the final item of a series. LAST v. - durable; to continue in existence or action for a long time

John was the last of five children. The food should last you for a week.

LATE adj. - coming or remaining after the due, usual, or proper time

John was late for work on Monday.

LAUGH n., v. - to find amusement or pleasure in something

John laughed at the joke.

LAW n. - a rule of conduct or action

Federal laws apply to all the states.

LAY v. (LAY, LAID, LAID) - to put or set down

The hen laid an egg.

LEAD n., v. (LEAD, LED, LED), LEADER n. - to guide on a way by going in advance

This path *leads* to his home. John lost his lead and ended in second place.

LEAF n. (plural LEAVES), v. - a flattened lateral outgrowth from a plant stem; a page of a book

This tree has red leaves.

LEAK n.,v. - to enter or escape through an opening

The water tank had a leak. The tank was leaking.

LEAN adj. - skinny, containing little or no fat; LEAN v. - to incline, deviate, or bend from a vertical position

The meat is very lean. The broom was leaning against the wall.

LEARN v. - to gain knowledge or understanding

We learned English grammar in school today.

LEAVE v. (LEAVE, LEFT, LEFT) - to abandon; to depart

John left his book at school. We will leave the city tomorrow.

LEFT adj. - the side of the body in which the heart is generally located; LEFT v. - past tense of LEAVE

She held the cup with her left hand.

LEG n. - a limb of an animal used especially for supporting the body and for walking

Mary tried to stand on one **leg**. My legs hurt.

LEGAL adj., LEGALLY adv. - conforming to or permitted by law; related to the law

Mary had some legal problems two years ago. Attorneys provide legal advice.

LEMON n. - an acid yellow fruit; a tree that produces lemons

Lemon trees grow in tropical countries.

LEMONADE n. - a drink made from lemons and sugar

We drank some lemonade with our lunch.

LEND v. (LEND, LENT, LENT) - to give for temporary use on condition that the same or its equivalent be returned

John lent me his coat.

LESS adj. - of lower rank, degree, or importance; LESSEN v. - to shrink in size, number, or degree

Mary ate less food than John.

LET v. (LET, LET, LET) - to give opportunity to or fail to prevent; to rent

She let me take two cookies. Let me go.

LETTER n. - a symbol representing a unit of an alphabet; a written message

The first letter of the alphabet is A. Mary sent a letter to her sister.

LETTUCE n. - a common garden vegetable whose succulent leaves are used in salads.

I ate a sandwich with lettuce and tomato.

LEVEL n., v. - horizontal condition; an instrument establishing a horizontal line

The floor in the room was not level.

LIBRARY n. - a room or building where books are kept

John goes to the library every Friday.

LIE n., v. (LIE, LIED, LIED) - something that is not true

Mary lied about her age. I don't lie about my age.

LIE v. (LIE, LAY, LAIN) - to rest in a horizontal position

I like to lie on the sand by the ocean.

LIFE n. (plural: LIVES) - the quality that distinguishes a vital and functional being from a dead body

Mozart had a short life.

LIFT n., v. - to raise from a lower to a higher position; an elevator

The mother lifted the child.

LIGHT adj., n., v. (LIGHT, LIT, LIT) - to ignite something; electromagnetic radiation in the visible spectrum; something of low weight

There was not enough light in the room. The package was very light. Please light the fire.

LIKE adj., prep. - similar to; LIKE v. - to feel attraction or enjoyment.

Mary acts like a little girl. I liked the movie.

LIMIT n., v. - something that bounds, restrains, or confines

His patience had reached his limit. There is a limit to the number of fish that you can catch.

LINE n.,v. - a string or a cord; a narrow elongated mark

I used a nylon line for fishing. He drew a line in the sand.

LINK n., v. - a connecting structure or relationship

A chain is as strong as its weakest link. Scientists found a link between smoking and cancer.

LIP n. - the fleshy folds that surround the mouth

She kissed him on the lips.

LIQUID n. - a fluid

We obtain liquid water when ice melts. She drank a brown liquid.

LIST n., v. - a series of items

Please list the counties in South America. Write the list on one page.

LISTEN v. - to hear or pay attention

Listen to the sound of the crickets. You are not listening.

LITER n. - a liquid measure of 1000 cubic centimeters.

Sodas are sold in two-liter bottles.

LITTLE adj., adv. - not big; small in size or extent

I saw a little mouse. They were little known at the time.

LIVE adj., v. - to be alive; to reside

We live in that house. I have a bucket with live fish.

LIVER n. - an organ in the abdomen that filters the blood

His liver was damaged because he drank too much.

LOAD n., v. - to carry; the quantity that can be carried

We loaded the chairs in the truck. The load was not heavy.

LOAN n., v. - to grant temporary use

He loaned me five dollars. I got a small loan.

LOCAL adj., LOCATION n. - relating to a particular place

These are local residents. Their location is near Washington.

LOCK n., v. - to secure; a device for fastening

I locked the door. Do you have the key for the lock?

LOG n., v. - a tree trunk; a written record of events

Put another log in the fire. We have a log of all the computer activity.

LONG adj., v. - extending for a considerable distance; to desire;

This was a long trip. I long to see the sea.

LOOK n., v. - physical appearance; to watch or observe

We were looking at her. It was a new look in women's fashion.

LOOSE adj. - not rigidly fastened or securely attached

This machine has a loose screw.

LOSE v. (LOSE, LOST, LOST), LOSS n. - to miss from one's possession or from a customary or supposed place

Little Bo Peep lost her sheep. How did she lose them?

LOT n. - a great quantity; a parcel of land

You are in a lot of trouble. He built a house on a lot by the sea.

LOUD adj., LOUDLY adv. - a great intensity or volume of sound

The music was very loud. She played the music loudly.

LOVE n., v. - affection or attraction

I love you very much. No, you only love yourself.

LOW adj. - below the normal level

Mary spoke in a low voice.

LOYAL adj. - faithful

He was a loyal servant.

LUCK n., LUCKY adj. - to come upon something desirable by chance

I wish you good luck with your investments. I am always lucky.

LUNCH n. - meal during the middle of the day.

He always ate lunch at 12 PM.

LUNG n. - an organ of the body used for respiration.

He could run fast because he had good lungs and good legs.

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MACHINE n., v. - an instrument or apparatus that transmits or modifies the application of power, force, or motion; to produce using a machine

The automobile is a very complicated machine.

MAGAZINE n. - a periodical containing articles or stories

I like to look at magazines with pictures.

MAGIC n., **MAGICAL** adj. - an extraordinary power or influence seemingly from a supernatural source

The money disappeared as if by magic.

MAIL n., v. - something sent or carried in the postal system

I mailed the letter yesterday. He should receive the mail today.

MAIN adj., **MAINLY** adv. - most important; principal

We drove on the main street of the city. He ate mainly vegetables.

MAJOR adj., **MAJORITY** n. - greater in number, quantity, or extent;

This celebration is a major event. The majority of the people agree.

MAKE n., v. (**MAKE**, **MADE**, **MADE**) - to create or cause to happen

Mary made a dress. She likes to make dresses.

MALE adj., n. - a man or a boy; masculine



John attended an all-male school.

MAN (plural. MEN) n. -an individual human; especially an adult male human

Do you think that man evolved from apes? Those men are looking at you.

MANUFACTURE v. - to produce from raw materials by hand or by machinery

John's company manufactures computers.

MANNER -s Courtesy, -ly, -liness, lack of Discourtesy = way

MANY more, most -ness numerousness -sided, -ness

MAP -s, -per, ped, ping

MARCH -es, -ed, -ing, -er; month

MARK -s, -ed, -ing, -er, -able, {down [discount], off- [circumscription] on, out, over, up engraving}

MARKET -s, -er, -ed, -ing, -able, open - cf. business

MARRY -ies, -ied, -ing Marriage -ied relationship [in-law]

MASS -es, Rite -ing, -ed [plurality]

MATCH -es, Contention -er, -ed, -ing, -less

MATERIAL

MATTER -s, -ed, -ing, -ial Materials

MAY aux., n. be able, month

MAYOR -s,-ial

ME pron. - First person objective pronoun (see I)

He gave it to me.

MEAL -s, -time

MEAN -s, -t,-ing Interpretation, -lessness, Means -ness

MEASURE -s,-r,-d,-ing,-able [measurement]

MEAT y -s, Intrinsic, essence, -less

MECHANIC adj., n. - one who repairs machines; of or relating to manual work

MEDIA printed Publication electronic

MEDICINE -s Remedy -ical

MEET v. (MEET, MET, MET) -s, -ing, met, Convergence {at, in, on, over, to, up, with}

MEMBER -s, -ed,- ship

MEMORY -ies Memorial

MENTAL -ly, soundness Sanity lack Insanity, picture Imagination,

MERCY -ies, -ful, -fulness Leniency fully, less, lessness

MESSAGE -s, -d, -ing, "messenger"

METAL -s

METER

METHOD -s, = Order, plan, way

MIDDLE -ing - ground [neutrality]

MIGHT y -s Power, Strength -ily, iness lack of Impotence

MILE

MILITARY -ies Defense

MILK y -s, -ed, -ing; milkiness

MILLION #

MIND -s, -ing, ful Intellect, less Unintelligence

MINE n., pron., v. - to dig into the ground for ore or metal; First person possessive pronoun. (see I)

We visited a gold mine. This book is mine.

MINISTER -s, -ed, -ing, -ical

MINOR -s, -ed, -ing "minority"

MINUTE -s, -ly measure

MISS -es, -ed, -ing

MIST -y -s, -ed, -ing

MISTAKE Error -s, mistook, mistaken -ing

MIX -es, -ed, -er, -ing Mixture into = meddle, interfere

MOB s, -bed, bing

MODEL -s, -ed, -ing, -er

MODERATE -s, -d, -or, -ing "Moderation"

MODERN -s

MONDAY

MONEY -ies, -ied, less; m- matters [finance] -making Acquisition

MONTH -s, -ly

MOON -s, -ing, -ed [luminary]

MORAL -s, = ethical, righteous, virtuous

MORNING -s, -light, star

MOTHER -s, -ed, -ing, -ly, liness, -less -hood [cf father]

MOTION -s, -ed, -ing, -less, -lessness - forward Motion Pictures

MOTOR -s, -ed, -ing -home

MOUNTAIN -s side, -top

MOUTH -s, -ed, -ing, -ful - wash

MOVE -s, -r, -d, -ing, {down Descent, in, off, on, over, through, to, up = advance} [motion]

MOVIE -s, Motion Picture

MUCH comparative = more, superlative = most

MORE

MOST

MURDER = willful killing

MUSCLE -s, -ed, -ing Strength

MUSIC -ian, -ly, -maker cf horn

MUST

MY adj. - First person possessive adjective.

This is my book.

MYSTERY -ies Unintelligibility, [occultism]

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- N -

NAIL n., v. - the hard protective part at the end of each finger; a thin pointed and headed fastener designed to be pounded in

Mary has very long nails. John fixed the broken table with two nails.

NAME n., v. - a distinctive designation of a person or thing

What is the name of your friend? His name is John.

NARROW adj. - a small width; to reduce a distance

The small bed is too narrow for me. Go faster to narrow the distance between the cars.

NATION n., NATIONAL adj. - a territorial division with independent status

The United States is a great nation. Do you know the national anthem?

NATIVE adj., n. - belonging to a particular place by birth; aboriginal

John is a native speaker of English.

NATURE n., NATURAL adj. - the inherent character or basic constitution of a person or thing

Mary only buys natural foods. Nature produces the best products.

NAVY n., NAVAL adj. - military branch specializing in water warfare

The navy has many types of ships. There is a submarine at the naval museum.

NEAR adj., prep., NEARLY adv. - close to; within a short distance

Mrs. Smith lives near John's house. The food was not nearly as good as we expected.

NECESSARY adj., NECESSITY n. - required; unavoidable (see NEED)

It is necessary to check the car before the trip.

NECK n. - the part that connects the head with the body

Giraffes have long necks.

NEED v. - required; unavoidable

I need to check the car.

NEGATIVE adj. - denial, prohibition, or refusal

John has a negative attitude.

NEIGHBOR n., NEIGHBORLY adj. - someone living close by; friendly

Mrs. Smith is Mary's neighbor.

NEITHER conj. - not either; also not

The color gray is neither black nor white.

NERVE -s, Insolence, -ed, -ing, -s; nervousness

NEST -s, Abode -ed, -ing

NEUTRAL

NEVER = not ever

NEW -ly, -er, -est Newness

NEWS -y, -iness, -ly

NEXT

NICE -er, -est, -ly, -ness

NIGHT -s, -ly

NINE -th # nineteen = nine + teen #

NINETY #

NINTH = nine + th

NO -s, Dissent body, one, place,

NOTHING [non-existence], time = no + thing

NOWHERE = no + where

NOISE -s, Discord y -ily, noisiness

NOMINATE "nomination" = choose, pick

NOON -day, -time After-

NORMAL NORMALLY = usual

NORTH Direction -erly -west, -east, bound, land, side, -ward

NOSE -s, y Curiosity -d, -ing count

NOT also Non- existence, payment

NOTE -s, Attention -d, -ing, -able = famous -worthy

NOTICE -ed, -ing Warning, Information

NOVEMBER

NOW

NUCLEAR

NUMBER -s, -ed, -ing Numeration thirty-two "#" and zero, cf. teen

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

- O -

OBEY -s. "Obedience" [conformity] Submission, lack of Disobedience

OBJECT -s, -or, -ed, -ing "objection"

OBSERVE -s, -d, -r, -ing "Observation"

O'CLOCK - a measure of time

It is five O'Clock and all is well.

OCCUPY -ies, -ied, -ier, Inhabitant -ing "Occupation"

OCEAN -s

OCTOBER

ODD -s, -ly, -ness [eccentricity]

OF

OFF -s, guard, -hand, -set, -spring

OFFEND v., OFFENSIVE adj., OFFENSE n. - an attack or insult

Mary did not want to offend anybody, but John's remarks were offensive.

OFFER -s, -er, -ed, -ing

OFFICE -s, -ial, -ially Commission -er

OFFICER cf. office

OFFICIAL cf. office

OFTEN Frequency; not

OIL -s, -ed, -ing oily

OLD -er, -est Oldness

ON -going -looking, -set, -ward

ONCE

ONE -s, -ness Unity #

ONION

ONLY one + -ly

OPEN -s, -ly, -ness, Opening -ed, -er {in, up} -ended, case,

OPERATE -s, -d, -ing, "Operation" -al, -ally

OPINION -s, [mental attitude] Advice

OPPORTUNITY timeliness

OPPOSITE -s, "Opposition"

OPPRESS "oppression" = stamp on, keep down

OR conj. - Conjunction that provides alternatives.

You can have an apple or an orange, but not both.

ORANGE -s -ness Color -fruit-

ORDER -s, -ed,-ing,-ly, -liness Regularity, lack of Disorder [command]

ORGANIC -ly Organic Matter

ORGANIZE -s, "Organization" Composition Class -al, -ally

ORNAMENT Other -s,-side [contrariety]-wise

OTHER -s -wise

OUNCE n. - a liquid measure equal to 29.57 milliliters. A weight measure equal to 28.35 grams.

There are 128 fluid ounces in one gallon. There are 16 ounces in one pound.

OUR adj. - first person plural possessive adjective

This is our house.

OURS pron. - first person plural possessive pronoun; belongs to us

This house is ours.

OUST = fire, throw out, dismiss

OUT -s, -er,-ing = picnic,-bounds,-come = product, -do, -doors, -fit, going

OVER -amount [excess], cast, coat, come, do, power, Overrunning, see,

OWE -s, -d, -ing, r

OWN -s, -er [possessor],-ed,-ing [possession] -s [property] {with,

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

- P -

PACKAGE -s, -d, -r, -ing

PAGE -s, -r, -ed, -ing [summon]

PAIN -s, -ed, -ing, ful, -less withdraw from Cowardice

PAINT -s, -er, Painting {on, over, up}

PAN -s, -ned, -ning pan out = succeed

PANTS

PAPER y -s, -er, -ed, -ing [treatise]

PARADE -s, -d, -ing

PARALLEL -s, -led, -ing Horizontal

PARCEL

PARENT -s, -ed, -ing, -ial, -ially

PART -s, -ly, -ing, -ed

PARTNER -s, confederate, associate -ed, -ing

PARTY -ies, -ier, -ied, -ying political -, Celebration

PASS -es, -ed, -ing Passage, {away transience, off = Transfer, on, out = faint, -over, through, under}

PASSENGER -s

PAST -s, the - passport, -time

PASSPORT = pass + port

PASTE y -s, -d, -ing

PATH -s, -ed, -way closed continuous path Circuit

PATIENT -s,-ly, patience Inexcitability, lack of = forbearance, fortitude

PAY -s, paid, -ing, -able not paying Nonpayment

PEA

PEACE -s, -ful, -fully make Pacification

PEACH

PEANUT

PEAR

PEN -s, -ned, ning Writing -al

PENNY

PENCIL = hand writing device

PEOPLE -s, -ed, -ing common people Populace

PERCENT -s

PERFECT -s, -ed, -ing, -ly "Perfection"

PERFORM -s, -ed, -ing, -er "performance"

PERIOD = recurrence [spell]

PERMANENT = lasting

PERMIT -s, -ed, -ing; act of Permission, Exemption, lack of = allow

PERSON -s, -al, ally Repute

PHILOSOPHY -s, -er, ical, ically

PHOTOGRAPH -s, Photography -er, -ed, -ing

PHYSICAL physics

PICK -s,-ed, -ing { off, on, over, through, up, with} [choice]

PICTURE -s, -ed,-ing

PIECE -s, -d, -ing = bit

PIG -s

PILE -s, -r, -d, -ing {up Exaggeration}

PILOT -s, -ed, -ing, - house, -light

PINEAPPLE

PINT

PIPE -s, -r, -d, -ing

PITY -ies, -ied, -ing -ful, fully, less, lessness compassion

PLACE Location -s, -r, -d, -ing, -able {in, on, over, together}

PLAN -s, -ed, -ner, -ning

PLANT -s, -er, -ing, -ed

PLASTIC -s

PLATE -s, -d, -ing

PLAY -s, Drama, -er [actor], -ed, -ing

PLEASE -s, -ing -d, -r "Pleasure"

PLENTY = enough, many

PLUNGE -s, -d, -r, -ing

POCKET -s, -ed, -ing -book

POINT -s, -er,-ed [concise],-ing {at, out,

POISON -s, -er, -ing, -ed [bane], -ous [insalubrity]

POLE -s -ar, -d, -ing

POLICE -s, -ed, -ing,- beat, car, force, -man, power, station = enforce

POLICY -ies, -maker

POLITICS -al "politician"

POLLUTE -s, -d, -r, -ing "pollution

POOR Insufficiency -ly, -ness Poverty

POPULAR -ly

POPULATION -s, -al

PORK

PORT -s, -ly, -er, -al, air-, sea-

POSITION -s, -ed, -ere, -ing state; political stand, Principle

POSITIVE -ly Affirmation

POSSESS -es, -ed, -or, -ing "Possession"

POSSIBLE -ly, "Possibility" lack of p. Impossibility

POSTPONE = put off

POTATO -es food, root vegetable

POUND

POUR -es, -ed, -ing, -er in, out

POWDER -es, -ed, -ing, -y, Powderiness

POWER -s, -ed, -ing, -ful, -fulness, Strength -fully, -less, -lessness,

PRACTICE -s, -d, -itioner, -ing

PRAISE -s, -d, -r, -ing Approbation overly; - to the skies Flattery

PRAY -s, -ed, -ing, -er, -ers Request -erful, -ly,

PREGNANT = with child, come to term

PREPARE -s, -d, -r, -ing "Preparation" lack of Unpreparedness

PRESENT -s, -ed, -ing, the present, -ly, -able "Presence"

PRESIDENT see Appendix leader, chair

PRESS -es, -ed, -ing, Influence, Compulsion

PRESSURE -s, -d, -ing

PREVENT -s, -ed, -er, -ing "prevention"

PRICE y -s, -d, -ing low price Cheapness

PRIDE -s, -ful, great p. Vanity, [arrogance] lack of- Humility

PRINCIPLE -s, -d Probity

PRINT -s, -er, -ed, Printing, -able

PRISON -s, -er, -ers

PRIVATE -s. -ly, -ness

PRIZE -s, -d

PROBABLE -ly lack of

PROBLEM -s,

PROCESS -es, -or, -ed, -ing "procession"

PRODUCE -s, "Product" -r, -d, -ing, "Production"

PROFESS -es, -ed, -or, -ing "profession"

PROFIT -s, -ed, -ing, profitable

PROGRAM -s, -ed, -er, -ing

PROGRESS -s, -ed, -ing, "Progression"

PROJECT -s, -ed, -ing, -or, "projection"

PROMISE -s, -d, -ing,

PROPER -s, -ly

PROPERTY -ies, -ied, owning, holding, -ly

PROPOSE -s, -d, -ing, -r "proposition"

PROTECT -s, -ed, -or, -ing "protection" safekeeping, guard, watch

PROTEST = Speak or act against

PROVE -s, -d, -ing, "Proof" Evidence, lack of, prove false Confutation

PROVIDE -s, -ed, -er, -ing, "Provision"

PRY -ies, -ied, -ing [intrusion] [leverage]

PSYCHOLOGY -ical, ically, -ist

PUBLIC -s, -ly, speaking [elocution], spirit

PUBLISH -es, -ed, -er, -ing, "Publication"

PULL -s, -ed, -er, -ing {in, off, on, over, through = recover, to, up}

traction strong -

PUMP -s, -er, -ed, -ing, Extraction

PUNISH -es, -ed, -ing, -er Punishment

PURCHASE -s, -d, -r, -ing cf buy

PURE -ly "Purity"

PURPLE -ness Color

PURPOSE s Intention, -ful, fully, fulness, less

PUSH -es Propulsion -er, -ed, -ing, -y, iness {from, in, into, off, on,

PUT -s, -ter, ting, {in, Insertion, off [pretext], on airs [affectation], out [dislocation], over, to, up}

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

- Q -

QUALIFY v. - to declare competent or adequate; to characterize

Mary qualified to enter the university. John qualified his trip as exhausting.

QUALITY adj., n. - degree of excellence

The quality of apples was very good.

QUART n. - an American unit of measure (0.945 liters). One quarter of a gallon.

The car had a 20-gallon tank.

QUARTER adj., n., v. - one fourth (1/4); a place to live; to cut in quarters

There are four quarters in one dollar. The cook quartered the chicken.

QUESTION n., v. - an interrogative expression

Let me ask you a question. Why do you question my suggestion?

QUICK adj., QUICKLY adv., QUICKNESS n. - rapid or fast

The dog jumped quickly. It was very quick.

QUIET adj. QUIETLY adv. - without noise; silent

The room was very quiet. I want to spend a quiet evening at home.

QUIT v. - to stop

She quits work at 5 PM. John quit smoking last year.

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- R -

RACE y -s, [stream] -r, -d,-ing, ial, raciness

RADAR -s

RADIATION -s

RADIO -s, -ed, -ing cf communication

RAID = strike, hit

RAIL -s, -ed, -ing Ridicule road

RAIN -s, y -ed, -ing fall, storm

RAISE -s, -d, -ing, act of- Elevation [promotion], r- money Borrowing

RARE -er, -est, -ly = Seldom, -ness Rarity "raw"

RASH -es, -ly Rashness

RASPBERRY

RATE -s, -ing over- [overestimation], under- Underestimation

RAY -s, -ed, -ing [radiation]

REACH -es, -ed, -ing in, out, over, through

REACT -s, -or, -ed, -ing "Reaction," Resistance

READ v. (READ, READ, READ) -s, -er, -ing, [version]

READY -ies, -ily, -iness [preparation], lack of

REAL -ly not - "fiction" "realist," -istic

REALISTIC cf real

REASON -s, -ed, Reasoning -falsely [sophistry] [motivation] -able, -ably

RECEIVE -s, -able, -ed, -er, Receiving, "reception," "receipt"

RECESSION economic turndown

RECOGNIZE -s, -d, -r, -ing [detection] [acknowledgement]

RECORD -s, -er, -ed, -ing, -able

RECOVER -s,

RECREATION -al

RED -ness -er, -est Color

REDUCE decrease, lower

REFLECT -s, -er, -er, -ing, "reflection"

REFUGEE -s

REFUSE -s, -er, -ed, -ing, Refusal = boycott

REGRET -s, -ed, -ing, penance sorry, with sadness

REGULAR -ly "Regularity," Oscillation, Symmetry, lack of

REJECT throw out Rejection

RELATION -s, -al lack of kinship

RELEASE = free, let out

RELIGION -s [teaching] lack of Irreligion

REMAIN -s, -ed, -ing, "Remainder"

REMEMBER -s Memory -ed, -ing

REMOVE -s, -er, -ed, -ing, -al Extraction Deduction Displacement

REPAIR -s, -ed,-in, -er = Restitution, Return, Atonement

REPEAT -s, -ed, -ing, -er "Repetition"

REPORT -s, -er, -ed, -ing Publication

REPRESENT -s,-ed, -ing "Representation"

REQUEST -s, -er, -ed, -ing Command petition

REQUIRE -s, -d, -ing "requirement" = demand, exact

RESCUE -s, -d, -er, -ing

RESEARCH -es, -ed, -er, -ing -able

RESIGN -s, -ed, -ing, -er "Resignation"

RESIST -s, -ed, -ing, -er "Resistance" = oppose

RESOLVE -s, -ed, -ing "Resolution"

RESOURCE -s, Means -ing, -ful, -fully

RESPECT -ed, -ing, -er, -ful, -fulness, -ly, lack of Disrespect

RESPONSE -s, -sible, -ly Answer Sensibility

RESPONSIBLE

REST -s, Repose -ed,-ing,-ful,-fulness, -less, lessness {in, on, over} stop, restroom

RESTRAIN -s, -ed, -ing "Restraint" hold back

RESULT -s, -er, -ing "product" = outcome

RETIRE -s, -d, -ing Modesty

RETREAT -s, -ed, -ing Recession house, place

RETURN -s, Reversion -ed, -ing, return like for like Retaliation

REVEAL -s, -ed, -er, -ing "revelation" Disclosure Appearance

REVIEW -s, -ed, -er, -ing

REVOLT -s, -ed, -ing "Revolution"

REWARD -s, -ed, -ing, -able Repute

RICE Food, grain

RICH -es [wealth]; -ness [productiveness]

RIDE n., v. (RIDE, RODE, RIDDEN) -s, -r, rode, ridden -ing Travel

RIGHT -s, -ly, Rightness, Probity, -ful, fully, -ed, -ing, -of-way

RING -s, Resonance -er, -ing, -ed

RIOT mob + situation

RISE n., v. (RISE, ROSE, RISEN) -s, -r, -ing, rose, risen, "resurrection" {up Ascent, with}

RISK -s, -ed, -ing -taker

RIVER -s, bank, -side

ROAD -s, -less

ROAST

ROB = steal from

ROCK y -s, -er, -ed, -ing, -filled {by and forth}

ROCKET -s,

ROLL y -s, -er, -ing, -ed [rotation] {off, out, over, up}

ROOF -s, -er, -ing, -ed

ROOM -s, -er, -ing, -ed -like

ROOT -s Ancestry, -er, -ing -ed, -edness Stability, -less, -lessness = Cheer

ROPE -s, -ed, -ing

ROUGH -s, -er, -est, -ly, Roughness

ROUND -s, -er, -est, -ly, -ness -ed Rotundity -ing, -ed -table [council]

{about Circuity}, off, out, up}

RUB -s, y -bed, bing Friction

RUBBER -s

RUIN -s, -ed, -er, -ing

RULE -s, -r, -ed -ing,

RUN n., v. (RUN, RAN, RUN) ny -s, -ner, ran, -ning {by, down [disparagement] on, off, over, up}

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- S -

SABOTAGE -s, -ed, -ing

SACRIFICE -s, -d, -ing, -ial, -ially

SAD -ly, -ness Dejection

SAFE -ly -s, -ness Safety -keeping Preservation

SAIL -s, -or [mariner], -ed, -ing, ship {from, off, out, over, to, under}

SALT y -s, -ed, -ing

SAME Uniformity -ness Identity, [tedium], time Synchronism

SAND -s, -ed, -ing

SATELLITE -s

SATISFY = Content, fulfill

SATURDAY

SAUSAGE

SAVE -s, -ior, -d, -ing

SAY n., v. (SAY, SAID, SAID) -s, -er, said, -ing Maxim

SCALE y -s, Size -d, -ing Degree

SCHOOL -s, -ed, -ing, day, time

SCIENCE -s

SCRATCH -es, y [itchy][blemish] -ed, -ing

SCREEN -s, -ed, -ing [shade]

SCREW Distortion -er, -ed, -ing = twist

SEA -s, -men

SEARCH = hunt for

SEASON -s, -al, -ally, -ed, -ing = spice

SEAT -s, -ed, -ing, Abode

SECOND -s, -ed, -ing, -ly -thought [sequel]

SECRET -s, -ly, -ness [secrecy] keep s- Concealment

SECURITY -ies, Safety, Stability

SEE v. (SEE, SAW, SEEN) -s, -r holy s. prophet, saw, seen, -ing; able to s. Vision;

Visibility not able to s. Invisibility

SEED -s, -ed, -er, -ing Posterity = sow, sperm

SEEK v. (SEEK, SOUGHT, SOUGHT) -s, -er, sought = hunt, search

SEEM -s, -ed, -ing Appearance

SEIZE -s, -ed, -ing usurp Command

SELDOM = rarely

SELF -ves, -centered Selfishness, Parsimony, -lessness Unselfishness

SELL -s, -er, sold, -ing "Sale"

SENATE [shifted to American government]

SEND v. (SEND, SENT, SENT) -s, [dispatch] -s, -er, sent, -ing

SENSE -s, -ed, -or, -ing -less Insensibility, -ual [sensuality]

SENSIBILITY

SENTENCE -s, Condemnation, -ed, -ing

SEPARATE -s, -d, -or, -ing, Extrinsic "separation" Disjunction

SEPTEMBER

SERIES = groupings, chain

SERIOUS -ness -ly, - condition

SERVE -s, -r, -ing, Servant -ed {on, out, up}

SERVICE -s, -ed, -ing, man, military-, person, station, woman

SET n., v. (SET, SET, SET) -s, Coherence -ter, ting, {about, against, in, off, on, out

SETTLE -s, -er, -ing "settlement" = colony

SEVEN -th # seven + teen #

SEVENTY #

SEVERAL = a number of

SEVERE = very grave

SEX y -es, -ed, -ual, -ually -iness

SHADE y Obscurity -s, -ed, -ing, -less, shadiness

SHAKE y, -s, -r, -ing, shook, shaken Agitation

SHALL aux. (SHALL, SHOULD)

SHALLOW -er, -est, Shallowness

SHAME -s, -d, -ing, -ful, -less, -ful, -less

SHAPE -s, -r, -ing, -d, Sharpness, -less, lessness [formlessness] {up}

SHARE -s, r, -d, -ing

SHARP y -er, -est, ness Pungency = razor

SHE her, her -self

SHELF -s, -ed, -ing -life

SHELL -s, -er, -ing, -ed -fish

SHELTER -s, -ed, -er, -ing = lodging

SHINE y -s, -er, -ing

SHIP -s, -per, -ped, -ping {by, in, off, out, over, through, to}

SHIRT -s, -ed under- s. less

SHOCK -s, -er, -ed, -ing [collision]

SHOE -s, -ded, -ding, -maker

SHOOT -er, shot, -ing = inject

SHORT y -er, -est, -ly, Shortness, -coming Imperfection -hand

SHOULD aux. - see [SHALL](#)

SHOUT -ing, out, over

SHOW y Ostentation, -er,-ing, shown,{off,through Transparency, up

SHRINK v. (SHRINK, SHRANK, SHRUNK) - decrease in size

SHUT v. (SHUT, SHUT, SHUT) -s, -ter, -ing {away Seclusion, down [cessation]}

SICK -ly, -ness [illness]

SIDE -es, -ing, -show, -ward

SIGHT -s, -ed, -ing, -less Blind, -seer

SIGN -s, Indication, -ed, -ing {in, off, on, over [deed], up, under}

SIGNAL -s, -led, -ing

SILENCE -s, -ed, -ing, Silent -ly, ness Taciturnity

SILK -s, = type of fiber

SILVER y coin, -ware s. tongue

SIMILAR same as Similarity

SIMPLE -ly, Simpleness

SINCE

SING v. (SING, SANG, SUNG) -s, Rejoice sang, sung, -ing

SINGLE -s, -ly, -ness Celibacy, Unity

SISTER -s, -ly,

SIT v. (SIT, SAT, SAT) -s, -ter, sat, -ting, -out, up, with = accompany

SITUATION -s

SIX -th number # Six + teen #

SIXTY #

SIZE -s, -d, -ing

SKELETON = bare bone structure

SKILL -s, -ed, -ful, -fulness, -less, lessness Unskillfulness

SKIN ny -s, -er, -ed, -ing =cheating, -less, and bones, tight

SKIRT -s, -ed, -ing outskirts

SKY -ies, blue, -high, -light, -ward

SLAVE -s, -er, -ed, -ing; -holder, master, quarters, ship Servility

SLEEP n., v. (SLEEP, SLEPT, SLEPT) y -s, -er, -ing, slept, -less

SLIDE n., v. (SLIDE, SLID, SLID) -s, slid, -ing

SLIP -s, -per, -ped, -ping

SLOW -s, -ed, -ing, -er, -est, Slowness {down, up}

SMALL -er, -est, -ness Littleness Inferiority

SMASH -es, -ed, -er, -ing

SMELL y -s, -ed, -ing [pungency] bad = Odor, Malodorousness -less,

SMILE y -s, -ed, -ing, -iness

SMOKE y -s, -r, -d, -ing, -less, -filled, -iness [opaqueness]

Tobacco smoking material, "weed"

SMOOTH -s, -er, -est, -ly, Smoothness, Elegance {down, off, out, over}

SNAKE y -s, -iness, -like, -ed, -ing [deceiver] [coil] = Meander

SNEEZE -es, -d, -ing [sibilant]

SNOW y -s, -ed, -ing, -iness

SO

SOAP y -s, -ed, -ing, -iness

SOBER -s, -ing -ness -ly "sobriety"

SOCIAL -s, -ly, -able, "Sociality" [sociability] lack of

SOCIETY -ies

SOFT -er, -est, -ly, Softness soft drink

SOIL -s, -ed, -ing = make dirty

SOLDIER = army serviceperson

SOLID -s, -ly, -ness Density

SOLVE -s, -d, -r, -ing "Solution"

SOME body, how, one, place, thing, time, what, where

SON -s

SONG -s, -bird, -form, -ster [poetry] (see verb SING)

SOON shortly

SORROW y -s, Regret, -ing Lamentation -ed, -ful lack of sorrow unregretfulness, condolence

SORT -s, -ed, -er, -ing { of, out, over, through, with}

SOUL -s, [psychology]

SOUND -s, -ed, -ing, -ly, -ness, mind [sanity]

SOUP

SOUR -ed, -ing, Sourness = acid

SOUTH Direction, -east, -west, -bound, -ward, wind

SPACE y, -s, -r, -d, -ing, man travel Astronautics between Interval

SPEAK v. (SPEAK, SPOKE, SPOKEN) -s, -er, spoke, -en, act of [speech], not perfect

SPECIAL -s, -ly character cf. earmark;-ness; special skill "Specialty,"

SPEECH n. -(see verb SPEAK)

SPEED y -s, Velocity -er, -ed, -ing {on, up}

SPELL Sorcery -er, -ed, -ing

SPEND v. (SPEND, SPENT, SPENT) -s, -er, spent

SPIRIT -s, -ual,-ually,-filled [immateriality], good Angel

bad Demon [specter]

SPIT n., v. (SPIT, SPIT, SPIT or SPIT, SPAT, SPAT) -s, [secretion] -ing, spat [hiss]

SPORT Sports y -ed, -ing, -s, -sman [banter]

SPOT -s, -ty Location, [variegation] -ed, -ing, -ter -less; -light, -market

SPREAD -s, -ing, -er {by, for, from, on, out, over}

SPRING n., v. (SPRING, SPRANG, SPRUNG) y -s, Leap -iness Elasticity {back Recoil, in, off,out, over,

SPY -ies, -ied, -ing

SQUARE -s, -ly, ness, -d, -ing

STAGE [period] [tier] Arena -s, -ed, -ing

STAMP -s, -ed, -ing, {in, on, out, over, through} [nature]

STAND n., v. (STAND, STOOD, STOOD) -s. stood, -ing, -point, {against, for Resistance, in = substitute,

STAR -s, -ry -ing, -ed, board -filled

START -s, Beginning [advantage] -er, -ed, -ing {in, off, up}

STARVE -s, -ed, -ing

STATION -s, -ed, -ing, -break,- master

STATUE -s

STAY -s, -er, -ed, -ing power [perseverance] Remainder = remain

STEAL -s, -er thief Stealing, stole, stolen,

STEAM y -s, -er,-ed, -ing Vapor

STEEL -s

STEM -s, -med, -ming cell [shaft]

STEP -s, -ped, -ing out of Unconformity

STICK y -s, -er, -ing, stick to Tenacity, stick together Coherence stuck up

STIFF -s, -er, -est, -ly, -ness [rigidity] -neck [obstinacy]

STILL Silence -ness [quiescence]

STOMACH -s, -ed, -ing

STONE y -s, -d, -ing, -iness

STOP -s, -per, -ped,-ping [cessation], -use Disuse, light, watch

STORE -s, -d, -r, -ing {in, up}

STORM y -s, -ed, -ing Attack; {about, off, out}

STORY -ies, Falsehood -ied

STRAIGHT -er, -est, Straightness

STRAWBERRY

STRANGE -r, -est [foreigner]; [abnormality]

STREAM -s, -ed, -er, -ing {down-, on-, up-}

STREET -s -light

STRETCH -es, -er,-ed,-ing, -able, ableness Elasticity

STRIKE n., v. (STRIKE, STRUCK, STRICKEN) -s, -r, struck, -ing {at [attack], back, out, with}

STRING y -s, -er, -ed, -ing, - Instrument

STRIP -s, -per, -ing, -ped Divestment {off} = bare [vacancy]

STRONG -er, -est, -ly; "Strength" Vigor -hold [refuge]

STRUCTURE Form -s, -er, -ing, -al, ally, -ed, -ing

STRUGGLE = fight

STUDY -ies, -ied, -ing

STUPID = very dull

STYLE Fashion -s, -d, -ing Lifestyle,

SUBJECT Thought -s, -ed, -ing "Subjection"

SUBSTANCE -s, -tial, -ly, lack of - Insubstantiality

SUBSTITUTE -s, -d, -ing "Substitution"

SUCCEED -s, -ed, -ing, "Success" -ful, fully; lack of

SUCH

SUDDEN -ly, -ness

SUFFER -s, -ed, -er, -ing

SUGAR -s, -ed, -ing

SUGGEST -s, -ed, -ing, Latency, Advice "suggestion"

SUIT -s, -able, Agreement -ably, -ing, -ed, -er

SUMMER -y -s, -time, wear

SUN -ny -s, -ned, -ning light, -shine, -spot

SUNDAY

SUPERVISE = oversee

SUPPER

SUPPLY -s, -ied, -ier, -ing Provision

SUPPORT -s, -er, -ing, -ed Aid

SUPPOSE -s, -ed, -ing "Supposition" Supposedly [imply]

SUPPRESS = end, put down

SURE -ly, -ness Certainty, lack of -[uncertainty]

SURFACE -s, -ed, -ing Shallowness, Texture

SURPRISE -s, Expectation lack of [inexpectation], -d, -ing not s. [unastonishment]

SURRENDER = give up

SURROUND -s, -ed, -ing = vicinity

SURVIVE = continue living

SUSPECT -s, -ed, -ing

SUSPEND hang in

SUSTAIN -s, -ed, -ing, -er, -able, ably [110 endure]

SWALLOW -s, -ed, -ing Drinking

SWEAR v. (SWEAR, SWORE, SWORN) -s, -ing Imprecation, swore, sworn = curse, cuss

SWEEP v. (SWEEP, SWEEP, SWEEP) -s, -swept, -er, -ing {out, over, up}

SWEET -s, -er, -est, -ly, Sweetness

SWIM n., v. (SWIM, SWAM, SWUM) -s, -ing, swam, swum

SYMPATHY Pity -ies,

SYMBOL -s Figurative

SYSTEM -s, Order, Plan

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- T -

TABLE -s, -ed, -ing -land

TAIL Rear -s, -or, -ing, -ed =follow {on, off, over, up, up with}

TAKE n., v. (TAKE, TOOK, TAKEN) -s, -r, -ing, took, taken, {in [inclusion][reception],

TALK -s, -er, -ed, -ing, much Talkiveness {at, for, out Dissuasion, to, to

TALL -er, -est, -ness [cf high]; [tall talk grandiloquence]

TARGET -s, -ed, -ing

TASTE -y -s, -r,-d,-ing, -ful, -less

TAX -es, -er, -ed, -ing, -able

TEA -s drink

TEACH v. (TEACH, TAUGHT, TAUGHT) -s, -er, Teaching, taught, -able; bad -

TEAM -s, -ed, -ing = crew

TEAR n., v. (TEAR, TORE, TORN) y -s, -ing, tore, torn [sever], -ful

TECHNICAL

TECHNOLOGY -ies

TEEN -s, # 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19

TELEPHONE -s, -ed, -ing "phone"

TELEVISION -s Communication

TELL v. (TELL, TOLD, TOLD) -s, -er, told, -ing {off [reprove] with}

TEN -th #

TERM -s, -ed, -ing

TERRIBLE cf. terror

TERRITORY = land area

TERROR -s

TEST -y -s, -er, -ing [experiment] = Temptation

THAN

THANK -ed, -ing, -s, Gratitude, lack of Ingratitude

THAT those

THE

THEATER -s, Drama

THEIR cf. they

THEIRS cf. they

THEM cf. they

THEN Sequence

THEORY -ies

THERE -after, -by, -fore, -with

THESE cf. this

THEY their, theirs, them

THICK -er, -est, -ly, -ness

THIN -er, -est, -ly, -ness

THING -s

THINK v. (THINK, THOUGHT, THOUGHT) -s, thought, -ing [philosophy] {out, over, up} -tank

THIRD -s third part

THIRTEEN = three + teen #

THIRTY #

THIS these

THOUGH

THOUGHT n., THOUGHTFUL adj., THOUGHTFULLY adv., THOUGHTFULNESS n. - an idea; the process of thinking (see verb THINK);

THREAD -s, -ed, -ing [filament] -less

THOUSAND -s, #

THREAT -EN -s, -ed, -ing

THREE # -fold; threefoldness

THROAT -s body part

THROUGH -out

THROW v. (THROW, THREW, THROWN) -s, -threw, thrown, -ing, -er {at, away = trash, back [reversion], on, up}

THUNDER -s, -ed, -ing

THURSDAY

TICKET -s, -er, -ed, -ing

TIE -s, -er, -ed, -ying, {in = connected, on, over, up = congested, with}

TIGHT -er, -est, -ly, -ness Parsimony

TIME -s, -ly -r, -d, -ing, -less, -table Science of - Chronometry

TIN = can, metal container

TIRED -ly, -ness, -ing

TITLE -s, Nomenclature -ed, -ing

TO Today, tonight, toward

TODAY to + day

TOE -d, -ing

TOGETHER -ness [simultaneousness]

TOMATO

TOMORROW

TON

TONGUE -s, -d, -ing, language

TONIGHT to + night

TOO

TOOL -s, -ing, -ed

TOOTH n. (plural: TEETH), v. -

TOP -s, -ped, -per, -ing, - man, side,

TORTURE -s, -d, -r, -ing

TOTAL -s, -led, -ing "totality"

TOUCH y -s, -ed, -ing, touchiness touch two things Contact

TOUGH -s, -er, -est, -ly, -ness

TOWARD to + ward

TOWER -s, -ed, -ing, cell -, radio -, tv -, watch-, water -[structure]

TOWN -er, -ship

TRADE -s, Barter -r, -d, -ing, -mark

TRADITION -s, -al, -ally

TRAFFIC -ed, -ing TRAIN -er, -ed [tame], -ing Continuity

TRAIN

TRANSPORT -s, -ed, -er, -ing, TRANSPORTATION

TRAVEL -s, -ler cf tourist, -ed, -ing, office, plans

TREASON denial of homeland, becoming a turncoat

TREASURE -s, -ed, -ing

TREAT -s, -ed, -ing, -able "treatment"

TREATMENT cf. treat

TREATY -ies

TREE -s, -d, -ing, -less See American

TRIAL -s

TRIBE -s, -al

TRICK y -s, -er [deceiver]-ed, -ing [Deception]

TRIP -ped, ping {on, over, up} = stumble

TROOP military; group = band, company

TROUBLE -s, Difficulty Exertion -ed, -ing, -maker [evildoer]

TRUCK -s, -ed, -er, -ing -stop

TRUE -r, -est, saying Maxim "Truth" -ful, -less

TRUST y -s, -ing, -ed, -ful

TRY [endeavor], -ied, -ing, -ial

TUBE -s, -ing subway,

TUESDAY

TURKEY

TURN -s, Rotation -ed, -ing [convolution]; downturn Recession

TWELVE -th #

TWENTY #

TWICE two times

TWIST -s, Distortion convolution -ed, -ing

TWO # -ness

TYPE -s, -d, -ing, -set, -writer

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- U -

UNCLE n. - the brother of one's father or mother

Mary's uncle has a large farm.

UNDER adv., prep. - below or beneath

The dog hid under the table. Please, place a plate under the bowl.

UNDERSTAND v. (UNDERSTAND, UNDERSTOOD, UNDERSTOOD), UNDERSTANDING n. - to know; an agreement

Mrs. Smith did not understand Spanish. John understood everything.

UNIT n., UNITE v., UNITED adj., UNITY n. - a single thing; to become one

The United States represent a single country. An astronomical unit is equal to the distance from the earth from the sun.

UNIVERSE n., UNIVERSAL adj. - the entire celestial cosmos; including everything

The Earth is like a speck of dust in the universe.

UNIVERSITY n. - a school of higher learning

John studied at the University of Texas.

UNLESS conj. - except on the condition that

Mary will not go unless she can find her purse.

UNTIL prep. - indicates continuance to a specified time

We will wait here until she finds her purse.

UP adj., prep. - a higher position

We went up to the top of the mountain. Speak up, I cannot hear you.

URGE n., v., URGENT adj. - to demand; an impulse

We urged him to see the doctor. John felt the urge to eat an orange. We received an urgent message from the office.

US pron. - objective case of WE

John gave us two books.

USE v. - to put into action

USE v., USEFUL n. - to put into action

It is useful to be able to speak English. We used a knife to cut the bread.

USUAL adj. - ordinary or common

He came at the usual time.

UTILITY adj., n. - something that can be used

Electricity is a public utility that makes modern life possible.

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- V -

VALLEY n. - a low point usually between mountains

There were many farms in the valley.

VALUE n., v. - monetary worth; usefulness or importance

The value of the book was \$20 dollars. Mary values John's friendship.

VEGETABLE n., VEGETATION n. - something of plant origin;

Vegetables are necessary for a healthy diet. Thick vegetation had grown by the fence.

VEHICLE n., VEHICULAR adj. - something used for carrying or transporting

The vehicle was used in the farm.

VERSE n., v. - a poem; to be familiar with

She read a verse from the book. She was well versed in literature.

VERSION n. - a variation

John told us his version of what happened.

VERY adv. - indicates a high degree

The soup was very hot. It was really very, very hot.

VETO n., v. - to disapprove

John vetoed the idea. The president can veto the legislation.

VICE n., VICIOUS adj., VICIOUSLY adv. - moral imperfection

Smoking is an unhealthy vice. The dog attacked the cat viciously.

VICTIM n., VICTIMIZE v. - a person who is injured or sacrificed

Mrs. Smith was the victim of some thieves. She was victimized by the thieves.

VICTORY n., VICTORIOUS adj. - successful; winner

The victory was the result of good strategy. The army was victorious.

VIEW n., v. - to see; a mode of looking

The view from the window was very pretty. I don't agree with John's point of view.

VILLAGE n. - a small city

The village had only 103 inhabitants.

VIOLATE v., VIOLENT adj., VIOLATION n., VIOLENCE n. - to break a rule; to harm

He had 3 parking violations. You should not violate the laws.

VIRTUE n., VIRTUAL adj., VIRTUOUS adj. - a beneficial quality; having the essential qualities

Saints have many virtues. Virtual reality is a computer simulation.

VISIT n., v. - to meet; come together temporarily

Mary went to visit her uncle in Detroit. She visited him in May.

VOICE n., v. - to say; something said

Caruso had a great voice. John voiced his opinion at the meeting.

VOTE n., v. - to express an opinion

Mary voted for Obama. Each vote was important.

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- W -

WAGE n. - a payment usually of money for labor or services, v. - to engage in or carry on

The farm job pays very low wages. Napoleon waged war against England.

WAIT n., v. - to stay in place expecting something; to serve a meal

We waited for Mary for 20 minutes. John waited tables when he was in college.

WALK n., v. - to move along on foot

Mary walked 30 minutes yesterday. John did not go for a walk.

WALL n., v. - a masonry fence; one of the sides of a room or building connecting floor and ceiling

The wall of the house was made of stone. Jerusalem was a walled city.

WANT n., v. - an insufficiency; desire for something

John wants a new car.

WAR n. - aggression or armed combat

Many people died during World War II. Make love, not war.

WARD n., v. - to guard or prevent; a division in a hospital

They say that lemons ward off colds. The hospital ward was almost empty.

WARM adj., v. - giving out heat

The room was very warm. John warmed his hands by the fire.

WARN v., WARNING n. - to give advice about some danger

A sign warned about the curves in the road. The warning sign was yellow.

WASH n., v. - to clean in a liquid like water

Mary washed the dishes after supper.

WASTE n., v. - unwanted, defective, or superfluous; to use carelessly

We wasted a lot of time waiting for Mary. John put the paper in the waste basket.

WATCH n., v. - to look; a small device for measuring time

Watch the pot on the stove. John has an old pocket watch.

WATER n., v. WATERY adj. - the liquid that descends from the clouds as rain, forms streams, lakes, and seas

Ocean water is salty. The soup was very watery.

WAVE n., v., WAVY adj. - the oscillation in a liquid; to move the hand back and forth

She waved her hand as we said goodbye. The storm created big waves.

WAY adj., n. - a route; a course of action

I don't know which way to go. Mary always manages to get her own way.

WE, OUR, OURS, US pron. - second person plural pronoun

We went to our home. This house is ours. John gave us a cake.

WEAK adj., WEAKEN v., WEAKLY adv., WEAKNESS n. - without strength

Mrs. Smith has weak bones. She spoke weakly.

WEALTH n., WEALTHY adj. - rich; having abundance of valuable resources

John's father was a wealthy man. He got his wealth in the transportation business.

WEAPON n. - something used to injure or destroy

The atomic bomb is a terrible weapon.

WEAR n., v. (WEAR, WORE, WORN) - to bear or have on the person

Mary wore a black hat. I do not like to wear hats.

WEATHER n., v. - the state of the atmosphere with respect to heat or cold, wetness or dryness; to come safely through

We had rainy weather yesterday. The house weathered the storm without any damage.

WEDNESDAY n. - the fourth day of the week

I like to watch television every Wednesday.

WEEK n. - a 7-day cycle beginning on Sunday and ending on Saturday

John took a three-week vacation. The week has seven days.

WEIGH v., WEIGHT n., WHEIGHTY adj. - a unit of mass or heaviness

Mary wants to lose some weight. She weighs 160 pounds.

WELCOME n., v. - an initial greeting; to greet hospitably

We welcomed the new students to our house.

WELL n. - a deep hole in the ground; WELL, BETTER, BEST adv. - in a good or proper manner

Mary cooks very well. The farm got water from a well.

WEST adj., n., WESTERN adj. - the general direction of sunset

My aunt traveled west to California. The western storm brought a lot of rain.

WET adj., v. (WET, WET, WET) - covered with liquid such as water

I got wet during the storm.

WHAT adj., pron. - interrogative pronoun; introduces a phrase

What time is it? I don't know what time it is.

WHEAT n. - a cereal grain

Pasta and bread are made of wheat flour.

WHEEL n., v. - a disk revolving at the center

Most cars have four wheels. The nurse wheeled the patient in a wheel chair.

WHEN adv., pron. - at a designated time

When will I see you again? Probably when I can get vacation from work.

WHERE adv., n. - in what place

Where did you buy the cake? I don't know where to buy clothes.

WHICH adj., pron. - what one or ones out of a group

In which house do you live? Which tie should I wear?

WHILE n., prep. - a period of time

John and I played cards while we waited for Mary.

WHITE adj., n. - a color like snow

Always use white paper for business letters. She ate only the egg whites to avoid cholesterol.

WHO WHOSE, WHOM pron. - relative pronoun

Who is Mary? Whose book is this? To whom did you give the book?

WHOLE adj., WHOLLY adv. - a complete thing

I like whole wheat bread. My company is wholly owned by a German business.

WHY adv., conj. - for what cause, reason, or purpose

Why did you do it? I don't know why you did it.

WIDE, WIDER, WIDEST adj., WIDTH n. - extending over a vast area

The river was very wide. It had a width of one kilometer at its widest point.

WIFE n. (plural: WIVES) - a female partner in a marriage

Is Mary John's wife? There was an African king who had many wives.

WILD adj., WILDLY adj. - without regulation or control

Some wild ducks swam in the lake. John was waving his arms wildly to scare the ducks.

WILL n., aux., v. - auxiliary verb to indicate future; a legal inheritance document.

John's will divides all his property equally between his children. I will divide the cake in equal pieces.

WIN n., v. (WIN, WON, WON) - to gain in or as if in battle or contest

John never won any prizes. I would like to win the lottery.

WIND n. v. (WIND, WOUND, WOUND) - movement of air; to turn completely or repeatedly

Don't forget to wind the clock. The strong wind broke the tree.

WINDOW n. - an opening in a wall for admission of light and air

Please close the window.

WINE n., v. - drink from fermented juice

John ordered red wine with supper. John wined and dined his friends.

WING n., v. - an structure used for flying; to wound or disable a wing

The airplane had wide wings. The hunter winged the duck.

WINTER n., v. - the season between autumn and spring; cold season in the northern hemisphere

I don't like the winter weather in Norway. The ducks wintered in Central America.

WIPE n., v. - to clean or dry by rubbing

John wiped his glasses with a tissue.

WIRE n., v. - metal in the form of a usually very flexible thread; to use wire on for a specific purpose

My guitar has three wire strings and three plastic strings. John wired some money to his friend in South America.

WISE adj., WISELY adv., WISDOM n. - intelligent; knowledgeable

Use your time wisely. Traditions are based on the wisdom of our ancestors.

WISH n., v. - a desire

I wish I had a million dollars. What do you wish?

WITH prep. - together

I would like eggs with bacon. What would you like with your coffee?

WITHDRAW v. (WITHDRAW, WITHDREW, WITHDRAWN), WITHDRAWAL n. - to take out

I withdrew money from my bank account. It was a withdrawal of \$100 dollars.

WITHOUT prep. - with something lacking or absent

I would like eggs without bacon.

WOMAN n. (plural: WOMEN), WOMANLY adv. - an adult female person

There were three women in the store. Each woman wore a hat.

WONDER n., v., WONDERFUL adj. - to question; to cause surprise or admiration

I wonder where Mary went. She went to buy a wonderful hat.

WOOD n., WOODY adj. - the fibrous substance of the trunk and branches of trees

The house was made of wood. We cooked on a wood fire when we went camping.

WOOL n., WOOLY adj. - the soft wavy hair of sheep

John wore a blue wool coat.

WORD n., WORDY adj. - a written or spoken expression that symbolizes and communicates a meaning without being divisible into smaller units capable of independent use

The sentence had many words. It was wordy.

WORK n., v. - physical or mental effort to overcome obstacles and achieve an objective or result

John works for a big company. He uses computers for his work.

WORLD n. - the Earth; a separate and independent unit

The world is getting hotter due to global warming.

WORRY n., v. - mental distress or agitation

John did not have to worry.

WORSE, WORST - see [BAD](#)

WORSHIP n., v. - a form of religious practice with its creed and ritual

People go to church to worship God. Some cultures worship their ancestors.

WORTH n., WORTHY adj. - monetary value

How much is this old book worth? John raised funds for a worthy cause.

WOUND n., v. (don't confuse with verb WIND)

Mr. Smith was wounded during the war. His wound was not too serious.

WRECK n., v. - to ruin or damage

John's cousin wrecked the car. The wreck was towed to the garage.

WRITE v. (WRITE, WROTE, WRITTEN) - to inscribe characters or symbols on a surface

The report was written last month. John wrote the report.

WRONG adj., adv. - not right or proper according to a code or rule

There were three wrong answers on the test. What is wrong with Mrs. Smith?

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- X -

X-RAY n., v. - radiation of short wave length; a image taken with X-rays

Doctors use X-rays for diagnosis.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

- Y -

YARD n. - an English measure; the ground adjacent to a house

A yard is a U.S. unit of length equal to 0.9144 meters. The children played in the yard.

YEAR n. - the time it takes the Earth to revolve around the Sun

John will be 46 years old next year.

YELLOW adj., n., v., YELLOWISH adj. - a color; to turn yellow

Mustard usually has a yellow color. The book had yellowed with age.

YES adv. - agreement or affirmation

John said "yes" to the proposal.

YESTERDAY adv. - the day before today

Yesterday, all my troubles seemed so far away.

YET adv. - up to now

I have not yet received a confirmation.

YOGURT n. - a product made of fermented milk

I like to have oatmeal with yogurt for breakfast.

YOU, YOUR, YOURS, YOURSELF pron. - second person pronoun

You should not go to the party by yourself. Don't forget your keys.

YOUNG adj., n. - an early stage of life

The young man felt uncomfortable at the party.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

- Z -

ZERO n., v. - nothing; to adjust the aim

In the end, we had zero profit. He zeroed in on his target.