

**sound**<sup>1</sup>, *n.* 1. noise, utterance, sonance; tone, note, chord, music.

2. outcry, vociferation, clamor, din, hubbub, racket; shout, whoop, yell, roar; blare, blast, bang, rumble, jingle, tinkle, peal, ring, toll; clatter, clink, clank, creak, grate. See also **noise** (*def.* 1, 3-6).

3. quality, cast, color, coloring, tenor, drift.

4. earshot, earreach, hearing, hearing distance.

—*v.* 5. ring, chime, clang, ding-dong, peal, knell, toll; tinkle, clink, clank; rumble, thunder, boom;

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reverberate, resonate, resound, echo.

6. seem, appear, appear like, look like, look as if, look to be, have the look of; strike one as, have every appearance of, have every indication of, have the earmarks of, sound like.

7. pronounce, enunciate, articulate, phonate, vocalize, voice, utter, express; vociferate, shout, bawl, cry; declare, announce, annunciate, broadcast, herald, blare, blazon, trumpet, noise abroad.

**sound**<sup>2</sup>, *adj.* 1. healthy, fit, fit as a fiddle, physically-fit, in good condition, in fine fettle, *Inf.* in shape, *Inf.* in good *or* fine shape, *Inf.* in fine *or* high feather, *Inf.* in fine whack, *Inf.* in the pink, *Brit. Dial.* bonny; well, in good health, rosy-cheeked, glowing, blooming; ruddy, vigorous, full of vigor, hale, hearty, hale and hearty, robust, lusty, strong and healthy, bursting with health *or* vigor *or* life.

2. intact, unimpaired, undamaged, unharmed, uninjured, unscathed, un mutilated, undecayed, inviolate; whole, unbroken, as good as new, faultless, flawless, defectless; well-built, well-constructed, built to last, solid, firm, sturdy, strong, rugged, tough, durable, resistant.

3. solvent, having good credit, secure, in the black; well-off, well-situated, well-to-do.

4. rational, practical, pragmatic, commonsense, commonsensical, reasonable, logical, sensible; competent, reliable, dependable, good, fair; fit, proper, advisable, well-advised; well-argued, well-grounded, well-founded; valid, believable, credible, plausible.

5. lucid, clearheaded, right-minded, clear-minded, cogent, balanced, level-headed, stable; responsible, sober, sane, *Latin. compos mentis*, right; normal, wholesome, healthy-minded, *Sl.* together, *Sl.* with it, *Sl.* all there; intelligent, wise, judicious, sagacious, sage; discreet, prudent, circumspect; politic, perspicacious, farsighted, astute, provident; perceptive, apperceptive, foresighted; understanding, thoughtful, reflective, philosophical.

6. upright, upstanding, ethical, moral, virtuous; honest, truthful, aboveboard, trustworthy, honorable; loyal, steadfast, faithful, true, constant.

**sound**<sup>3</sup>, v. 1. fathom, plumb, measure, test.

2. dive, plunge, go to the bottom, submerge.

3. *Often sound out* check out, see how the land lies, feel out; look into, explore, investigate, probe, seek information, examine.

**sound**<sup>4</sup>, n. inlet, arm, loch, fjord, *Chiefly Scot.* firth; bay, harbor, cove, gulf, bight; estuary, mouth, *Dial.* creek.

**rationalize, v.** 1. intellectualize, paralogize, explain away, talk away; invent, make excuses for, construe; justify, vindicate, account for, make acceptable, make allowance for; attribute, ascribe, misapply.

2. reason, deliberate, contemplate, reflect, cerebration, think, speculate, ratiocinate, cogitate, excogitate; philosophize, logicize, syllogize.

3. clarify, clear up, make clear, explain, explicate, account for; elucidate, spell out, throw light on, shed light on; enlighten, illuminate, illustrate, expound, allegorize, demythologize; show, show how, tell how, demonstrate.

**ignore**, v. 1. disregard, cut, pass over *or* by, *Inf.*  
give [s.t.] a miss *or* the go-by; snub, pay no heed to, be  
inattentive to, brush aside, slight, pretend not to see,



look right through *or* past [s.o.], cold-shoulder, *Sl.* give [s.o.] the brush *or* brush-off, *Sl.* brush [s.o.] off; set aside, fly in the face of, shrug off *or* away, push aside, write off, turn one's back on, close *or* shut one's eyes to, blink, wink at; turn a blind eye on, be blind to, fail to notice, turn a deaf ear to, not trouble oneself with, bury *or* hide *or* have one's head in the sand, be inattentive to.

2. omit, not take into account, overlook, neglect, leave out, skip.



**understanding, n.** 1. comprehension, cognition, cognizance, consciousness; knowledge, realization, awareness; grasp, hold, handle, *Inf.* fix; interpretation, conception, idea, view, approach.

2. intelligence, intellect, *Gk. Philos.* nous, intellectuality, aptitude; mind, mentality, brain, brains, *Inf.* gray matter, brainpower, reason, sense.

3. acumen, perspicacity, astuteness, penetration; discernment, apperception, apprehension, perception, percipience, insight, enlightenment, intuition, *Obs.* skill; keenness, shrewdness, savvy; sagacity, sageness, wisdom, sapience, sapiency, *Archaic.* counsel.

4. conversance, acquaintance, intimacy, familiarity; proficiency, skillfulness, dexterity, adroitness, deftness, know-how, savoir-faire; capableness, adeptness, address, efficiency; competence, competency, mastery, expertness.

5. agreement, arrangement, covenant, bargain, ~~compact, pact~~, concordat, entente, contract; accordance, settlement, reconciliation, conciliation, alliance, treaty, truce; cooperation, tolerability, acquiescence.

—*adj.* 6. empathic, compassionate, commiserative; merciful, clement, forbearing, lenient, forgiving; feeling, tender, kind, considerate, thoughtful; sympathetic, condolent; tolerant, accepting, patient.

7. intelligent, brilliant, incisive; proficient, adroit, adept, deft, skillful, masterful, expert; competent, capable, comprehensive, thorough.