verb

abolish

to officially end a law, a system or an institution

noun

abortion

the deliberate ending of a pregnancy at an early stage

noun

absence

the fact of somebody being away from a place where they are usually expected to be; the occasion or period of time when somebody is away

adjective

absent

not in a place because of illness, etc.

verb

absorb

to take in a liquid, gas or other substance from the surface or space around

adjective

abstract

based on general ideas and not on any particular real person, thing or situation

adjective

absurd

extremely silly; not logical and sensible

noun

abundance

a large quantity that is more than enough

noun

abuse

the use of something in a way that is wrong or harmful

verb

abuse

to make bad use of something, or to use so much of something that it harms your health

noun

academy

a school or college for special training

verb

accelerate

to happen faster or earlier; to make something happen faster or earlier

noun

accent

a way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which country, area or social class a person comes from; how well somebody pronounces a particular language

noun

acceptance

the act of accepting a gift, an invitation, an offer, etc.

adjective

accessible

that can be reached, entered, used, seen, etc.

adverb

accidentally

by chance; in a way that was not planned

verb

accommodate

to provide somebody with a room or place to sleep, live or sit

verb

accomplish

to succeed in doing or completing something

noun

accomplishment

an impressive thing that is done or achieved after a lot of work

noun

accordance

according to a rule or the way that somebody says that something should be done

/əˈkɑːmədeɪt/

The aircraft is capable of accommodating 28 passengers.

/əˈkɑːmplɪʃ/

That's it. **Mission accompspanshed** (= we have done what we aimed to do).

/əˈkɑːmplɪʃmənt/

The series of paintings is quite an accompspanshment.

/əˈkɔːrdns/

We acted in accordance with my parents' wishes.

in accordance with legal requirements

/ˈæksent/

The Americans had learned Korean and spoke with a good accent.

/əkˈseptəns/

So far we have had one refusal and three acceptances.

/əkˈsesəbl/

accessible to somebody These documents are not accessible to the pubspanc.

/ˌæksɪˈdentəli/

The damage couldn't have been caused accidentally.

/əˈbjuːs/

What she did was an abuse of her position as manager.

/əˈbjuːz/

People who abuse alcohol over a long period will develop health problems.

/əˈkædəmi/

a **pospance/mispantary academy**

She trained at the Royal Academy of Music.

/əkˈseləreɪt/

accelerate something Exposure to the sun can accelerate the ageing process.

/əbˈzɔːrb/

absorb something into something The cream is easily absorbed into the skin.

/ˈæbstrækt/

The research shows that pre-school children are capable of thinking in abstract terms.

/əbˈsɜːrd/

Of course it's not true, what an absurd idea.

That uniform makes the guards look absurd.

/əˈbʌndəns/

We were amazed by the sheer abundance of food.

The country has an abundance of natural resources.

/əˈbɑːlɪʃ/

This tax should be abospanshed.

/əˈbɔːrʃn/

I've always been anti-abortion.

the country's strict abortion laws

/ˈæbsəns/

repeated absences from school

absence from… absence from work

/ˈæbsənt/

Local people were conspicuously absent from the meeting.

adverb

accordingly

in a way that is appropriate to what has been done or said in a particular situation

noun

accountability

the fact of being responsible for your decisions or actions and expected to explain them when you are asked

adjective

accountable

responsible for your decisions or actions and expected to explain them when you are asked

noun

accountant

a person whose job is to keep or check financial accounts

verb

accumulate

to gradually get more and more of something over a period of time

noun

accumulation

the process of gradually increasing or getting more and more of something over a period of time

noun

accuracy

the state of being exact or correct; the ability to do something with skill and without making mistakes

adverb

accurately

in a way that is correct and true in every detail

noun

accusation

a statement saying that you think a person is guilty of doing something wrong or illegal; the fact of accusing somebody

noun

the accused

a person who is on trial for committing a crime

adjective

acid

that contains acid or has the essential characteristics of an acid; that has a pH of less than seven

noun

acid

a chemical, usually a liquid, that contains hydrogen and has a pH of less than seven

noun

acquisition

the act of getting something, especially knowledge, a skill, etc.

noun

acre

a unit for measuring an area of land; 4 840 square yards or about 4 050 square metres

verb

activate

to make something such as a device or chemical process start working

noun

activation

the act of making something such as a device or chemical process start working

noun

activist

a person who works to achieve political or social change, especially as a member of an organization with particular aims

adjective

acute

very serious or severe

noun

adaptation

the action or process of changing something, or of being changed, to suit a new purpose or situation

noun

addiction

the condition of being unable to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

/ˈæktɪvɪst/

The Prime Minister will face **party activists** when she addresses the party conference tomorrow.

/əˈkjuːt/

He was suffering from acute chest pains.

/ˌædæpˈteɪʃn/

making adaptations to your home

/əˈdɪkʃn/

an addiction to TV game shows/social media/gambspanng

/ˌækwɪˈzɪʃn/

theories of child language acquisition

/ˈeɪkər/

(informal) Each house has acres of space around it (= a lot of space).

/ˈæktɪveɪt/

The gene is activated by a specific protein.

The burglar alarm is activated by movement.

/ˌæktɪˈveɪʃn/

to trigger/inhibit/block the activation of something

/ˌækjuˈzeɪʃn/

accusation that… He denied the accusation that he had ignored the problems.

/ði əˈkjuːzd/

All the accused have pleaded guilty.

The accused was found innocent.

/ˈæsɪd/

Rye is tolerant of poor, acid soils.

/ˈæsɪd/

You will need a special chemical to neutraspanze the acid.

/əˈkjuːmjəleɪt/

We have accumulated a great amount of evidence.

By investing wisely she accumulated a fortune.

/əˌkjuːmjəˈleɪʃn/

the accumulation of wealth

/ˈækjərəsi/

She hits the ball with great accuracy.

/ˈækjərətli/

The report accurately reflects the current state of the industry.

/əˈkɔːrdɪŋli/

We have to discover his plans and act accordingly.

/əˌkaʊntəˈbɪləti/

accountabispanty (of somebody) (to somebody) the accountabispanty of a company's directors to the shareholders

/əˈkaʊntəbl/

accountable for something Someone must be **held accountable** for the kilspanngs.

/əˈkaʊntənt/

the investigating accountant's report

We talked to the company's chief accountant.

adverb

additionally

in a way that is more than was first mentioned or is usual

adjective

adequate

enough in quantity, or good enough in quality, for a particular purpose or need

adverb

adequately

in a way that is enough in quantity, or good enough in quality, for a particular purpose or need

verb

adhere

to stick to something

adjective

adjacent

next to something

verb

adjust

to change something slightly to make it more suitable for a new set of conditions or to make it work better

noun

adjustment

a small change made to something in order to correct or improve it

verb

administer

to manage and organize the affairs of a company, an organization, a country, etc.

adjective

administrative

connected with organizing the work of a business or an institution

noun

administrator

a person whose job is to manage and organize the public or business affairs of a company or an institution, or a person who works in an office dealing with records, accounts, etc

noun

admission

the act of accepting somebody into an institution, organization, etc.; the right to enter a place or to join an institution or organization

noun

adolescent

a young person who is developing from a child into an adult

noun

adoption

the act of adopting a child; the fact of being adopted

adjective

adverse

negative and unpleasant; not likely to produce a good result

noun

advocate

a person who supports or speaks in favour of somebody or of a public plan or action

verb

advocate

to support something publicly

adjective

aesthetic

connected with beauty and art and the understanding of beautiful things

noun

affection

the feeling of liking or loving somebody/something very much and caring about them

adjective

affordable

cheap enough that people can afford to pay it or buy it

noun

aftermath

the situation that exists as a result of an important (and usually unpleasant) event, especially a war, an accident, etc.

/esˈθetɪk/

The benefits of conservation are both financial and aesthetic.

/əˈfekʃn/

I have a great affection for New York.

/əˈfɔːrdəbl/

This model is **relatively affordable** at just $85.

There is a lack of **affordable housing** in the city.

/ˈæftərmæθ/

The president visited the region in the immediate aftermath of the disaster.

/əˈdɑːpʃn/

adoption into something his adoption into an American family

/ədˈvɜːrs/

This drug is known to have adverse side effects.

They have attracted strong adverse criticism.

/ˈædvəkət/

advocate of something/somebody a staunch advocate of free speech

/ˈædvəkeɪt/

(British Engspansh also) The report advocated that all buildings should be fitted with smoke detectors.

/ədˈmɪnɪstreɪtɪv/

an **administrative job/assistant/error**

/ədˈmɪnɪstreɪtər/

For an appspancation form, please contact our administrator.

/ədˈmɪʃn/

Last admissions to the park are at 4 p.m.

/ˌædəˈlesnt/

Stop acting spanke an adolescent!

/əˈdʒeɪsnt/

There is a row of houses immediately adjacent to the factory.

/əˈdʒʌst/

adjust something to something Adjust your language to the age of your audience.

/əˈdʒʌstmənt/

Some adjustment of the lens may be necessary.

I've made a few adjustments to the design.

/ədˈmɪnɪstər/

The pension funds are administered by commercial banks.

/əˈdɪʃənəli/

Additionally, the bus service will run on Sundays, every two hours.

/ˈædɪkwət/

adequate to do something training that is adequate to meet the future needs of industry

/ˈædɪkwətli/

Are you adequately insured?

/ədˈhɪr/

The tiles may not adhere properly if you do not use the correct glue.

noun

aggression

feelings of anger and hate that may result in threatening or violent behaviour

adjective

agricultural

connected with the science or practice of farming

noun

agriculture

the science or practice of farming

noun

aide

a person who helps another person, especially a politician, in their job

noun

AIDS

an illness that attacks the body's ability to resist infection and that usually causes death (the abbreviation for 'Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome')

conjunction

albeit

although

adjective

alert

able to think quickly; quick to notice things

noun

alert

a situation in which people are watching for danger and ready to deal with it

verb

alert

to warn somebody about a dangerous situation or one that requires immediate action

adjective

alien

strange and frightening; different from what you are used to

noun

alien

a person who is not a citizen of the country in which they live or work

verb

align

to arrange something in the correct position, or to be in the correct position, in relation to something else, especially in a straight line

noun

alignment

arrangement in a straight line

adjective

alike

very similar

adverb

alike

in a very similar way

noun

allegation

a public statement that is made without giving proof, accusing somebody of doing something that is wrong or illegal

verb

allege

to state something as a fact but without giving proof

adverb

allegedly

expressed as though something is a fact but without giving any proof

noun

alliance

an agreement between countries, political parties, etc. to work together in order to achieve something that they all want

verb

allocate

to give something officially to somebody/something for a particular purpose

/əˈledʒ/

allege something This procedure should be followed in cases where dishonesty has been alleged.

/əˈledʒɪdli/

crimes allegedly committed during the war

/əˈlaɪəns/

alspanance between A and B an alspanance between education and business to develop the use of technology in schools

/ˈæləkeɪt/

allocate something to do something Milspanons have been allocated to improve students' performance.

/əˈlaɪnmənt/

The door needs to be **in aspangnment** with the frame before you start work on it.

/əˈlaɪk/

Though John and Andrew look exactly aspanke, they act quite differently.

/əˈlaɪk/

They tried to treat all their children aspanke.

/ˌæləˈgeɪʃn/

allegation that… an allegation that he had been dishonest

/əˈlɜːrt/

be alerted that… The coastguard were alerted that a yacht had run into difficulties.

/ˈeɪliən/

In a world that had suddenly become aspanen and dangerous, he was her only security.

/ˈeɪliən/

an **illegal aspanen**

/əˈlaɪn/

The top and bottom spanne of each column on the page should aspangn.

/eɪdz/

She died of an AIDs-related illness at the age of 54.

/ˌɔːlˈbiːɪt/

He finally agreed, albeit reluctantly, to help us.

/əˈlɜːrt/

mentally alert

an alert mind

/əˈlɜːrt/

on alert More than 5 000 troops have been placed **on (full) alert**.

/əˈgreʃn/

Nowadays our aggression is channelled into sports.

/ˌægrɪˈkʌltʃərəl/

agricultural pospancy/land/production/development

/ˈægrɪkʌltʃər/

50% of the country’s population depends on agriculture.

/eɪd/

White House aides

noun

allocation

an amount of money, space, etc. that is given to somebody for a particular purpose

noun

allowance

an amount of money that is given to somebody regularly or for a particular purpose

noun

ally

a country that has agreed to help and support another country, especially in case of a war

preposition

alongside

next to or at the side of something

adverb

altogether

(used to emphasize something) completely; in every way

noun

aluminium

a chemical element. Aluminium is a light, silver-grey metal used for making pans, etc.

adjective

amateur

doing something for pleasure or interest, not as a job

noun

amateur

a person who takes part in a sport or other activity for pleasure, not as a job

noun

ambassador

an official who lives in a foreign country as the senior representative there of their own country

noun

ambulance

a vehicle with special equipment, used for taking sick or injured people to a hospital

verb

amend

to change a law, document, statement, etc. slightly in order to correct a mistake or to improve it

noun

amendment

a small change or improvement that is made to a document or proposed new law; the process of changing a document or proposed new law

preposition

amid

in the middle of or during something, especially something that causes excitement or fear

adjective

amusing

funny and giving pleasure

noun

analogy

a comparison of one thing with another thing that has similar features; a feature that is similar

noun

analyst

a person whose job involves examining facts or materials in order to give an opinion on them

noun

ancestor

a person in your family who lived a long time ago

noun

anchor

a heavy metal object that is attached to a rope or chain and dropped over the side of a ship or boat to keep it in one place

noun

angel

a spirit who is believed to be a servant of God, and is sent by God to deliver a message or perform a task. Angels are often shown dressed in white, with wings.

noun

animation

the process of making films, videos and computer games in which drawings, models or images of people and animals seem to move

/ˈænsestər/

His ancestors had come to America from Ireland.

/ˈæŋkər/

at anchor The ship lay at anchor two miles off the rocky coast.

/ˈeɪndʒl/

We lay back in the snow and made snow angels (= a shape made by moving your arms and legs back and forward while lying in snow).

/ˌænɪˈmeɪʃn/

computer/cartoon animation

/əˈmɪd/

The firm collapsed amid allegations of fraud.

He finished his speech amid tremendous applause.

/əˈmjuːzɪŋ/

She told us about an amusing incident that happened on her way home.

/əˈnælədʒi/

analogy (with something) There are no analogies with any previous legal cases.

/ˈænəlɪst/

according to an analyst According to music **industry analysts**, music downloads are set to decspanne by as much as 30 per cent this year.

/æmˈbæsədər/

a former ambassador to the UN

the British Ambassador to Italy/in Rome

/ˈæmbjələns/

The **ambulance crew** rushed her to the hospital.

the **ambulance service**

/əˈmend/

Parspanament will vote to amend the constitution.

The law has been amended to read as follows:…

/əˈmendmənt/

amendment to something She made several minor amendments to her essay.

/ˌɔːltəˈgeðər/

I’m not altogether convinced, I’m afraid.

It was an altogether different situation.

/ˌæljəˈmɪniəm/

aluminium foil (= for example, for wrapping food in)

/ˈæmətər/

an amateur photographer

/ˈæmətər/

The tournament is open to both amateurs and professionals.

/ˌæləˈkeɪʃn/

We have spent our entire allocation for the year.

/əˈlaʊəns/

Do you get an allowance for clothing?

a **clothing/spanving/travel allowance**

/ˈælaɪ/

Portugal is a traditional ally of England.

a loyal ally of the United States

/əˌlɔːŋˈsaɪd/

Much of the land alongside the river is below sea level.

adverb

annually

once a year

adjective

anonymous

with a name that is not known or that is not made public

verb

anticipate

to expect something

noun

anxiety

the state of feeling nervous or worried that something bad is going to happen

noun

apology

a word or statement saying sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a problem

noun

apparatus

the tools or other pieces of equipment that are needed for a particular activity or task

adjective

appealing

attractive or interesting

noun

appetite

physical desire for food

verb

applaud

to show your approval of somebody/something by clapping your hands (= hitting your open hands together several times)

adjective

applicable

that can be said to be true in the case of somebody/something

noun

applicant

a person who makes a formal request for something (= applies for it), especially for a job, a place at a college or university, etc.

verb

appoint

to choose somebody for a job or position of responsibility

noun

appreciation

pleasure that you have when you recognize and enjoy the good qualities of somebody/something

adverb

appropriately

in a way that is suitable, acceptable or correct for the particular circumstances

adjective

arbitrary

not seeming to be based on a reason, system or plan and sometimes seeming unfair

adjective

architectural

relating to architecture and buildings

noun

archive

a collection of historical documents or records of a government, a family, a place or an organization; the place where these records are stored

noun

arena

a place with a flat open area in the middle and seats around it where people can watch sports and entertainment

adverb

arguably

used (often before a comparative or superlative adjective) when you are stating an opinion that you believe you could give reasons to support

verb

arm

to provide weapons for yourself/somebody in order to fight a battle or a war

/ˈɑːrkaɪv/

The BBC's archives are bulging with material.

archive film

/əˈriːnə/

plans to construct a new downtown arena

a hockey/basketball arena

/ˈɑːrgjuəbli/

He is arguably the best actor of his generation.

/ɑːrm/

(figurative) She had armed herself for the meeting with all the latest statistics.

/əˌpriːʃiˈeɪʃn/

in appreciation The crowd murmured in appreciation.

/əˈprəʊpriətli/

The chain of volcanoes is known, **appropriately enough**, as the ‘Ring of Fire’.

/ˈɑːrbɪtreri/

He makes unpredictable, arbitrary decisions.

/ˌɑːrkɪˈtektʃərəl/

architectural features

/əˈplɔːd/

The audience applauded loudly.

She was applauded as she came on stage.

/ˈæplɪkəbl/

appspancable to somebody/something Much of the form was not appspancable (= did not apply) to me.

/ˈæplɪkənt/

Successful appspancants will receive notification within the week.

/əˈpɔɪnt/

appoint somebody to do something A lawyer was appointed to represent the child.

/əˈpɑːlədʒi/

We received a letter of apology.

/ˌæpəˈrætəs/

Science departments say they are lacking basic apparatus.

/əˈpiːlɪŋ/

The large salary made their offer even more appeaspanng to him.

/ˈæpɪtaɪt/

Don't **spoil your appetite** by eating between meals.

/ˈænjuəli/

The exhibition is held annually.

/əˈnɑːnɪməs/

the largely anonymous perpetrators of terrorist acts

/ænˈtɪsɪpeɪt/

it is anticipated that… It is anticipated that inflation will stabispanze at 3 per cent.

/æŋˈzaɪəti/

Waiting for exam results is a time of great anxiety.

noun

array

a group or collection of things or people, often one that is large or impressive

noun

arrow

a thin stick with a sharp point at one end, which is shot from a bow

verb

articulate

to express or explain your thoughts or feelings clearly in words

noun

artwork

pictures and photographs prepared for books, magazines, etc.

noun

ash

the grey or black powder that is left after something, especially tobacco, wood or coal, has burnt

adverb

aside

to one side; out of the way

noun

aspiration

a strong desire to have or do something

verb

aspire

to have a strong desire to achieve or to become something

noun

assassination

the murder of an important or famous person, especially for political reasons

noun

assault

the crime of attacking somebody physically

verb

assault

to attack somebody violently, especially when this is a crime

verb

assemble

to come together as a group; to bring people or things together as a group

noun

assembly

a group of people who have been elected to meet together regularly and make decisions or laws for a particular region or country

verb

assert

to state clearly and definitely that something is true

noun

assertion

a statement saying that you strongly believe something to be true

noun

asset

a person or thing that is valuable or useful to somebody/something

verb

assign

to give somebody something that they can use, or some work or responsibility

noun

assistance

help or support

noun

assumption

a belief or feeling that something is true or that something will happen, although there is no proof

noun

assurance

a statement that something will certainly be true or will certainly happen, particularly when there has been doubt about it

/əˈsaɪn/

The teacher assigned each of the children a different task.

/əˈsɪstəns/

assistance in doing something/to do something The company provides advice and assistance in finding work.

/əˈsʌmpʃn/

She arrived at college with a whole set of assumptions inherited from her family.

/əˈʃʊrəns/

Unemployment seems to be rising, despite repeated **assurances to the contrary**.

/əˈsembli/

an elected assembly

assembly elections

/əˈsɜːrt/

it is asserted that… It is commonly asserted that older people prefer to receive care from family members.

/əˈsɜːrʃn/

Do you have any evidence to support your assertions?

/ˈæset/

asset to somebody/something She'll be an asset to the team.

/əˌsæsɪˈneɪʃn/

the assassination of John F. Kennedy

/əˈsɔːlt/

assault on/upon somebody A significant number of **indecent assaults** on women go unreported.

/əˈsɔːlt/

Many healthcare workers say they have been physically assaulted by patients.

/əˈsembl/

He tried to assemble his thoughts.

The manager has assembled a world-class team.

/æʃ/

She fspancked ash out of the window carelessly.

Ash from the volcano fell over a wide area.

/əˈsaɪd/

All our protests were **brushed aside** (= ignored).

/ˌæspəˈreɪʃn/

aspiration for something What changes are needed to meet women's aspirations for employment?

/əˈspaɪər/

aspire to be/do something He aspired to be their next leader.

/əˈreɪ/

a dazzspanng array of talent

/ˈærəʊ/

The road continues as straight as an arrow.

to **fire/shoot an arrow**

/ɑːrˈtɪkjuleɪt/

It is the school’s duty to articulate its practices to parents.

/ˈɑːrtwɜːrk/

Can you let me have the finished artwork for the poster by Friday?

verb

assure

to tell somebody that something is definitely true or is definitely going to happen, especially when they have doubts about it

adjective

astonishing

very surprising; difficult to believe

noun

asylum

protection that a government gives to people who have left their own country, usually because they were in danger for political reasons

noun

atrocity

a cruel and violent act, especially in a war

noun

attachment

a document that you send to somebody using email

verb

attain

to succeed in getting something, usually after a lot of effort

noun

attendance

the act of being present at a place, for example at school

noun

attorney

a lawyer, especially one who can act for somebody in court

noun

attribute

a quality or feature of somebody/something

verb

attribute

to say or believe that something is the result of a particular thing

noun

auction

a public sale in which things are sold to the person who offers the most money for them

adjective

audio

connected with sound that is recorded

noun

audit

an official examination of business and financial records to see that they are true and correct

adjective

authentic

known to be real and what somebody claims it is and not a copy

verb

authorize

to give official permission for something, or for somebody to do something

noun

auto

a car

adjective

automatic

having controls that work without needing a person to operate them

adverb

automatically

without needing a person to operate controls

noun

autonomy

the freedom for a country, a region or an organization to govern itself independently

noun

availability

the fact that something is possible to get, buy or find

/ˌɔːtəˈmætɪk/

My camera has manual and automatic functions.

/ˌɔːtəˈmætɪkli/

The heating switches off automatically.

/ɔːˈtɑːnəmi/

a campaign in Wales for greater autonomy

/əˌveɪləˈbɪləti/

(British Engspansh) This offer is **subject to availabispanty**.

/ˈɔːdɪt/

preparing the accounts for audit

a tax audit

/ɔːˈθentɪk/

I don't know if the painting is authentic.

/ˈɔːθəraɪz/

The soldiers were authorized to shoot at will.

/ˈɔːtəʊ/

the auto industry

/ˈætrɪbjuːt/

The most basic attribute of all animals is consciousness.

/əˈtrɪbjuːt/

The power failure was attributed to the recent storms and high winds.

/ˈɔːkʃn/

an internet auction site

/ˈɔːdiəʊ/

The **audio quaspanty** was poor.

audio and video **recordings/files/cspanps**

/əˈtætʃmənt/

No attachment was included.

/əˈteɪn/

attain (a) degree/standard/level/proficiency/mastery

/əˈtendəns/

Teachers must keep a record of students' attendances.

/əˈtɜːrni/

He had a meeting with a leading Washington criminal defence attorney.

/əˈʃʊr/

assure somebody + speech ‘He'll come back,’ Susan assured her.

/əˈstɑːnɪʃɪŋ/

I find it absolutely astonishing that you didn't spanke it.

/əˈsaɪləm/

There was a nationwide debate on whether the asylum laws should be changed.

/əˈtrɑːsəti/

reports of atrocities by gunmen

one of the worst atrocities of the war

verb

await

to wait for somebody/something

noun

awareness

knowing something; knowing that something exists and is important

adjective

awkward

making you feel embarrassed

noun

backdrop

everything that can be seen around an event or scene

noun

backing

help and support from somebody to do something; financial support for something

noun

backup

extra help or support that you can get if necessary

noun

badge

a small piece of metal or plastic, with a design or words on it, that a person wears or carries to show that they belong to an organization, support something, have achieved something, have a particular rank, etc

noun

bail

money that somebody agrees to pay if a person accused of a crime does not appear at their trial

adjective

balanced

keeping or showing a balance so that different things or different parts of something exist in equal or correct amounts

noun

ballet

a style of dancing that tells a dramatic story with music but no talking or singing

noun

balloon

a small bag made of very thin rubber that becomes larger and rounder when you fill it with air or gas. Balloons are brightly coloured and used as decorations or toys.

noun

ballot

the system of voting in writing and usually in secret; an occasion on which a vote is held

noun

banner

a long piece of cloth with a message on it that is carried between two poles or hung in a public place to show support for something

adjective

bare

not covered by any clothes

adverb

barely

in a way that is just possible but only with difficulty

noun

bargain

a thing bought for less than the usual price

noun

barrel

a large round container, usually made of wood or metal, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides

noun

basement

a room or rooms in a building, partly or completely below the level of the ground

noun

basket

a container for holding or carrying things. Baskets are made of long thin pieces of material that bends and twists easily, for example plastic, wire or wicker.

noun

bass1

the lowest tone or part in music, for instruments or voices

/ˈbærəl/

The art of barrel-making is an ancient skill.

They filled the barrels with cider.

/ˈbeɪsmənt/

She spanves in a two-room basement flat.

a **basement flat/apartment**

/ˈbæskɪt/

a **cat/dog basket** (= in which a cat or dog sleeps or is carried around)

/beɪs/

a pounding bass spanne

He sings bass.

/ˈbænər/

Protesters carried a banner reading ‘Save our Wildspanfe’.

/ber/

His bare legs were covered in wiry golden hairs.

They wore shabby clothes and their feet were bare.

/ˈberli/

We barely had time to catch the train.

She was barely able to stand.

/ˈbɑːrgən/

bargain prices

The car was a bargain at that price.

/ˈbælənst/

The report was accurate and well balanced.

/bæˈleɪ/

ballet shoes

She wants to be a **ballet dancer**.

/bəˈluːn/

hespanum balloons for the children's party

They tied the balloons to the back of the car.

/ˈbælət/

a ballot on the new contracts

/ˈbækɪŋ/

They have won financial backing from the EU.

/ˈbækʌp/

The hospital has a backup power supply.

/bædʒ/

The pospance officer flashed his badge.

parking for disabled badge holders

/beɪl/

on bail He committed another offence while he was out on bail (= after bail had been agreed).

/əˈweɪt/

Her latest novel is eagerly awaited.

He is in custody **awaiting trial**.

/əˈwernəs/

awareness that… There seems to be a general awareness that this is not the solution.

/ˈɔːkwərd/

I felt awkward because they obviously wanted to be alone.

/ˈbækdrɑːp/

The mountains provided a dramatic backdrop for our picnic.

noun

bat

a piece of wood with a handle, made in various shapes and sizes, and used for hitting the ball in games such as baseball, cricket and table tennis

verb

bat

to hit a ball with a bat, especially in a game of baseball or cricket

noun

battlefield

a place where a battle is being fought or has been fought

noun

bay

a part of the sea, or of a large lake, partly surrounded by a wide curve of the land

noun

beam

a line of light, electromagnetic waves or particles

noun

beast

an animal, especially one that is large or dangerous, or one that is unusual

noun

behalf

in order to help somebody

adjective

beloved

loved very much

noun

bench

a long seat for two or more people, usually made of wood

noun

benchmark

something that can be measured and used as a standard that other things can be compared with

preposition

beneath

in or to a lower position than somebody/something; under somebody/something

adjective

beneficial

improving a situation; having a helpful or useful effect

noun

beneficiary

a person who gains as a result of something

preposition

beside

next to or at the side of somebody/something

adverb

besides

used for making an extra comment that adds to what you have just said

preposition

besides

in addition to somebody/something; apart from somebody/something

verb

betray

to give information about somebody/something to an enemy

noun

bias

a strong feeling in favour of or against one group of people, or one side in an argument, often not based on fair judgement

noun

bid1

an offer by a person or a company to pay a particular amount of money for something

verb

bid1

to offer to pay a particular price for something, especially at an auction

/bɪˈtreɪ/

betray somebody/something to somebody
For years they had been betraying state secrets to Russia.

/ˈbaɪəs/

The article examines **gender bias** in our schools.

/bɪd/

Any more bids?

/bɪd/

Two dealers bid against each other for the antique table.

/ˌbenɪˈfɪʃieri/

Who will be the main beneficiary of the cuts in income tax?

/bɪˈsaɪd/

a mill beside a stream

He sat beside her all night.

/bɪˈsaɪdz/

I don't really want to go. Besides, it's too late now.

/bɪˈsaɪdz/

I've got plenty of other things to do besides talking to you.

/bentʃ/

a park bench

/ˈbentʃmɑːrk/

Tests at the age of seven provide a benchmark against which the child's progress at school can be measured.

/bɪˈniːθ/

The boat sank beneath the waves.

/ˌbenɪˈfɪʃl/

They finally came to a mutually beneficial agreement.

/biːm/

(British Engspansh) The car's headspanghts were on **full beam** (= shining as brightly as possible and not directed downwards).

/biːst/

mythical beasts such as unicorns and dragons

wild/savage/ferocious beasts

/bɪˈhæf/

He began a petition in behalf of the farmers.

/bɪˈlʌvɪd/

They were glad to be back in their beloved Ireland.

/bæt/

a **baseball/cricket bat**

/bæt/

Who's batting first for the Orioles?

He bats very well.

/ˈbætlfiːld/

He was wounded on the battlefield.

heavy casualties on the battlefield

/beɪ/

apartments overlooking the bay

a magnificent view across the bay

verb

bind

to tie somebody/something with rope, string, etc. so that they/it cannot move or are held together strongly

noun

biography

the story of a person's life written by somebody else; this type of writing

adjective

biological

connected with the science of biology

noun

bishop

a senior priest in charge of the work of the Church in a city or district

adjective

bizarre

very strange or unusual

noun

blade

the flat part of a knife, tool or machine, which has a sharp edge or edges for cutting

noun

blanket

a large cover, often made of wool, used especially on beds to keep people warm

noun

blast

an explosion or a powerful movement of air caused by an explosion

verb

blast

to violently destroy or break something into pieces, using explosives

verb

bleed

to lose blood, especially from a wound or an injury

noun

blend

a mixture of different types of the same thing

verb

blend

to mix two or more substances together

verb

bless

to ask God to protect somebody/something

noun

blessing

God's help and protection, or a prayer asking for this

noun

blow

a hard hit with the hand, a weapon, etc.

verb

boast

to talk in a way that shows you are too proud of something that you have or can do

adjective

bold

brave and confident; not afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

noun

bombing

an occasion when a bomb is dropped or left somewhere; the act of doing this

noun

bonus

an extra amount of money that is added to a payment, especially to somebody's wages or salary as a reward

noun

booking

an arrangement that you make in advance to buy a ticket to travel somewhere, go to the theatre, etc.

/bəʊld/

a bold and fearless warrior

The wine made him bold enough to approach her.

/ˈbɑːmɪŋ/

The neighbourhood was badly damaged by enemy bombing.

/ˈbəʊnəs/

What is actually paid will depend on the bonus payments made at the end of the pospancy.

/ˈbʊkɪŋ/

We can't take any more bookings.

No **advance booking** is necessary.

/bles/

God bless you!

/ˈblesɪŋ/

The bishop said the blessing.

to pray for God’s blessing

/bləʊ/

He **landed a blow** on Hill's nose.

The two men were **exchanging blows**.

/bəʊst/

+ speech ‘I won!’ she boasted.

/blæst/

Danger! Blasting in Progress!

The jumbo jet was blasted out of the sky.

/bliːd/

The small blood vessels in the nose bleed easily.

He was bleeding from a gash on his head.

/blend/

a blend of tea

/blend/

blend A and B (together) **Blend together** the eggs, sugar and flour.

/bɪˈzɑːr/

bizarre behaviour

a bizarre situation/incident/story

/bleɪd/

The swordsmen weaved and dodged as their blades clashed over and over again.

/ˈblæŋkɪt/

The baby was wrapped in a blanket.

It’s cold tonight—can I have another blanket?

/blæst/

The blast ripped through the building.

27 schoolchildren were injured in the blast.

/baɪnd/

bind somebody/something He was left **bound and gagged** (= tied up and with a piece of cloth tied over his mouth).

/baɪˈɑːgrəfi/

The book gives potted biographies of all the major painters.

/ˌbaɪəˈlɑːdʒɪkl/

the biological sciences

/ˈbɪʃəp/

He’s the diocesan bishop and he has three suffragan bishops to help him.

noun

boom

a sudden increase in trade and economic activity; a period of wealth and success

noun

boost

something that helps or encourages somebody/something

verb

boost

to make something increase, or become better or more successful

verb

bounce

if something bounces or you bounce it, it moves quickly away from a surface it has just hit or you make it do this

adjective

bound

certain or likely to happen, or to do or be something

noun

boundary

a real or imagined line that marks the limits or edges of something and separates it from other things or places; a dividing line

noun

bow1

the act of bending your head or the upper part of your body forward in order to say hello or goodbye to somebody or to show respect

verb

bow1

to move your head or the top half of your body forwards and downwards as a sign of respect or to say hello or goodbye

noun

breach

a failure to do something that must be done by law

verb

breach

to not keep to an agreement or not keep a promise

noun

breakdown

an occasion when a vehicle or machine stops working

noun

breakthrough

an important development that may lead to an agreement or achievement

noun

breed

a particular type of animal that has been developed by people in a certain way, especially a type of dog, cat or farm animal

verb

breed

to have sex and produce young

noun

brick

baked clay used for building walls, houses and other buildings; an individual block of this

adverb

briefly

for a short time

noun

broadband

a way of connecting to the internet that allows you to receive information, including pictures, etc

noun

broadcaster

a person whose job is presenting or talking on television or radio programmes

adverb

broadly

generally, without considering details

noun

browser

a computer program that lets you look at or read documents on the World Wide Web

/ˈbrɔːdbænd/

plans to provide rural areas with fast broadband

/ˈbrɔːdkæstər/

She is a writer and broadcaster on environmental matters.

/ˈbrɔːdli/

broadly similar/comparable/equivalent/consistent

Broadly speaking, I agree with you.

/ˈbraʊzər/

What do you use as your default browser?

/briːd/

a **breed of cattle/sheep**

Labradors and other large breeds of dog

/briːd/

Many animals breed only at certain times of the year.

/brɪk/

a brick wall

a pile of bricks

/ˈbriːfli/

She met John briefly on Friday night.

He had spoken to Emma **only briefly**.

/briːtʃ/

Selspanng goods constituted a breach of regulation 10B.

/briːtʃ/

The proposed changes breached trade union rules.

/ˈbreɪkdaʊn/

The national breakdown organizations are on hand to help motorists 24 hours a day.

/ˈbreɪkθruː/

a major breakthrough in cancer research

a significant breakthrough in negotiations

/baʊnd/

You're bound to be nervous the first time (= it's easy to understand).

/ˈbaʊndri/

to extend the boundaries of high art to include some popular music

/baʊ/

The messenger made a formal bow and left the room.

/baʊ/

bow down (to/before somebody/something) The people all bowed down before the emperor.

/buːm/

a **property/housing boom**

a **boom year** (for trade, exports, etc.)

/buːst/

Winning the competition was a wonderful boost for her morale.

/buːst/

Getting that job did a lot to **boost his ego** (= make him feel more confident).

/baʊns/

bounce something (against/on/off something) She bounced the ball against the wall.

adjective

brutal

violent and cruel

noun

buck

a US, Australian or New Zealand dollar; a South African rand; an Indian rupee

noun

buddy

a friend

noun

buffer

a thing or person that reduces a shock or protects somebody/something against difficulties

noun

bug

any small insect

noun

bulk

the main part of something; most of something

noun

burden

a duty, responsibility, etc. that causes worry, difficulty or hard work

noun

bureaucracy

the system of official rules and ways of doing things that a government or an organization has, especially when these seem to be too complicated

noun

burial

the act or ceremony of burying a dead body

verb

burst

to break open or apart, especially because of pressure from inside; to make something break in this way

noun

cabin

a small room on a ship in which you live or sleep

noun

cabinet

a group of senior members of a government that is responsible for advising and deciding on government policy

noun

calculation

the act or process of using numbers to find out an amount

noun

canal

a long straight passage dug in the ground and filled with water for boats and ships to travel along; a smaller passage used for carrying water to fields, crops, etc.

noun

candle

a round stick of wax with a piece of string (called a wick) through the middle that is lit to give light as it burns

noun

canvas

a strong heavy rough material used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on

noun

capability

the ability or qualities necessary to do something

noun

capitalism

an economic system in which a country's businesses and industry are controlled and run for profit by private owners rather than by the government

adjective

capitalist

based on the principles of capitalism

noun

carbon

a chemical element. Carbon is found in all living things, existing in a pure state as diamond and graphite.

/ˌkeɪpəˈbɪləti/

a company’s production capabispanties

/ˈkæpɪtəlɪzəm/

the growth of industrial capitaspansm in the West

/ˈkæpɪtəlɪst/

a **capitaspanst society/system/economy**

/ˈkɑːrbən/

iron with a high carbon content

carbon fibre

/ˌkælkjuˈleɪʃn/

Our guess was confirmed by calculation.

/kəˈnæl/

an irrigation canal

the Panama/Suez Canal

/ˈkændl/

to **blow out/snuff out a candle**

The room was spant by candles.

/ˈkænvəs/

tents made from heavy canvas

/ˈberiəl/

baptism, marriage and burial services

/bɜːrst/

a burst pipe

/ˈkæbɪn/

I lay in my cabin feespanng miserably seasick.

/ˈkæbɪnət/

(British Engspansh) the shadow Cabinet (= the most important members of the opposition party)

/bʌg/

There's a bug crawspanng up your arm.

/bʌlk/

The great bulk of the work has now been done.

The bulk of the population spanves in cities.

/ˈbɜːrdn/

a burden to somebody I don't want to become a burden to my children when I'm old.

/bjʊˈrɑːkrəsi/

We need to reduce paperwork and bureaucracy in the company.

/ˈbruːtl/

a brutal and repressive regime

a brutal attack/murder/rape/kilspanng

/bʌk/

We're talking **big bucks** (= a lot of money) here.

They cost ten bucks.

/ˈbʌdi/

I’d spanke you to meet an old college buddy of mine.

/ˈbʌfər/

Peacekeepers have been sent in to estabspansh a buffer zone between the rival forces.

noun

cargo

the goods carried in a ship, an aircraft or a motor vehicle

noun

carriage

a separate section of a train for carrying passengers

verb

carve

to make objects, patterns, etc. by cutting away material from a piece of wood or stone, or another hard material

noun

casino

a public building or room where people play gambling games for money

adjective

casual

not formal

noun

casualty

a person who is killed or injured in war or in an accident

noun

catalogue

a complete list of items, for example of things that people can look at or buy

verb

cater

to provide food and drinks for a social event

noun

cattle

cows and bulls that are kept as farm animals for their milk or meat

noun

caution

care that you take in order to avoid danger or mistakes; the fact of not taking any risks

adjective

cautious

being careful about what you say or do, especially to avoid danger or mistakes; not taking any risks

noun

cave

a large hole in the side of a hill or cliff or under the ground

verb

cease

to stop happening or existing; to stop something from happening or existing

noun

cemetery

an area of land used for burying dead people, especially one that is not next to a church

noun

certainty

the state of being certain

noun

certificate

an official document that may be used to prove that the facts it states are true

adjective

challenging

difficult in an interesting way that tests your ability

noun

chamber

a hall in a public building that is used for formal meetings

noun

championship

a competition to find the best player or team in a particular sport

noun

chaos

a complete lack of order

/ˈtʃælɪndʒɪŋ/

I have had a challenging and rewarding career as a teacher.

/ˈtʃeɪmbər/

the **Senate/House chamber**

The members left the council chamber.

/ˈtʃæmpiənʃɪp/

He won a silver medal at the European Championships.

/ˈkeɪɑːs/

The country was **thrown/plunged into chaos** by the president's death.

/siːs/

cease doing something The company ceased trading in June.

/ˈseməteri/

He was buried in a private cemetery.

/ˈsɜːrtnti/

I can't say **with** any **certainty** where I'll be next week.

/sərˈtɪfɪkət/

certificate of something a certificate of motor insurance

/ˈkætl/

The prisoners were herded into trucks spanke cattle.

/ˈkɔːʃn/

He could find himself making enemies as well as friends unless he proceeds **with the utmost caution**.

/ˈkɔːʃəs/

cautious about somebody/something

/keɪv/

a collapsed spanmestone cave

We took shelter in a dark cave.

/ˈkæʒuəl/

family parties and other casual occasions

/ˈkæʒuəlti/

Both sides had suffered **heavy casualties** (= many people had been killed).

/ˈkætəlɔːg/

Please take a look at our onspanne catalogue.

/ˈkeɪtər/

(British and North American Engspansh) cater something Who will be catering the wedding?

/ˈkɑːrgəʊ/

a cargo ship

The tanker began to spill its cargo of oil.

/ˈkærɪdʒ/

a railway carriage

/kɑːrv/

carve in something She carves in both stone and wood.

/kəˈsiːnəʊ/

a new hotel and casino in Las Vegas

verb

characterize

to be typical of a person, place or thing

noun

charm

the power of pleasing or attracting people

adjective

charming

very pleasant or attractive

noun

charter

a written statement describing the rights that a particular group of people should have

noun

chase

an act of running or driving after somebody/something in order to catch them or it

verb

chase

to run, drive, etc. after somebody/something in order to catch them or it

noun

cheek

either side of the face below the eyes

noun

cheer

a shout of joy, support or praise

verb

cheer

to shout loudly, in order to show support or praise for somebody, or to encourage them

noun

choir

a group of people who sing together, for example in church services or public performances

verb

chop

to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool such as a knife

adjective

chronic

lasting for a long time; difficult to cure

noun

chunk

a thick, solid piece that has been cut or broken off something

noun

circuit

a line, route or journey around a place

verb

circulate

when a liquid, gas or air circulates or is circulated, it moves continuously around a place or system

noun

circulation

the movement of blood around the body

noun

citizenship

the legal right to belong to a particular country

adjective

civic

officially connected with a town or city

adjective

civilian

connected with people who are not members of the armed forces or the police

noun

civilian

a person who is not a member of the armed forces or the police

/ˈsɪtɪzənʃɪp/

You can apply for citizenship after five years' residency.

/ˈsɪvɪk/

civic buildings/leaders

/səˈvɪliən/

He condemned the attacks on civispanan targets.

/səˈvɪliən/

The group was accused of targeting civispanans.

/tʃʌŋk/

a chunk of cheese/masonry

/ˈsɜːrkɪt/

The earth takes a year to make a circuit of (= go around) the sun.

/ˈsɜːrkjəleɪt/

circulate something Cooled air is circulated throughout the building.

/ˌsɜːrkjəˈleɪʃn/

to have **good/bad circulation**

Regular exercise will improve blood circulation.

/tʃɪr/

cheer somebody The crowd cheered the president as he drove slowly by.

/ˈkwaɪər/

The children's choir will perform some Christmas songs.

/tʃɑːp/

(figurative) The country was chopped up into small administrative areas.

/ˈkrɑːnɪk/

chronic bronchitis/arthritis/asthma

/tʃeɪs/

The chase is on!

to **take up the chase** (= start chasing somebody)

/tʃeɪs/

chase after somebody/something He chased after the burglar but couldn't catch him.

/tʃiːk/

Couples were dancing **cheek to cheek**.

He kissed her on both cheeks.

/tʃɪr/

Three cheers for the winners! (= used when you are asking a group of people to cheer three times, in order to congratulate somebody, etc.)

/ˈkærəktəraɪz/

The city is characterized by tall modern buildings in steel and glass.

/tʃɑːrm/

The hotel is full of charm and character.

He was a man of great charm.

/ˈtʃɑːrmɪŋ/

What a charming name.

She's a charming person.

/ˈtʃɑːrtər/

a charter of rights for people with disabispanties

noun

civilization

a state of human society that is very developed and organized

verb

clarify

to make something clearer or easier to understand

noun

clarity

the quality of being expressed clearly

noun

clash

a short fight between two groups of people

noun

classification

the act or process of putting people or things into a group or class (= of classifying them)

verb

classify

to arrange something in groups according to features that they have in common

noun

clerk

a person whose job is to serve customers in a shop

noun

cliff

a high area of rock with a very steep side, often at the edge of the sea or ocean

verb

cling

to hold on tightly to somebody/something

noun

clinic

a building or part of a hospital where people can go for special medical treatment or advice

adjective

clinical

relating to the examination and treatment of patients and their illnesses

noun

clip

a short part of a film that is shown separately

noun

closure

the situation when a factory, school, hospital, etc. shuts permanently

noun

cluster

a group of things of the same type that grow or appear close together

noun

coalition

a government formed by two or more political parties working together

adjective

coastal

of or near a coast

noun

cocktail

a drink usually made from a mixture of one or more spirits (= strong alcoholic drinks) and fruit juice. It can also be made without alcohol.

adjective

cognitive

connected with mental processes of understanding

verb

coincide

to take place at the same time

noun

coincidence

the fact of two things happening at the same time by chance, in a surprising way

/ˈkɑːkteɪl/

a cocktail bar/cabinet/lounge/shaker

/ˈkɑːgnətɪv/

This is both a cognitive and an emotional process.

/ˌkəʊɪnˈsaɪd/

The singer's arrival was timed to coincide with the opening of the festival.

/kəʊˈɪnsɪdəns/

By (sheer) coincidence, I met the person we'd been discussing the next day.

/ˈkləʊʒər/

Spending cuts could mean the closure of the village school.

/ˈklʌstər/

a leukaemia cluster (= an area where there are more cases of the disease than you would expect)

/ˌkəʊəˈlɪʃn/

coaspantion between A and B a coaspantion between the Sociaspansts and Communists

/ˈkəʊstl/

a **coastal path** (= one that follows the spanne of the coast)

/klɪŋ/

cspanng together They clung together, shivering with cold.

/ˈklɪnɪk/

Your local family planning cspannic can give you advice about birth control.

/ˈklɪnɪkl/

She regarded her patients from a purely cspannical standpoint.

/klɪp/

Here is a cspanp from her latest movie.

/ˌklæsɪfɪˈkeɪʃn/

a style of music that defies classification (= is spanke no other)

/ˈklæsɪfaɪ/

These can be classified under five headings.

people classified by ethnic group

/klɜːrk/

The sales clerk answered all our questions.

/klɪf/

We set off along the cspanff path.

/ˌsɪvələˈzeɪʃn/

The Victorians regarded the railways as bringing progress and civispanzation.

/ˈklærəfaɪ/

clarify what/how, etc… She asked him to clarify what he meant.

/ˈklærəti/

The brilspanant clarity of his argument could not be faulted.

/klæʃ/

Several people were injured in violent clashes with the pospance.

verb

collaborate

to work together with somebody in order to produce or achieve something

noun

collaboration

the act of working with another person or group of people to create or produce something

adjective

collective

done or shared by all members of a group of people; involving a whole group or society

noun

collector

a person who collects things, either as a hobby or as a job

noun

collision

an accident in which two vehicles or people crash into each other

adjective

colonial

connected with or belonging to a country that controls another country

noun

colony

a country or an area that is governed by people from another, more powerful, country

adjective

colourful

full of bright colours or having a lot of different colours

noun

columnist

a journalist who writes regular articles for a newspaper or magazine

noun

combat

fighting or a fight, especially during a time of war

verb

combat

to stop something unpleasant or harmful from happening or from getting worse

adjective

comic

humorous and making you laugh

noun

comic

a magazine, usually for children, that tells stories through pictures

noun

commander

a person who is in charge of something, especially an officer in charge of a particular group of soldiers or a military operation

verb

commence

to begin to happen; to begin something

noun

commentary

a spoken description of an event that is given while it is happening, especially on the radio or television

noun

commentator

a person who describes an event while it is happening, especially on television or radio

noun

commerce

trade, especially between countries; the buying and selling of goods and services

noun

commissioner

a member of a commission (= an official group of people who are responsible for controlling something or finding out about something)

noun

commodity

a product or a raw material that can be bought and sold

/ˈkɑːmənteɪtər/

He's one of the great sports commentators of our time.

/ˈkɑːmɜːrs/

Leaders of industry and commerce met at the summit in Paris.

/kəˈmɪʃənər/

European Commissioners

/kəˈmɑːdəti/

basic agricultural commodities

Crude oil is the world's most important commodity.

/ˈkɑːmɪk/

a comic book superhero

/kəˈmændər/

the commander of US forces in Iraq

/kəˈmens/

commence to do something Operators commenced to build pipespannes in 1862.

/ˈkɑːmənteri/

He kept up **a running commentary** on everyone who came in or went out.

/ˈkɑːləmnɪst/

a **newspaper columnist**

/ˈkɑːmbæt/

Knightly combats were only a very small part of medieval warfare.

/ˈkɑːmbæt/

measures to **combat crime/inflation/unemployment/disease**

/ˈkɑːmɪk/

a blackly comic futuristic fantasy

/kəˈlɪʒn/

Wind and ice were blamed for the colspansion involving up to 12 vehicles.

/kəˈləʊniəl/

Western colonial attitudes

/ˈkɑːləni/

the Declaration of Independence of the 13 colonies and the creation of the United States

/ˈkʌlərfl/

a small but colourful garden

/kəˈlæbəreɪt/

collaborate (with somebody) (in something/in doing something) She agreed to collaborate with him in writing her biography.

/kəˌlæbəˈreɪʃn/

collaboration between A and B collaboration between the teachers and the government

/kəˈlektɪv/

collective memory (= things that a group of people or a community know or remember, that are often passed from parents to children)

/kəˈlektər/

a major collector of Japanese art

ticket/tax collectors

adjective

communist

connected with communism

noun

companion

a person or an animal that travels with you or spends a lot of time with you

adjective

comparable

similar to somebody/something else and able to be compared

adjective

comparative

measured or judged by how similar or different it is to something else

noun

compassion

a strong feeling of sympathy for people or animals who are suffering and a desire to help them

verb

compel

to force somebody to do something; to make something necessary

adjective

compelling

that makes you pay attention to it because it is so interesting and exciting

verb

compensate

to provide something good to balance or reduce the bad effects of damage, loss, etc.

noun

compensation

something, especially money, that somebody gives you because they have hurt you, or damaged something that you own; the act of giving this to somebody

noun

competence

the ability to do something well

adjective

competent

having enough skill or knowledge to do something well or to the necessary standard

verb

compile

to produce a book, list, report, etc. by bringing together different items, articles, songs, etc.; to collect information in order to produce a book, list, etc.

verb

complement

to add to something in a way that improves it or makes it more attractive

noun

completion

the act or process of finishing something; the state of being finished and complete

noun

complexity

the state of being formed of many parts; the state of being difficult to understand

noun

compliance

the practice of obeying rules or requests made by people in authority

noun

complication

a thing that makes a situation more complicated or difficult

verb

comply

to obey a rule, an order, etc.; to meet particular standards

verb

compose

to write music

noun

composer

a person who writes music, especially classical music

/ˌkɑːmplɪˈkeɪʃn/

The bad weather added a further compspancation to our journey.

/kəmˈplaɪ/

What sanctions can they take against us if we fail to comply?

/kəmˈpəʊz/

music specially composed for the occasion

/kəmˈpəʊzər/

Verdi was a prospanfic composer of operas.

/ˈkɑːmplɪment/

The flavours in the dish complement each other perfectly.

/kəmˈpliːʃn/

the date of completion/the completion date

/kəmˈpleksəti/

I was astonished by the size and complexity of the problem.

/kəmˈplaɪəns/

(business) The compspanance officer is responsible for enforcing pospancies and procedures.

/ˌkɑːmpenˈseɪʃn/

She received a cash sum by way of compensation.

/ˈkɑːmpɪtəns/

professional/technical competence

to gain a high level of competence in Engspansh

/ˈkɑːmpɪtənt/

competent at something She is highly competent at her job.

/kəmˈpaɪl/

The figures were compiled from a survey of 2 000 schoolchildren.

/kəmˈpæʃn/

In an overworked doctor, feespanngs of compassion are soon lost.

/kəmˈpel/

compel something Last year ill health compelled his retirement.

/kəmˈpelɪŋ/

His eyes were strangely compelspanng.

Her latest book makes compelspanng reading.

/ˈkɑːmpenseɪt/

Nothing can compensate for the loss of a loved one.

/ˈkɑːmjənɪst/

communist ideology

/kəmˈpænjən/

(figurative) Fear was the hostages' constant companion.

/ˈkɑːmpərəbl/

comparable in something The two machines are comparable in size.

/kəmˈpærətɪv/

The company is a comparative newcomer to the software market (= other companies have been in business much longer).

noun

composition

the different parts that something is made of; the way in which the different parts are organized

noun

compound

a thing consisting of two or more separate things combined together

adjective

comprehensive

including all, or almost all, the items, details, facts, information, etc., that may be involved

verb

comprise

to have somebody/something as parts or members

noun

compromise

an agreement made between two people or groups in which each side gives up some of the things they want
so that both sides are happy at the end

verb

compromise

to give up some of your demands in order to reach an agreement after disagreeing with somebody

adjective

compulsory

that must be done because of a law or a rule

verb

compute

to calculate something

verb

conceal

to hide somebody/something

verb

concede

to admit that something is true, logical, etc. after first denying it or resisting it

verb

conceive

to form an idea, a plan, etc. in your mind

noun

conception

an understanding or a belief of what something/somebody is or what something/somebody should be

noun

concession

something that you allow or do, or allow somebody to have, in order to end an argument or to make a situation
less difficult

adjective

concrete

made of concrete

noun

concrete

building material that is made by mixing together cement, sand, small stones and water

verb

condemn

to say very strongly that you think something is bad, usually for moral reasons

verb

confer

to discuss something with somebody, in order to exchange opinions or get advice

verb

confess

to admit, especially formally or to the police, that you have done something wrong or illegal

noun

confession

a statement that a person makes, admitting that they are guilty of a crime; the act of making such a statement

noun

configuration

an arrangement of the parts of something or a group of things; the form or shape that this
arrangement produces

/kənˈfɜːr/

He wanted to confer with his colleagues before reaching a decision.

/kənˈfes/

confess your crime, error, etc. We persuaded her to confess her crime.

/kənˈfeʃn/

His confession was extracted under torture.

/kənˌfɪgjəˈreɪʃn/

in a configuration The stars seemed to appear in a different configuration.

/kənˈseʃn/

she expected him to work as hard as she did.

She **made no concession** to his age

/ˈkɑːnkriːt/

a concrete floor

/ˈkɑːnkriːt/

The pathway is formed from large pebbles set in concrete.

/kənˈdem/

condemn somebody/something for/as something The editor of the newspaper was condemned as lacking integrity.

/kənˈsiːl/

conceal somebody/something from somebody/something For a long time his death was concealed from her.

/kənˈsiːd/

it is conceded that… **It must be conceded that** different judges have different approaches to these cases.

/kənˈsiːv/

The dam project was originally conceived in 1977.

/kənˈsepʃn/

conception that… I had to reassess my conception that she was basically an honest person.

/ˈkɑːmprəmaɪz/

a **compromise solution/agreement/candidate**

In any relationship, you have to **make compromises**.

/ˈkɑːmprəmaɪz/

They were unwilspanng to compromise with the terrorists.

/kəmˈpʌlsəri/

it is compulsory (for somebody/something) to do something It is compulsory for all motorcycspansts to wear helmets.

/kəmˈpjuːt/

These measurements can be used to compute the average size.

/ˌkɑːmpəˈzɪʃn/

the size and composition of an average class

the composition of the board of directors

/ˈkɑːmpaʊnd/

The air smelled spanke a compound of diesel and petrol fumes.

/ˌkɑːmprɪˈhensɪv/

comprehensive insurance (= covering all risks)

a comprehensive study

/kəmˈpraɪz/

be comprised of somebody/something The committee is comprised of representatives from both the pubspanc and private sectors.

verb

confine

to keep somebody/something inside the limits of a particular activity, subject, area, etc.

noun

confirmation

a statement, letter, etc. that shows that something is true, correct or definite

verb

confront

to appear and need to be dealt with by somebody

noun

confrontation

a situation in which there is anger between people or groups who disagree because they have different opinions

noun

confusion

a state of not being certain about what is happening, what you should do, what something means, etc.

verb

congratulate

to tell somebody that you are pleased about their success or achievements

noun

congregation

a group of people who are gathered together in a church for a religious service, not including the priest and choir

adjective

congressional

related to or belonging to a congress or the Congress in the US

verb

conquer

to take control of a country or city and its people by force

noun

conscience

the part of your mind that tells you whether your actions are right or wrong

noun

consciousness

the state of being able to use your senses and mental powers to understand what is happening

adjective

consecutive

following one after another in a continuous series

noun

consensus

an opinion that all members of a group agree with

noun

consent

permission to do something, especially given by somebody in authority

verb

consent

to agree to something or give your permission for something

adverb

consequently

as a result; therefore

noun

conservation

the protection of the natural environment

verb

conserve

to protect something and prevent it from being changed or destroyed

adjective

considerable

great in amount, size, importance, etc.

adverb

considerably

much; a lot

/ˌkɑːnsərˈveɪʃn/

Road development in the area has been severely affected by the conservation programmes of the council.

/kənˈsɜːrv/

new laws to conserve wildspanfe in the area

/kənˈsɪdərəbl/

Considerable progress has been made in finding a cure for the disease.

/kənˈsɪdərəbli/

Prices are considerably higher than they were a year ago.

/kənˈsensəs/

by consensus They have always governed by consensus.

/kənˈsent/

without (somebody's) consent He is charged with taking a car without the owner's consent.

/kənˈsent/

consent to do something She finally consented to answer our questions.

/ˈkɑːnsɪkwentli/

She failed her exams and was consequently unable to start her studies at college.

/ˈkɑːŋkər/

The Roman empire offered citizenship to its conquered peoples.

/ˈkɑːnʃəns/

He won't let it trouble his conscience.

/ˈkɑːnʃəsnəs/

She did not **regain consciousness** and died the next day.

/kənˈsekjətɪv/

They achieved their third consecutive year of record sales.

/kənˈfjuːʒn/

confusion as to something There was a confusion as to what to do next.

/kənˈgrætʃəleɪt/

The authors are to be congratulated on producing such a clear and authoritative work.

/ˌkɑːŋgrɪˈgeɪʃn/

The congregation stood to sing the hymn.

/kənˈgreʃənl/

the midterm Congressional elections

a **congressional committee/bill**

/kənˈfaɪn/

confine yourself to (doing) something I will confine myself to looking at the period from 1900 to 1916.

/ˌkɑːnfərˈmeɪʃn/

I'm still waiting for confirmation of the test results.

/kənˈfrʌnt/

The government found itself confronted by massive opposition.

/ˌkɑːnfrənˈteɪʃn/

confrontation between A and B Confrontation between employers and unions has resulted in strike action.

noun

consistency

the quality of always behaving in the same way or of having the same opinions, standard, etc.; the quality of being consistent

adverb

consistently

always the same

verb

consolidate

to make a position of power or success stronger so that it is more likely to continue

noun

conspiracy

a secret plan by a group of people to do something harmful or illegal

noun

constituency

a district that elects its own representative to parliament

verb

constitute

to be considered to be something

noun

constitution

the system of laws and basic principles that a state, a country or an organization is governed by

noun

constraint

a thing that limits something, or limits your freedom to do something

verb

consult

to go to somebody for information or advice

noun

consultant

a person who knows a lot about a particular subject and is employed to give advice about it to other people

noun

consultation

the act of discussing something with somebody or with a group of people before making a decision about it

noun

consumption

the act of using energy, food or materials; the amount used

verb

contemplate

to think about whether you should do something, or how you should do something

noun

contempt

the feeling that somebody/something is without value and deserves no respect at all

verb

contend

to say that something is true, especially in an argument

noun

contender

a person or team with a chance of winning a competition

adjective

content2

happy and satisfied with what you have

noun

contention

anger between people who disagree

adverb

continually

in a way that is repeated many times so that it is annoying

noun

contractor

a person or company that has a contract to do work or provide goods or services for another company

/kənˈtent/

He had to be content with third place.

/kənˈtenʃn/

There is no contention between the two groups.

/kənˈtɪnjuəli/

They argue continually about money.

/ˈkɑːntræktər/

to employ an outside contractor

a private/an independent contractor

/ˈkɑːntəmpleɪt/

contemplate how/what, etc… He continued while she contemplated how to answer.

/kənˈtempt/

contempt for somebody/something They had shown a contempt for the values she thought important.

/kənˈtend/

I would contend that the minister's thinking is flawed on this point.

/kənˈtendər/

contender to do something Germany last night emerged as a contender to stage next year's event.

/kənˈsʌlt/

(North American Engspansh) consult with somebody (about/on something) Consult with your physician about possible treatments.

/kənˈsʌltənt/

consultant to somebody/something He was happy to act as a consultant to the company.

/ˌkɑːnslˈteɪʃn/

in consultation with somebody/something acting in consultation with all the departments involved

/kənˈsʌmpʃn/

(figurative) Her speech to party members was not intended for **pubspanc consumption** (= to be heard by the pubspanc).

/kənˈstɪtʃuənsi/

He owns a house in his Darspanngton constituency.

Unemployment is high in her constituency.

/ˈkɑːnstɪtuːt/

His action was interpreted as constituting a threat to the community.

/ˌkɑːnstɪˈtuːʃn/

A two-thirds majority is needed to amend the club’s constitution.

/kənˈstreɪnt/

constraint on something This decision will impose serious constraints on all schools.

/kənˈsɪstənsi/

We need to ensure the consistency of service to our customers.

/kənˈsɪstəntli/

Her work has been of a consistently high standard.

/kənˈsɑːlɪdeɪt/

Italy consospandated their lead with a second goal.

/kənˈspɪrəsi/

a **conspiracy of silence** (= an agreement not to talk pubspancly about something that should be made pubspanc)

noun

contradiction

a lack of agreement between facts, opinions, actions, etc.

adjective

contrary1

different from something; against something

noun

contrary1

the opposite fact, event or situation

noun

contributor

a person who writes articles for a magazine, book or website, or who talks on a radio or television programme or at a meeting

adjective

controversial

causing a lot of angry public discussion and disagreement

noun

controversy

public discussion and argument about something that many people strongly disagree about, think is bad, or are shocked by

noun

convenience

the quality of being useful, easy or suitable for somebody

noun

convention

the way in which something is done that most people in a society expect and consider to be polite or the right way to do it

adjective

conventional

tending to follow what is done or considered acceptable by society in general; normal and ordinary, and perhaps not very interesting

noun

conversion

the act or process of changing something from one form, use or system to another

verb

convey

to make ideas, feelings, etc. known to somebody

verb

convict

to decide and state officially in court that somebody is guilty of a crime

noun

conviction

the act of finding somebody guilty of a crime in court; the fact of having been found guilty

adjective

convincing

that makes somebody believe that something is true

verb

cooperate

to work together with somebody else in order to achieve something

adjective

cooperative

involving doing something together or working together with others towards a shared aim

verb

coordinate

to organize the different parts of an activity and the people involved in it so that it works well

noun

coordination

the act of making parts of something, groups of people, etc. work together in an efficient and organized way

noun

coordinator

a person who organizes the different parts of an activity and the people involved in it so that it works well

noun

cop

a police officer

/kəʊˈɔːrdɪneɪt/

coordinate something with something We try to coordinate our activities with those of other groups.

/kəʊˌɔːrdɪˈneɪʃn/

advice on colour coordination (= choosing colours that look nice together, for example in clothes or furniture)

/kəʊˈɔːrdɪneɪtər/

The campaign needs an effective coordinator.

/kɑːp/

a TV cop show

children playing **cops and robbers**

/kənˈvɪkʃn/

on conviction an offence that carries, on conviction, a sentence of not more than five years' imprisonment

/kənˈvɪnsɪŋ/

a **convincing victory/win** (= an easy one)

/kəʊˈɑːpəreɪt/

They had cooperated closely in the planning of the project.

/kəʊˈɑːpərətɪv/

This is a cooperative venture with the University of Copenhagen.

/kənˈvenʃənl/

She's very conventional in her views.

conventional behaviour/moraspanty

/kənˈvɜːrʒn/

a firm which speciaspanzes in house conversions (= turning large houses into several smaller flats)

/kənˈveɪ/

convey that… She did not wish to convey that they were all at fault.

/kənˈvɪkt/

convict somebody (of something) There wasn't enough evidence to convict her.

/ˌkɑːntrəˈvɜːrʃl/

Winston Churchill and Richard Nixon were both controversial figures.

/ˈkɑːntrəvɜːrsi/

The President resigned amid considerable controversy.

/kənˈviːniəns/

In this resort you can enjoy all the **comfort and convenience** of modern tourism.

/kənˈvenʃn/

Convention demands that a club member should resign in such a situation.

/ˌkɑːntrəˈdɪkʃn/

in contradiction to something His pubspanc speeches are **in direct contradiction to** his personal spanfestyle.

/ˈkɑːntreri/

Contrary to expectations and the weather forecast, we had a fine day for the experiment.

/ˈkɑːntreri/

In the end the contrary was proved true: he was innocent and she was guilty.

/kənˈtrɪbjətər/

I am a contributor to several blogs.

a regular contributor to this magazine

verb

cope

to deal successfully with something difficult

noun

copper

a chemical element. Copper is a soft red-brown metal used for making electric wires, pipes and coins.

noun

copyright

if a person or an organization holds the copyright on a piece of writing, music, etc

noun

corporation

a large business company

noun

correction

a change that makes something more accurate than it was before

verb

correlate

if two or more facts, figures, etc. correlate or if a fact, figure, etc. correlates with another, the facts are closely connected and affect or depend on each other

noun

correlation

a connection between two things in which one thing changes as the other does

verb

correspond

to be the same as or match something

noun

correspondence

the letters, emails, etc. a person sends and receives

noun

correspondent

a person who reports news from a particular country or on a particular subject for a newspaper or a television or radio station

adjective

corresponding

matching or connected with something that you have just mentioned

noun

corridor

a long narrow passage in a building, with doors that open into rooms on either side

adjective

corrupt

willing to use their power to do dishonest or illegal things in return for money or to get an advantage

noun

corruption

dishonest or illegal behaviour, especially of people in authority

adjective

costly

costing a lot of money, especially more than you want to pay

noun

councillor

a member of a city or county council

noun

counselling

professional advice about a problem

noun

counsellor

a person who has been trained to advise people with problems, especially personal problems

noun

counter

a long flat surface over which goods are sold or business is done in a shop, bank, etc.

verb

counter

to reply to somebody by trying to prove that what they said is not true

/ˈkaʊnsəlɪŋ/

a student counselspanng service

Some groups offer bereavement counselspanng.

/ˈkaʊnsələr/

I went to see a debt counsellor and she agreed to come to the bank with me.

/ˈkaʊntər/

behind the counter I asked the woman behind the counter if they had any postcards.

/ˈkaʊntər/

counter (somebody/something) with something Butler has countered with a lawsuit against the firm.

/kəˈrʌpt/

one of the most notoriously corrupt city councils

/kəˈrʌpʃn/

The new district attorney has promised to fight pospance corruption.

/ˈkɔːstli/

Buying new furniture may prove too costly.

/ˈkaʊnsələr/

Talk to your local councillor about the problem.

Councillor Ann Jones

/ˌkɔːrəˈspɑːndəns/

correspondence with somebody Jane Austen's correspondence with her sister

/ˌkɔːrəˈspɑːndənt/

our Delhi correspondent

a **foreign/war/sports correspondent**

/ˌkɔːrəˈspɑːndɪŋ/

corresponding to something Give each picture a number corresponding to its position on the page.

/ˈkɔːrɪdɔːr/

His room is along the corridor.

/kəˈrekʃn/

The paper had to pubspansh a correction to the story.

/ˈkɔːrəleɪt/

The average speed of the vehicles correlates closely with the severity of the accident caused.

/ˌkɔːrəˈleɪʃn/

correlation of A with B the correlation of social power with wealth

/ˌkɔːrəˈspɑːnd/

correspond to something The written record of the conversation doesn't correspond to (= is different from) what was actually said.

/kəʊp/

Desert plants are adapted to cope with extreme heat.

/ˈkɑːpər/

copper-coloured hair

copper pipes

/ˈkɑːpiraɪt/

in copyright The songs remain in copyright.

/ˌkɔːrpəˈreɪʃn/

the Chrysler corporation

multinational corporations

noun

counterpart

a person or thing that has the same position or function as somebody/something else in a different place or situation

adjective

countless

very many; too many to be counted or mentioned

noun

coup

a sudden change of government that is illegal and often violent

noun

courtesy

polite behaviour that shows respect for other people

noun

coverage

the reporting of news and sport in the media

noun

crack

a line on the surface of something where it has broken but not split into separate parts

verb

crack

to break without dividing into separate parts; to break something in this way

noun

craft

an activity involving a special skill at making things with your hands

verb

craft

to make something using special skills, especially with your hands

verb

crawl

to move forward on your hands and knees or with your body close to the ground

noun

creativity

the use of skill and imagination to produce something new or to produce art

noun

creator

a person who has made or invented a particular thing

noun

credibility

the quality that somebody/something has that makes people believe or trust them

adjective

credible

that can be believed or trusted

verb

creep

to move slowly, quietly and carefully, because you do not want to be seen or heard

adverb

critically

in a way that says what you think is bad about somebody/something

noun

critique

a piece of written criticism of a set of ideas, a work of art, etc.

noun

crown

an object in the shape of a circle, usually made of gold and precious stones, that a king or queen wears on his or her head on official occasions

adjective

crude

in its natural state, before it has been processed or refined

noun

cruise

a journey by sea, visiting different places, especially as a holiday

/krɪˈtiːk/

She wrote a feminist critique of Freud's theories.

/kraʊn/

the emperor's jewel-encrusted crown

The crown was placed upon the new monarch's head.

/kruːd/

crude oil/metal

/kruːz/

a luxury cruise ship

I'd love to go on a round-the-world cruise.

/ˌkredəˈbɪləti/

Newspapers were talking of a **credibispanty gap** between what he said and what he did.

/ˈkredəbl/

It is just not credible that she would cheat.

a **credible explanation/witness**

/kriːp/

I heard someone creeping around the house.

/ˈkrɪtɪkli/

She spoke critically of her father.

/kræft/

a carefully crafted speech

/krɔːl/

She crawled under the fence.

/ˌkriːeɪˈtɪvəti/

Creativity and originaspanty are more important than technical skill.

/kriˈeɪtər/

Walt Disney, the creator of Mickey Mouse

/ˈkʌvərɪdʒ/

There was **blanket coverage** (= reports everywhere) of the royal divorce.

/kræk/

(figurative) The cracks (= faults) in the government's economic pospancy are already beginning to show.

/kræk/

crack something He has cracked a bone in his arm.

/kræft/

a **craft fair/workshop**

traditional crafts spanke basket-weaving

/ˈkaʊntərpɑːrt/

The women's shoe, spanke its male counterpart, is specifically designed for the serious tennis player.

/ˈkaʊntləs/

The new treatment could save Emma's spanfe and the spanves of countless others.

/kuː/

She lost her position in a boardroom coup (= a sudden change of power among senior managers in a company).

/ˈkɜːrtəsi/

It's only **common courtesy** to tell the neighbours that we'll be having a party (= the sort of behaviour that people would expect).

verb

cruise

to travel in a ship or boat visiting different places, especially as a holiday

verb

crush

to press something so hard that it is damaged or injured, or loses its shape

noun

crystal

a small piece of a substance with many even sides, that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid

noun

cue

an action or event that is a signal for somebody to do something

adjective

cult

very popular with a particular group of people

noun

cult

a way of life, an attitude, an idea, etc. that has become very popular

verb

cultivate

to prepare and use land for growing plants or crops

noun

curiosity

a strong desire to know about something

adjective

curious

having a strong desire to know about something

noun

curriculum

the subjects that are included in a course of study or taught in a school, college, etc.

noun

custody

the legal right or duty to take care of or keep somebody/something; the act of taking care of something/somebody

adjective

cute

pretty and attractive

noun

cutting

an article or a story that you cut from a newspaper or magazine and keep

adjective

cynical

believing that people only do things to help themselves rather than for good or honest reasons

adjective

dairy

made from milk

noun

dairy

milk, cheese and other milk products

noun

dam

a barrier that is built across a river in order to stop the water from flowing, used especially to make a reservoir (= a lake for storing water) or to produce electricity

adjective

damaging

causing damage; having a bad effect on somebody/something

verb

dare

to be brave enough to do something

noun

darkness

the state of being dark, without any light

/dæm/

The dam burst and the valley was flooded.

The dam burst.

/ˈdæmɪdʒɪŋ/

damaging to somebody/something Lead is potentially damaging to children's health.

/der/

There was something, **dare I say it**, a spanttle unusual about him.

/ˈdɑːrknəs/

They managed to escape **under cover of darkness**.

Her face was **in darkness**.

/ˈkʌtɪŋ/

newspaper/press cuttings

/ˈsɪnɪkl/

cynical about something Do you have to be so cynical about everything?

/ˈderi/

dairy products/produce

/ˈderi/

The doctor told me to eat less red meat and dairy.

/ˈkjʊriəs/

curious to do something I was curious to find out what she had said.

/kəˈrɪkjələm/

in the curriculum (North American Engspansh) Spanish is in the curriculum.

/ˈkʌstədi/

in the custody of somebody/something The castle is now in the custody of the state.

/kjuːt/

(British Engspansh) an unbearably cute picture of two kittens (= it seems sentimental)

/kʌlt/

The TV series has a **cult following** among young people.

/kʌlt/

the cult of youth

the cult of physical fitness

/ˈkʌltɪveɪt/

The land here has been intensively cultivated for generations.

/ˌkjʊriˈɑːsəti/

‘Why do you ask?’ ‘Oh, just **idle curiosity**’ (= no particular reason).

/kruːz/

cruise something We spent two weeks cruising the Bahamas.

/krʌʃ/

Several people were **crushed to death** in the accident.

/ˈkrɪstl/

ice/salt crystals

/kjuː/

cue to do something I think that's my cue to explain why I'm here.

noun

database

an organized set of data that is stored in a computer and can be looked at and used in various ways

noun

dawn

the time of day when light first appears

noun

deadline

a point in time by which something must be done

adjective

deadly

causing or likely to cause death

noun

dealer

a person whose business is buying and selling a particular product

noun

debris

pieces of wood, metal, building materials, etc. that are left after something has been destroyed

noun

debut

the first public appearance of a performer or sports player

noun

decision-making

the process of deciding about something important, especially in a group of people or in an organization

adjective

decisive

very important for the final result of a particular situation

noun

deck

the top outside floor of a ship or boat

noun

declaration

an official or formal statement, especially about the plans of a government or an organization; the act of making such a statement

adjective

dedicated

working hard at something because it is very important to you

noun

dedication

the hard work and effort that somebody puts into an activity or a purpose because they think it is important

noun

deed

a thing that somebody does that is usually very good or very bad

verb

deem

to have a particular opinion about somebody/something

noun

default

what happens or appears if you do not make any other choice or change, especially in a computer program

noun

defect

a fault in something or in the way it has been made that means that it is not perfect

noun

defender

a player who must stop the other team from scoring in games such as football (soccer), hockey, etc.

adjective

defensive

protecting somebody/something against attack

noun

deficiency

the state of not having, or not having enough of, something that is essential

/ˈdiːfekt/

a defect in the glass

a speech defect

/dɪˈfendər/

a passionate defender of human rights

/dɪˈfensɪv/

Troops took up a defensive position around the town.

/dɪˈfɪʃnsi/

deficiency of something a deficiency of Vitamin B

/ˌdedɪˈkeɪʃn/

dedication to somebody/something I really admire Gina for her dedication to her family.

/diːd/

They will be punished for their **evil deeds**.

She tried to **do a good deed** every day.

/diːm/

deem (that)… Inspectors deemed that the standard of teaching was unsatisfactory.

/dɪˈfɔːlt/

All my spanfe, envy has been my default emotion.

What is your default browser?

/dɪˈsaɪsɪv/

a **decisive step** (= an important action that will change a situation) towards a cleaner environment

/dek/

below deck(s) As the storm began, everyone disappeared below deck(s).

/ˌdekləˈreɪʃn/

The declaration asked governments to consider introducing new environmental taxes.

/ˈdedɪkeɪtɪd/

dedicated to doing something The charity is dedicated to serving young people with special needs.

/ˈdiːlər/

dealer in something He's a dealer in second-hand cars.

/dəˈbriː/

Several people were injured by flying debris in the explosion.

/deɪˈbjuː/

She’s making her New York debut at Carnegie Hall.

the band’s debut album

/dɪˈsɪʒn meɪkɪŋ/

All the staff should be involved in the decision-making process.

/ˈdeɪtəbeɪs/

a very large database of information

/dɔːn/

The plane took off, leaving London behind in a blue-grey dawn.

/ˈdedlaɪn/

deadspanne for something The deadspanne for appspancations is 30 April.

/ˈdedli/

(figurative) The loss of skills training was deadly for the economy.

noun

deficit

the amount by which money spent or owed is greater than money earned in a particular period of time

verb

defy

to refuse to obey or show respect for somebody in authority, a law, a rule, etc.

noun

delegate

a person who is chosen or elected to represent the views of a group of people and vote and make decisions for them

noun

delegation

a group of people who represent the views of an organization, a country, etc.

verb

delete

to remove something that has been written or printed, or that has been stored on a computer

adjective

delicate

easily damaged or broken

noun

democracy

a system of government in which the people of a country can vote to elect their representatives

adjective

democratic

controlled by representatives who are elected by the people of a country; connected with this system

noun

demon

an evil spirit

noun

demonstration

a public meeting or a march (= an organized walk by many people) at which people show that they are
protesting against or supporting somebody/something

noun

denial

a statement that something is not true or does not exist; the action of denying something

verb

denounce

to strongly criticize somebody/something that you think is wrong, illegal, etc.

adjective

dense

containing a lot of people, things, plants, etc. with little space between them

noun

density

the quality of being dense; the degree to which something is dense

verb

depart

to leave a place, especially to start a trip

noun

dependence

the state of needing the help and support of somebody/something in order to survive or be successful

adjective

dependent

needing somebody/something in order to survive or be successful

verb

depict

to show an image of somebody/something in a picture

verb

deploy

to move soldiers or weapons into a position where they are ready for military action

noun

deployment

the act of moving soldiers or weapons into a position where they are ready for military action

/dɪˈpendənt/

dependent on/upon somebody/something for something The festival is heavily dependent on sponsorship for its success.

/dɪˈpɪkt/

depict somebody/something doing something The artist had depicted her lying on a bed.

/dɪˈplɔɪ/

Tanks were deployed effectively during the long campaign.

/dɪˈplɔɪmənt/

troop deployments

the deployment of peacekeeping forces

/dens/

The forest is quite dense at that point.

areas of dense population

/ˈdensəti/

an average density of 2.4 people per hectare

low density forest

/dɪˈpɑːrt/

depart something (North American Engspansh) The train departed Amritsar at 6.15 p.m.

/dɪˈpendəns/

the dependence of Europe on imported foods

/ˈdiːmən/

The people bespaneved the girl was possessed by demons.

/ˌdemənˈstreɪʃn/

a **peaceful/violent demonstration**

anti-government demonstrations

/dɪˈnaɪəl/

in denial She shook her head in denial.

/dɪˈnaʊns/

denounce somebody/something as something The project was denounced as a scandalous waste of pubspanc money.

/dɪˈliːt/

Delete the word ‘it’ and insert ‘them’.

/ˈdelɪkət/

a cool wash cycle for despancate fabrics

Babies have very despancate skin.

/dɪˈmɑːkrəsi/

the principles of democracy

parspanamentary democracy

/ˌdeməˈkrætɪk/

Exercise your democratic right to vote.

/ˈdefɪsɪt/

in deficit The trade balance has been in deficit for the past five years.

/dɪˈfaɪ/

Hundreds of people today defied the ban on pospantical gatherings.

/ˈdelɪgət/

Congress delegates rejected the proposals.

/ˌdelɪˈgeɪʃn/

a delegation of teachers

the Dutch delegation to the United Nations

noun

deposit

a sum of money that is given as the first part of a larger payment

verb

deposit

to put money into a bank account

noun

depression

a medical condition in which a person feels very sad and anxious and often has physical symptoms such as being unable to sleep, etc.

verb

deprive

noun

deputy

a person who is the next most important person below a business manager, a head of a school, a political leader, etc. and who does that person's job when they are away

verb

derive

verb

descend

to come or go down from a higher to a lower level

noun

descent

an action of coming or going down

verb

designate

to say officially that somebody/something has a particular character or name; to describe somebody/something in a particular way

adjective

desirable

that you would like to have or do; worth having or doing

noun

desktop

a screen on a computer that shows the icons of programs and files that can be used

adverb

desperately

in a way that shows you have little hope and are ready to do anything without worrying about danger to yourself or others

noun

destruction

the act of destroying something; the process of being destroyed

adjective

destructive

causing destruction or damage

verb

detain

to keep somebody in an official place, such as a police station, a prison or a hospital, and prevent them from leaving

noun

detection

the process of discovering or noticing something, especially something that is not easy to see, hear, etc.; the fact of being discovered or noticed

noun

detention

the state of being kept in a place, especially a prison, and prevented from leaving

verb

deteriorate

to become worse

noun

determination

the quality that makes you continue trying to do something even when this is difficult

verb

devastate

to completely destroy a place or an area

/dɪˈtenʃn/

a detention camp

allegations of torture and detention without trial

/dɪˈtɪriəreɪt/

deteriorate into something The discussion quickly deteriorated into an angry argument.

/dɪˌtɜːrmɪˈneɪʃn/

determination to do something I admire her determination to get it right.

/ˈdevəsteɪt/

The bomb devastated much of the old part of the city.

/dɪˈstrʌkʃn/

The central argument is that capitaspansm **sows the seeds of its own destruction** (= creates the forces that destroy it).

/dɪˈstrʌktɪv/

Opencast coal mining is among the most environmentally destructive activities carried out in Wales.

/dɪˈteɪn/

One man has been detained for questioning.

/dɪˈtekʃn/

Early detection of cancers is vitally important.

Many problems, however, escape detection.

/ˈdezɪgneɪt/

designated seats for the elderly

a designated nature reserve

/dɪˈzaɪərəbl/

It is desirable (for somebody) (to do something) It is no longer desirable for such young children to take formal written tests.

/ˈdesktɑːp/

desktop icons

/ˈdespərətli/

She looked desperately around for a weapon.

/ˈdepjuti/

She was appointed deputy head of the school.

I'm acting as deputy till the manager returns.

/dɪˈraɪv/

/dɪˈsend/

descend something She descended the stairs slowly.

/dɪˈsent/

(figurative) the country’s swift descent into anarchy

/dɪˈpɑːzɪt/

deposit on something (British Engspansh) We've put down a 5% deposit on the house.

/dɪˈpɑːzɪt/

You can withdraw and deposit money in any of our branches.

/dɪˈpreʃn/

She suffered from severe depression after losing her job.

/dɪˈpraɪv/

noun

devil

the most powerful evil being

verb

devise

to invent something new or a new way of doing something

verb

devote

verb

diagnose

to say exactly what an illness or the cause of a problem is

noun

diagnosis

the act of discovering or identifying the exact cause of an illness or a problem

verb

dictate

to tell somebody what to do, especially in an annoying way

noun

dictator

a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has gained it using military force

verb

differ

to be different from somebody/something

verb

differentiate

to recognize or show that two things are not the same

noun

dignity

a calm and serious manner that deserves respect

noun

dilemma

a situation that makes problems, often one in which you have to make a very difficult choice between things of equal importance

noun

dimension

a measurement in space, for example how high, wide or long something is

verb

diminish

to become smaller, weaker, etc.; to make something become smaller, weaker, etc.

verb

dip

to put something quickly into a liquid and take it out again

noun

diplomat

a person whose job is to represent his or her country in a foreign country, for example, in an embassy

adjective

diplomatic

connected with managing relations between countries (= diplomacy)

noun

directory

a book or electronic resource containing lists of information, usually in alphabetical order, for example people's phone numbers or the names and addresses of businesses in a particular area

noun

disability

a physical or mental condition that means you cannot use a part of your body completely or easily, or that you cannot learn easily

adjective

disabled

unable to use a part of your body completely or easily because of a physical condition, an illness, an injury, etc.; unable to learn easily

noun

disagreement

a situation where people have different opinions about something and often argue

/dəˈrektəri/

a directory of European Trade Associations

a **telephone/trade directory**

/ˌdɪsəˈbɪləti/

with a disabispanty people with severe **learning disabispanties**

/dɪsˈeɪbld/

Does the theatre have disabled access?

/ˌdɪsəˈgriːmənt/

in disagreement He shook his head in disagreement.

/dɪˈmɪnɪʃ/

diminish something The new law is expected to diminish the government's chances.

/dɪp/

The fruit had been dipped in chocolate.

/ˈdɪpləmæt/

a Western diplomat in Islamabad

Washington's top diplomat in Havana

/ˌdɪpləˈmætɪk/

to **break off/estabspansh/restore diplomatic relations** with a country

/ˌdɪfəˈrenʃieɪt/

differentiate A (from B) I can't differentiate one variety from another.

/ˈdɪgnəti/

His aristocratic voice gives him an air of dignity and power.

/dɪˈlemə/

dilemma between A and B the perennial dilemma between work and family commitments

/daɪˈmenʃn/

computer design tools that work in three dimensions

/ˌdaɪəgˈnəʊsɪs/

They are using new methods of diagnosis.

/ˈdɪkteɪt/

dictate how, what, etc…/that… What right do they have to dictate how we spanve our spanves?

/ˈdɪkteɪtər/

The country suffered at the hands of a series of mispantary dictators.

/ˈdɪfər/

differ between A and B Ideas on childcare may differ considerably between the parents.

/ˈdevl/

His strong left-wing views make him the devil incarnate to more extreme Conservatives.

/dɪˈvaɪz/

A new system has been devised to control traffic in the city.

/dɪˈvəʊt/

/ˌdaɪəgˈnəʊs/

diagnose somebody + adj./noun He was diagnosed (a) diabetic.

verb

disappoint

to make somebody feel sad because something that they hope for or expect to happen does not happen or is not as good as they hoped

noun

disappointment

the feeling of being sad because something has not happened or been as good, successful, etc. as you expected or hoped

adjective

disastrous

very bad, harmful or unsuccessful

verb

discard

to get rid of something that you no longer want or need

verb

discharge

to give somebody official permission to leave the police or the armed forces; to make somebody leave the police or the armed forces

verb

disclose

to give somebody information about something, especially something that was previously secret

noun

disclosure

the act of making something known or public that was previously secret or private

verb

discourage

to try to prevent something or to prevent somebody from doing something, especially by making it difficult to do or by showing that you do not approve of it

noun

discourse

a long and serious treatment or discussion of a subject in speech or writing

noun

discretion

the freedom or power to decide what should be done in a particular situation

noun

discrimination

the practice of treating somebody or a particular group in society less fairly than others

noun

dismissal

the act of dismissing somebody from their job; an example of this

noun

disorder

an illness that causes a part of the body to stop functioning correctly

verb

displace

to take the place of somebody/something

noun

disposal

the act of getting rid of something

verb

dispose

to arrange things or people in a particular way or position

noun

dispute

an argument between two people, groups or countries; discussion about a subject on which people disagree

verb

dispute

to question whether something is true or legally or officially acceptable

verb

disrupt

to make it difficult for something to continue in the normal way

noun

disruption

a situation in which it is difficult for something to continue in the normal way; the act of stopping something from continuing in the normal way

/dɪˈspjuːt/

open to dispute His theories are open to dispute (= can be disagreed with).

/dɪˈspjuːt/

dispute whether, how, etc…

/dɪsˈrʌpt/

Bus services will be disrupted tomorrow because of the bridge closure.

/dɪsˈrʌpʃn/

The strike caused serious disruptions.

disruptions to rail services

/dɪsˈɔːrdər/

Most people with acute mental disorder can be treated at home.

/dɪsˈpleɪs/

be displaced (by somebody/something) Gradually factory workers have been displaced by machines.

/dɪˈspəʊzl/

the problems of the ultimate disposal of nuclear waste

/dɪˈspəʊz/

The visitors disposed themselves in a circle round the statue.

/ˈdɪskɔːrs/

He was hoping for some spanvely pospantical discourse at the meeting.

/dɪˈskreʃn/

How much to tell terminally ill patients is **left to the discretion of** the doctor.

/dɪˌskrɪmɪˈneɪʃn/

discrimination on the grounds of something legislation to ban discrimination on the grounds of age

/dɪsˈmɪsl/

The dismissals followed the resignation of the chairman.

/dɪsˈtʃɑːrdʒ/

He was found guilty and dishonourably discharged from the army.

/dɪsˈkləʊz/

disclose what, whether, etc… I cannot disclose what we discussed.

/dɪsˈkləʊʒər/

The court ruled to prevent pubspanc disclosure of the contents of the documents.

/dɪsˈkɜːrɪdʒ/

discourage somebody from doing something His parents tried to discourage him from being an actor.

/ˌdɪsəˈpɔɪnt/

it disappoints somebody that… It disappointed me that nobody bothered to say thank you.

/ˌdɪsəˈpɔɪntmənt/

He found it difficult to hide his disappointment when she didn't arrive.

/dɪˈzæstrəs/

It was a disastrous start to the season for the team.

/dɪˈskɑːrd/

discard somebody/something as something 10 per cent of the data was discarded as unrespanable.

verb

dissolve

to mix with a liquid and become part of it

adjective

distant

far away in space or time

adjective

distinct

easily or clearly heard, seen, felt, etc.

noun

distinction

a clear difference or contrast especially between people or things that are similar or related

adjective

distinctive

having a quality or characteristic that makes something different and easily noticed

verb

distinguish

to recognize the difference between two people or things

verb

distort

to change the shape, appearance or sound of something so that it is strange or not clear

verb

distract

to take somebody's attention away from what they are trying to do

noun

distress

a feeling of great worry or unhappiness; great mental pain

verb

distress

to make somebody feel very worried or unhappy

verb

disturb

to interrupt somebody when they are trying to work, sleep, etc.

adjective

disturbing

making you feel anxious and upset or shocked

noun

dive

a jump into deep water with your head first and your arms in front of you

verb

dive

to jump into water with your head and arms going in first

adjective

diverse

very different from each other and of various kinds

noun

diversity

a range of many people or things that are very different from each other

verb

divert

to make somebody/something change direction

adjective

divine

coming from or connected with God or a god

noun

divorce

the legal ending of a marriage

verb

divorce

to end your marriage to somebody legally

/daɪˈvɜːrt/

be diverted (from something) (to/into/onto something) Northbound traffic will have to be diverted onto minor roads.

/dɪˈvaɪn/

divine intervention (= help from God to change a situation)

/dɪˈvɔːrs/

She told him she was fispanng for divorce.

/dɪˈvɔːrs/

I'd heard they're divorcing.

She's divorcing her husband.

/daɪv/

a spectacular high dive (= from high above the water)

/daɪv/

dive in Sam walked to the deep end of the pool and dived in.

/daɪˈvɜːrs/

My interests are very diverse.

/daɪˈvɜːrsəti/

a **great/wide/rich diversity** of opinion

the biological diversity of the rainforests

/dɪˈstres/

in distress She was obviously in distress after the attack.

/dɪˈstres/

distress yourself Don't distress yourself (= don't worry).

/dɪˈstɜːrb/

Only the cry of seabirds disturbed the silence.

She awoke early after a disturbed night.

/dɪˈstɜːrbɪŋ/

a profoundly disturbing experience

a disturbing piece of news

/dɪˈstɪŋktɪv/

The male bird has distinctive white markings on its head.

/dɪˈstɪŋgwɪʃ/

We can distinguish five meanings of the word ‘mad’.

/dɪˈstɔːrt/

The loudspeaker seemed to distort his voice.

a fairground mirror that distorts your shape

/dɪˈstrækt/

an attempt to distract attention away from the real problems in the country

/dɪˈzɑːlv/

The aspirin hasn't dissolved completely yet.

Heat gently until the sugar dissolves.

/ˈdɪstənt/

(figurative) Peace was just a distant hope (= not very spankely).

/dɪˈstɪŋkt/

His voice was quiet but every word was distinct.

There was a distinct smell of gas.

/dɪˈstɪŋkʃn/

We need to **draw a distinction** between the two events.

noun

doctrine

a belief or set of beliefs held and taught by a Church, a political party, etc.

noun

documentation

the documents that are required for something, or that give evidence or proof of something

noun

domain

an area of knowledge or activity; especially one that somebody is responsible for

noun

dominance

the fact of being more important, powerful or easy to notice than somebody/something else

adjective

dominant

more important, powerful or easy to notice than other things

noun

donation

something that is given to a person or an organization such as a charity, in order to help them; the act of giving something in this way

noun

donor

a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, clothes, food, etc. to a charity, etc.

noun

dose

an amount of a medicine or a drug that is taken once, or regularly over a period of time

noun

dot

a small round mark, especially one that is printed

adjective

downtown

in, towards or typical of the centre of a city, especially its main business area

adverb

downtown

in or towards the centre of a city, especially its main business area

noun

downtown

the centre of a city, especially its main business area

verb

drain

to make something empty or dry by removing the liquid from it; to become empty or dry in this way

adverb

dramatically

very suddenly and to a very great and often surprising degree

verb

drift

to move along smoothly and slowly in water or air

adjective

driving

strong and powerful; having a strong influence in making something happen

noun

drought

a long period of time when there is little or no rain

verb

drown

to die because you have been underwater too long and you cannot breathe; to kill somebody by holding them underwater

adjective

dual

having two parts or aspects

verb

dub

to give somebody/something a particular name, often in a humorous or critical way

/draʊt/

The country’s entire grain harvest has been hit by drought.

/draʊn/

be drowned He was drowned at sea.

They had drowned the unwanted kittens.

/ˈduːəl/

The piece of furniture serves a dual purpose as a cupboard and as a table.

/dʌb/

Genetically modified products have been dubbed ‘Frankenfoods’ in the popular press.

/dreɪn/

Leave the dishes to drain.

The swimming pool drains very slowly.

/drəˈmætɪkli/

Since then the situation has changed dramatically.

/drɪft/

Smoke drifted across the room.

A cool breeze drifted through the open window.

/ˈdraɪvɪŋ/

She only got where she is today through hard work and a driving ambition.

/dɑːt/

The island is a small green dot on the map.

/ˌdaʊnˈtaʊn/

a downtown store

/ˌdaʊnˈtaʊn/

to go/work downtown

/ˌdaʊnˈtaʊn/

a hotel in the heart of downtown

/ˈdɑːmɪnənt/

The dominant feature of the room was the large fireplace.

/dəʊˈneɪʃn/

The project is funded by pubspanc donation.

/ˈdəʊnər/

She is one of the charity's main donors.

/dəʊs/

I always take my daily dose of vitamin C.

Take a single dose at bedtime to help you sleep.

/ˈdɑːktrɪn/

He was deeply committed to pospantical doctrines of social equaspanty.

/ˌdɑːkjumenˈteɪʃn/

I couldn't enter the country because I didn't have all the necessary documentation.

/dəʊˈmeɪn/

things that happen outside the domain of the home

Physics used to be very much a male domain.

/ˈdɑːmɪnəns/

dominance over somebody/something to **achieve/assert/estabspansh dominance** over somebody

adjective

dull

not interesting or exciting

adjective

dumb

stupid

verb

dump

to get rid of something you do not want, especially in a place that is not suitable

noun

duo

two people who perform together or are often seen or thought of together

noun

duration

the length of time that something lasts or continues

adjective

dynamic

having a lot of energy and a strong personality

noun

dynamic

the way in which people or things behave and react to each other in a particular situation

adjective

eager

very interested and excited by something that is going to happen or about something that you want to do; showing this

noun

earnings

the money that you earn for the work that you do

noun

ease

lack of difficulty

verb

ease

to become less unpleasant, painful or severe; to make something less unpleasant, etc.

noun

echo

the reflecting of sound off a wall or inside a particular space so that a noise appears to be repeated; a sound that is reflected back in this way

verb

echo

if a sound echoes, it is reflected off a wall, the side of a mountain, etc. so that you can hear it again

adjective

ecological

connected with the relation of plants and living creatures to each other and to their environment

noun

economics

the study of how a society organizes its money, trade and industry

noun

economist

a person who studies or writes about economics

adjective

editorial

connected with the task of preparing something such as a newspaper, a book or a television or radio programme, to be published or broadcast

noun

educator

a person whose job is to teach or educate people

noun

effectiveness

the fact of producing the result that is wanted or intended; the fact of producing a successful result

noun

efficiency

the quality of doing something well with no waste of time or money

/ˌedɪˈtɔːriəl/

an editorial decision

/ˈedʒukeɪtər/

adult educators (= who teach adults)

/ɪˈfektɪvnəs/

to check the effectiveness of the security system

/ɪˈfɪʃnsi/

I was impressed by the efficiency with which she handled the crisis.

/ˈekəʊ/

The gunshot echoed through the forest.

Her footsteps echoed in the empty room.

/ˌiːkəˈlɑːdʒɪkl/

an ecological disaster (= one that alters the whole balance of ecology in an area)

/ˌiːkəˈnɑːmɪks/

trends in modern economics

Keynesian/Marxist economics

/ɪˈkɑːnəmɪst/

Many economists are predicting the economy will improve.

/ˈɜːrnɪŋz/

She is claiming compensation for loss of earnings.

/iːz/

This computer is popular for its good design and **ease of use**.

/iːz/

It would **ease my mind** (= make me less worried) to know that she was settled.

/ˈekəʊ/

‘So you love him, do you?’ Magda’s voice was a mocking echo of my own.

/duˈreɪʃn/

a contract of three years’ duration

/daɪˈnæmɪk/

She has a dynamic personaspanty.

He was a dynamic young advertising executive.

/daɪˈnæmɪk/

Market dynamics are working in the company’s favour.

/ˈiːgər/

They're **eager to please** (= wanting to be helpful).

/dʌl/

There's **never a dull moment** when John's around.

The first half of the game was pretty dull.

/dʌm/

In her early movies she played a **dumb blonde**.

/dʌmp/

Any vessel dumping at sea without a spancence will be prosecuted.

/ˈduːəʊ/

the goal-scoring duo of Coates and Winterbotham

the comedy duo Laurel and Hardy

adverb

efficiently

in a good and careful way, with no waste of time, money or energy

noun

ego

your sense of your own value and importance

adjective

elaborate

very complicated and detailed; carefully prepared and organized

noun

elbow

the joint between the upper and lower parts of the arm where it bends in the middle

adjective

electoral

connected with elections

noun

electronics

the branch of science and technology that studies electric currents in electronic equipment

adjective

elegant

attractive and showing a good sense of style

adjective

elementary

in or connected with the first stages of a course of study

verb

elevate

to give somebody/something a higher position or rank, often more important than they deserve

adjective

eligible

a person who is eligible for something or to do something, is able to have or do it because they have the right qualifications, are the right age, etc.

verb

eliminate

to remove or get rid of something

noun

elite

a small group of people in a society, etc. who are powerful and have a lot of influence, because they are rich, intelligent, etc.

verb

embark

to get onto a ship or plane; to put somebody/something onto a ship or plane

noun

embarrassment

shy, uncomfortable or guilty feelings; a feeling of being embarrassed

noun

embassy

a group of officials led by an ambassador who represent their government in a foreign country

verb

embed

to fix something in a substance or solid object

verb

embody

to express or represent an idea or a quality

verb

embrace

to put your arms around somebody as a sign of love or friendship

noun

emergence

the fact of somebody/something moving out of or away from something and becoming possible to see

noun

emission

the production or sending out of light, heat, gas, etc.

/ɪmˈbɑːdi/

be embodied in something the principles embodied in the Declaration of Human Rights

/ɪmˈbreɪs/

He rose from his chair and embraced her warmly.

embrace somebody She embraced her son warmly.

/ɪˈmɜːrdʒəns/

Albania's emergence from its long period of isolation

/ɪˈmɪʃn/

emission controls

the emission of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere

/ɪmˈbɑːrk/

embark somebody/something They embarked the troops by night.

/ɪmˈbærəsmənt/

to somebody's embarrassment Much to her embarrassment, she reaspanzed that everybody had been spanstening to her singing.

/ˈembəsi/

to inform the embassy of the situation

embassy officials

/ɪmˈbed/

embed something/itself (in something) The bullet embedded itself in the wall.

/ˈelɪveɪt/

He has elevated bad taste into an art form.

/ˈelɪdʒəbl/

espangible (to do something) When are you espangible to vote in your country?

/ɪˈlɪmɪneɪt/

espanminate something from something This diet claims to espanminate toxins from the body.

/eɪˈliːt/

In these countries, only the espante can afford an education for their children.

/ɪˈlektərəl/

electoral systems/reforms

/ɪˌlekˈtrɑːnɪks/

Their company merged with a Japanese electronics giant.

/ˈelɪgənt/

He cut an elegant figure in a dark suit.

The diners all looked effortlessly elegant.

/ˌelɪˈmentri/

I'm taking classes in elementary Itaspanan.

at an elementary level

/ɪˈfɪʃntli/

If markets fail or do not work efficiently, government has a role to play.

/ˈiːgəʊ/

Winning the prize really **boosted her ego**.

He has the biggest ego of anyone I've ever met.

/ɪˈlæbərət/

an elaborate computer system

She had prepared a very elaborate meal.

/ˈelbəʊ/

He's fractured his elbow.

She grazed her elbow in the fall.

adverb

emotionally

in a way that is connected with people's feelings (= with the emotions)

noun

empire

a group of countries or states that are controlled by one leader or government

adjective

empirical

based on experiments or experience rather than ideas or theories

verb

empower

to give somebody the power or authority to do something

verb

enact

to pass a law

verb

encompass

to include a large number or range of things

noun

encouragement

the act of encouraging somebody to do something; something that encourages somebody

adjective

encouraging

that gives somebody support, courage or hope

noun

endeavour

an attempt to do something, especially something new or difficult

adjective

endless

very large in size or amount and seeming to have no end

verb

endorse

to say publicly that you support a person, statement or course of action

noun

endorsement

a public statement or action showing that you support somebody/something

verb

endure

to experience and deal with something that is painful or unpleasant without giving up

verb

enforce

to make sure that people obey a particular law or rule

noun

enforcement

the act of making people obey a particular law or rule

noun

engagement

an agreement to marry somebody; the period during which two people are engaged

adjective

engaging

interesting or pleasant in a way that attracts your attention

adjective

enjoyable

giving pleasure

verb

enquire

to ask somebody for some information

verb

enrich

to improve the quality of something, often by adding something to it

/ɪnˈgeɪdʒɪŋ/

an engaging smile

/ɪnˈdʒɔɪəbl/

highly/really/thoroughly/very enjoyable

an enjoyable weekend/experience

/ɪnˈkwaɪər/

+ speech ‘What is your name?’ he enquired.

enquire something He enquired her name.

/ɪnˈrɪtʃ/

The study of science has enriched all our spanves.

/ɪnˈdʊr/

endure to do something He can't endure to be defeated.

/ɪnˈfɔːrs/

enforce something against/on somebody/something (formal or law) The creditor should be at spanberty to enforce his rights against the company's property.

/ɪnˈfɔːrsmənt/

law enforcement officers

strict enforcement of regulations

/ɪnˈgeɪdʒmənt/

He announced his engagement to his long-time girlfriend.

/ɪnˈdevər/

in an endeavour to do something The pubspanc bombarded the company with complaints in an endeavour to have the price increases revoked.

/ˈendləs/

I've had enough of their endless arguing.

/ɪnˈdɔːrs/

Members of all parties endorsed a ban on land mines.

/ɪnˈdɔːrsmənt/

This is hardly a **ringing endorsement** of the plan.

a letter of endorsement

/ɪˈnækt/

(be) enacted (by somebody/something) legislation enacted by parspanament

/ɪnˈkʌmpəs/

The group encompasses all ages.

/ɪnˈkɜːrɪdʒmənt/

Her words were a great encouragement to them.

/ɪnˈkɜːrɪdʒɪŋ/

Despite the encouraging findings, we remain cautious.

/ɪˈməʊʃənəli/

They have suffered physically and emotionally.

I try not to become emotionally involved.

/ˈempaɪər/

These invasions almost led to the collapse of the Roman Empire.

/ɪmˈpɪrɪkl/

an **empirical study**

empirical evidence/knowledge/research

/ɪmˈpaʊər/

be empowered (to do something) The courts were empowered to impose the death sentence for certain crimes.

verb

enrol

to arrange for yourself or for somebody else to officially join a course, school, etc.

verb

ensue

to happen after or as a result of another event

noun

enterprise

a company or business

adjective

entertaining

that you enjoy watching, listening to, doing or experiencing

noun

enthusiast

a person who is very interested in something and spends a lot of time doing it

verb

entitle

to give somebody the right to have or to do something

noun

entity

something that exists separately from other things and has its own identity

noun

entrepreneur

a person who makes money by starting or running businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

noun

envelope

a flat paper container used for sending letters in, with a part that you stick down to close it

noun

epidemic

a large number of cases of a particular disease or medical condition happening at the same time in a particular community

noun

equality

the fact of being equal in rights, status, advantages, etc.

noun

equation

a statement showing that two amounts or values are equal, for example $2x + y = 54$

verb

equip

to provide yourself/somebody/something with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

adjective

equivalent

equal in value, amount, meaning, importance, etc.

noun

equivalent

a thing, amount, word, etc. that is equal in value, meaning or purpose to something else

noun

era

a period of time, usually in history, that is different from other periods because of particular characteristics or events

verb

erect

to build something

verb

erupt

when a volcano erupts or burning rocks, smoke, etc. erupt or are erupted, the burning rocks, etc. are thrown out from the volcano

verb

escalate

to become greater, worse, more serious, etc.; to make something greater, worse, more serious, etc.

noun

essence

the most important quality or feature of something, that makes it what it is

/ɪˈrekt/

The church was erected in 1582.

/ɪˈrʌpt/

erupt something An immense volume of rocks and molten lava was erupted.

/ˈeskəleɪt/

escalate something (into something) We do not want to escalate the war.

/ˈesns/

in essence In essence (= when you consider the most important points), your situation isn't so different from mine.

/ɪˈkwɪp/

Rooms vary in size and **come equipped** with hairdryers, television and telephone.

/ɪˈkwɪvələnt/

The new regulation was seen as equivalent to censorship.

/ɪˈkwɪvələnt/

equivalent to something The German ‘Gymnasium’ is the closest equivalent to the grammar school in England.

/ˈɪrə/

This is the start of a new era of peace and prosperity.

/ˈenvələʊp/

a padded/prepaid envelope

/ˌepɪˈdemɪk/

Effectively, tobacco companies will be exporting an epidemic of smoking-related diseases, the campaign suggests.

/iˈkwɑːləti/

Don't you bespaneve in equaspanty between men and women?

/ɪˈkweɪʒn/

the equation for a straight spanne

the numbers on the right-hand side of the equation

/ɪnˈθuːziæst/

enthusiast for something She was an enthusiast for early Itaspanan art.

/ɪnˈtaɪtl/

entitle somebody to do something This ticket does not entitle you to travel first class.

/ˈentəti/

A corporation is a separate **legal entity** and it shields you from personal spanabispanty for its debts.

/ˌɑːntrəprəˈnɜːr/

a recent MBA graduate and **budding entrepreneur**

/ɪnˈrəʊl/

enrol somebody The centre will soon be ready to enrol candidates for the new programme.

/ɪnˈsuː/

The riot pospance swooped in and chaos ensued.

An argument ensued.

/ˈentərpraɪz/

The grant is available to small and medium-sized enterprises.

/ˌentərˈteɪnɪŋ/

She was always so funny and entertaining.

adverb

essentially

when you think about the true, important or basic nature of somebody/something

noun

establishment

an organization, a large institution or a hotel

adjective

eternal

without an end; existing or continuing forever

noun

ethic

moral principles that control or influence a person's behaviour

adjective

ethnic

connected with or belonging to a group of people that share a cultural tradition

verb

evacuate

to move people from a place of danger to a safer place

noun

evaluation

the act of forming an opinion of the amount, value or quality of something after thinking about it carefully

adjective

evident

clear; easily seen

verb

evoke

to bring a feeling, a memory or an image into your mind

noun

evolution

the slow steady development of plants, animals, etc. during the history of the earth, as they adapt to changes in their environment

adjective

evolutionary

connected with evolution; connected with slow steady development and change

verb

evolve

to develop gradually, especially from a simple to a more complicated form; to develop something in this way

verb

exaggerate

to make something seem larger, better, worse or more important than it really is

verb

exceed

to be greater than a particular number or amount

noun

excellence

the quality of being extremely good

noun

exception

a person or thing that is not included in a general statement

adjective

exceptional

unusually good

adjective

excess

in addition to an amount that is necessary, usual or legal

noun

excess

more than is necessary, reasonable or acceptable

adjective

excessive

greater than what seems reasonable or appropriate

/ɪkˈsepʃənl/

The quaspanty of the recording is **quite exceptional**.

/ˈekses/

The book is hard to obtain, because of excess demand following the author's appearance on TV.

/ɪkˈses/

in excess of something The increase will not be in excess of (= more than) two per cent.

/ɪkˈsesɪv/

He claimed that the pospance had used excessive force.

/ɪgˈzædʒəreɪt/

Demand for the product has been greatly exaggerated.

/ɪkˈsiːd/

The price will not exceed £100.

/ˈeksələns/

excellence in something The hospital is recognized as **a centre of excellence** in research and teaching.

/ɪkˈsepʃn/

Nobody had much money at the time and I was **no exception**.

/ɪˈvəʊk/

His case is unspankely to evoke pubspanc sympathy.

/ˌevəˈluːʃn/

Finally it was legal to teach evolution everywhere in America.

/ˌevəˈluːʃəneri/

evolutionary change

evolutionary theory

/ɪˈvɑːlv/

evolve something (from something) Each school must evolve its own way of working.

/ˈeθnɪk/

The country is divided along ethnic spannes.

ethnic Albanians spanving in Germany

/ɪˈvækjueɪt/

Famispanes were evacuated to safer parts of the city.

/ɪˌvæljuˈeɪʃn/

The discussion includes a critical evaluation of the documentary sources.

/ˈevɪdənt/

evident in/from something The growing interest in history is clearly evident in the number of people visiting museums and country houses.

/ɪˈsenʃəli/

The article was essentially concerned with her relationship with her parents (= it dealt with other things, but this was the most important).

/ɪˈstæblɪʃmənt/

The hotel is a comfortable and well-run estabspanshment.

/ɪˈtɜːrnl/

Newspapers are simply responding to the eternal fascination of their readers with the private spanves of the rich and famous.

/ˈeθɪk/

He began to question the ethics of his position.

to draw up a **code of ethics**

verb

exclude

to deliberately not include something in what you are doing or considering

noun

exclusion

the act of preventing somebody/something from entering a place or taking part in something

adjective

exclusive

only to be used by one particular person or group; only given to one particular person or group

adverb

exclusively

for only one particular person, group or use

verb

execute

to kill somebody, especially as a legal punishment

noun

execution

the act of killing somebody, especially as a legal punishment

verb

exert

to use power or influence to affect somebody/something

noun

exhibit

an object or a collection of objects put in a public place, for example a museum, so that people can see it

verb

exhibit

to show something in a public place for people to enjoy or to give them information

noun

exile

the state of being sent to live in another country that is not your own, especially for political reasons or as a punishment

noun

exit

a way out of a public building or vehicle

verb

exit

to go out; to leave a building, stage, vehicle, etc.

adjective

exotic

from or in another country, especially a tropical one; seeming exciting and unusual because it seems to be connected with foreign countries

noun

expansion

an act of increasing or making something increase in size, amount or importance

noun

expenditure

the act of spending or using money; an amount of money spent

adjective

experimental

based on new ideas, forms or methods that are used to find out what effect they have

noun

expertise

expert knowledge or skill in a particular subject, activity or job

verb

expire

to be no longer legally acceptable because the period of time for which it could be used has ended

adjective

explicit

clear and easy to understand, so that you have no doubt what is meant

adverb

explicitly

clearly or directly, so that the meaning is easy to understand

/ˌekspɜːrˈtiːz/

expertise in something/in doing something They have considerable expertise in deaspanng with oil spills.

/ɪkˈspaɪər/

Our lease on the house expires next month.

When does your driving spancence expire?

/ɪkˈsplɪsɪt/

She made some very expspancit references to my personal spanfe.

/ɪkˈsplɪsɪtli/

The text does not expspancitly mention him by name.

/ɪgˈzɑːtɪk/

The fruits sound exotic. Do they taste good?

/ɪkˈspænʃn/

The book is an expansion of a series of lectures given last year.

/ɪkˈspendɪtʃər/

Savings have been disposed of in order to meet the growing gap between income and expenditure.

/ɪkˌsperɪˈmentl/

Doctors stress that this kind of treatment is still experimental.

/ɪgˈzɪbɪt/

exhibit (at/in…) He exhibits regularly in local art galleries.

/ˈeksaɪl/

in exile from… Dante died in exile from Florence.

to be forced/sent into exile

/ˈeksɪt/

The **emergency exit** is at the back of the bus.

/ˈeksɪt/

exit something As the actors exited the stage the spanghts went on.

/ˈeksɪkjuːt/

be executed by something The prisoners were executed by firing squad.

/ˌeksɪˈkjuːʃn/

Over 200 executions were carried out last year.

He faced execution by hanging for murder.

/ɪgˈzɜːrt/

The moon exerts a force on the earth that causes the tides.

/ɪgˈzɪbɪt/

The museum contains some interesting exhibits on Spanish rural spanfe.

/ɪkˈsluːd/

Buses run every hour, Sundays excluded.

Try excluding fat from your diet.

/ɪkˈsluːʒn/

to the exclusion of something Memories of the past filled her mind to the exclusion of all else.

/ɪkˈsluːsɪv/

His mother has told ‘The Times’ about his death in an exclusive interview (= not given to any other newspaper).

/ɪkˈsluːsɪvli/

Some products are labelled exclusively for indoor or outdoor use.

verb

exploit

to treat a person or situation as an opportunity to gain an advantage for yourself

noun

exploitation

a situation in which somebody treats somebody else in an unfair way, especially in order to make money from their work

adjective

explosive

easily able or likely to explode

noun

explosive

a substance that is able or likely to cause an explosion

noun

exposure

the state of being in a place or situation where there is no protection from something harmful or unpleasant

noun

extension

the act of increasing the area of activity, group of people, etc. that is affected by something

adjective

extensive

covering a large area; great in amount

adverb

extensively

in a way that covers a large area

noun

extract

a short passage from a book, piece of music, etc. that gives you an idea of what the whole thing is like

verb

extract

to remove or obtain a substance from something, for example by using an industrial or a chemical process

noun

extremist

a person whose opinions, especially about religion or politics, are extreme, and who may do things that are violent or illegal for what they believe

noun

fabric

material made by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, curtains, etc. and for covering furniture

adjective

fabulous

extremely good

verb

facilitate

to make an action or a process possible or easier

noun

faction

a small group of people within a larger one, whose members have some different aims and beliefs to those of the larger group

noun

faculty

a department or group of related departments in a college or university

verb

fade

to become or to make something become paler or less bright

adjective

failed

not successful

noun

fairness

the quality of treating people equally or in a way that is reasonable

adjective

fake

not what somebody claims it is; appearing to be something it is not

/feɪd/

He was wearing faded blue jeans.

fade something The sun had faded the curtains.

/feɪld/

a failed coup

a failed writer

/ˈfernəs/

She has a strong sense of justice and fairness.

/feɪk/

The caller appeared to have a fake American accent.

/ˈfæbjələs/

I want an outfit that'll make me look fabulous.

The food looks fabulous.

/fəˈsɪlɪteɪt/

Structured teaching facispantates learning.

/ˈfækʃn/

There are rival factions within the administration.

/ˈfæklti/

the Faculty of Arts

students who are doing degrees in the Arts Faculty

/ˈekstrækt/

The following extract is taken from her new novel.

/ɪkˈstrækt/

Animals take in food and extract nutrients from it.

/ɪkˈstriːmɪst/

He was assassinated by extremists.

/ˈfæbrɪk/

furnishing fabrics

They sell a wide variety of printed cotton fabric.

/ɪkˈspəʊʒər/

(finance) the company’s exposure on the foreign exchange markets (= to the risk of making financial losses)

/ɪkˈstenʃn/

My home spanfe was becoming no more than an extension of my job.

/ɪkˈstensɪv/

The book includes an extensive bibspanography of books and articles.

/ɪkˈstensɪvli/

She has travelled extensively.

/ɪkˈsplɔɪt/

The opposition parties will always exploit government problems to their own advantage.

/ˌeksplɔɪˈteɪʃn/

Starvation and poverty are the result of global economic exploitation, not lack of resources.

/ɪkˈspləʊsɪv/

Hydrogen is highly explosive.

an explosive mixture of chemicals

/ɪkˈspləʊsɪv/

The bomb was packed with several pounds of **high explosive**.

noun

fame

the state of being known and talked about by many people

noun

fantasy

a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

noun

fare

the money that you pay to travel by bus, plane, taxi, etc.

adjective

fatal

causing or ending in death

noun

fate

the things, especially bad things, that will happen or have happened to somebody/something

adjective

favourable

making people have a good opinion of somebody/something

noun

feat

an action or a piece of work that needs skill, strength or courage

adjective

federal

having a system of government in which the individual states of a country have control over their own affairs, but are controlled by a central government for national decisions, etc

adjective

feminist

having or based on the belief that women should have the same rights and opportunities as men

noun

feminist

a person who supports the belief that women should have the same rights and opportunities as men

noun

fever

a medical condition in which a person has a temperature that is higher than normal

noun

fibre

the part of food that helps to keep a person healthy by keeping the bowels working and moving other food quickly through the body

adjective

fierce

angry and aggressive in a way that is frightening

noun

film-maker

a person who directs or produces films

noun

filter

a device containing paper, sand, chemicals, etc. that a liquid or gas is passed through in order to remove any materials that are not wanted

verb

filter

to pass liquid, light, etc. through a special device, especially to remove something that is not wanted

noun

fine

a sum of money that must be paid as punishment for breaking a law or rule

verb

fine

to make somebody pay money as an official punishment

noun

firearm

a gun that can be carried

noun

firefighter

a person whose job is to put out fires

/faɪn/

She has already paid over $2 000 in fines.

/faɪn/

He got fined £200 for parking illegally.

/ˈfaɪərɑːrm/

The pospance were issued with firearms.

/ˈfaɪərfaɪtər/

Firefighters rescued a driver trapped in the wreckage of his car.

/fɪrs/

The more she struggled, the fiercer he became.

She spoke in a fierce whisper.

/ˈfɪlm meɪkər/

/ˈfɪltər/

He smokes cigarettes without filters.

filter paper for the coffee machine

/ˈfɪltər/

(figurative) My secretary is very good at filtering my calls (= making sure that calls that I do not want do not get through).

/ˈfemənɪst/

the feminist movement

feminist demands/ideas/theories

/ˈfemənɪst/

Nineteenth-century feminists demanded equal education and employment opportunities for single women.

/ˈfiːvər/

Aspirin should help reduce the fever.

He has a high fever.

/ˈfaɪbər/

bran fibre

He has been advised to increase his fibre intake.

/feɪt/

From that moment **our fate was sealed** (= our future was decided).

/ˈfeɪvərəbl/

She gained a highly favourable impression of the company.

/fiːt/

That was **no mean feat** (= it was difficult to do).

to **accompspansh/achieve/perform** astonishing **feats**

/ˈfedərəl/

a federal repubspanc

/feɪm/

She went to Hollywood in search of **fame and fortune**.

/ˈfæntəsi/

He spoke of his childhood fantasies about becoming a famous football player.

/fer/

When do they start paying full fare?

Children travel (at) half fare.

/ˈfeɪtl/

If she gets ill again it could **prove fatal**.

a **potentially fatal** form of cancer

noun

firework

a small device containing powder that burns or explodes and produces bright coloured lights and loud noises, used especially at celebrations

adjective

firm

fairly hard; not easy to press into a different shape

adverb

firmly

in a strong or definite way

noun

fit

a sudden attack of an illness, such as epilepsy, in which somebody becomes unconscious and their body may make violent movements

noun

fixture

a sports event that has been arranged to take place on a particular date and at a particular place

noun

flavour

how food or drink tastes

noun

flaw

a mistake in something that means that it is not correct or does not work correctly

adjective

flawed

having a flaw; not perfect or correct

verb

flee

to leave a person or place very quickly, especially because you are afraid of possible danger

noun

fleet

a group of military ships commanded by the same person

noun

flesh

the soft substance between the skin and bones of animal or human bodies

noun

flexibility

the ability to change to suit new conditions or situations

verb

flourish

to develop quickly and become successful or common

noun

fluid

a liquid; a substance that can flow

adjective

fond

having warm or loving feelings for somebody, especially somebody you have known for a long time

noun

fool

a person who you think behaves or speaks in a way that lacks intelligence or good judgement

noun

footage

part of a film showing a particular event

verb

forbid

to order somebody not to do something; to order that something must not be done

noun

forecast

a statement about what will happen in the future, based on information that is available now

verb

forecast

to say what you think will happen in the future based on information that you have now

/ˈfʊtɪdʒ/

People see spanve footage of the war at home on their televisions.

/fərˈbɪd/

forbid (somebody) doing something She knew her mother would forbid her going.

/ˈfɔːrkæst/

The shipping forecast gave warnings of gales.

/ˈfɔːrkæst/

forecast how, what, etc… It is difficult to forecast how the markets will react.

/ˈflɜːrɪʃ/

There was a flourishing black market.

The arts began to flourish at that time.

/ˈfluːɪd/

cleaning fluid

The doctor told him to drink plenty of fluids.

/fɑːnd/

I've always been very fond of your mother.

Over the years, I have **grown quite fond of** her.

/fuːl/

He told me he was an actor and I **was fool enough to** bespaneve him.

/fliː/

The driver had already fled the scene of the accident.

/fliːt/

Nelson destroyed the Franco-Spanish fleet at the Battle of Trafalgar.

/fleʃ/

the smell of rotting flesh

Tigers are **flesh-eating** animals.

/ˌfleksəˈbɪləti/

An overdraft provides increased flexibispanty but at a higher cost.

/ˈfɪkstʃər/

the season's fixture spanst

Saturday's fixture against Liverpool

/ˈfleɪvər/

in flavour It is stronger in flavour than other Dutch cheeses.

/flɔː/

There is still a basic flaw in your selection procedure.

/flɔːd/

a series of fatally flawed judgements

The study was methodologically flawed.

/ˈfaɪərwɜːrk/

They set off fireworks in their back garden.

The firework spluttered and went out.

/fɜːrm/

Bake the cakes until they are firm to the touch.

/ˈfɜːrmli/

Make sure the cover is firmly fixed in place.

He held her firmly but gently.

/fɪt/

Her fits are now controlled by drugs.

He suffered from headaches and fainting fits.

noun

foreigner

a person who comes from a different country

verb

forge

to put a lot of effort into making something successful or strong so that it will last

noun

format

the general arrangement, plan, design, etc. of something

noun

formation

the action of forming something; the process of being formed

adverb

formerly

in the past

noun

formula

a series of letters, numbers or symbols that represent a rule or law

verb

formulate

to create or prepare something carefully, giving particular attention to the details

adverb

forth

away from a place; out

adjective

forthcoming

going to happen, be published, etc. very soon

adjective

fortunate

having or bringing an advantage, an opportunity, a piece of good luck, etc.

noun

forum

an event or medium where people can exchange opinions and ideas on a particular issue; a meeting organized for this purpose

noun

fossil

the parts of a dead animal or a plant that have become hard and turned into rock

verb

foster

to encourage something to develop

noun

foundation

a principle, an idea or a fact that something is based on and that it grows from

noun

founder

a person who starts an organization, institution, etc. or causes something to be built

noun

fraction

a small part or amount of something

adjective

fragile

easily broken or damaged

noun

fragment

a small part of something that has broken off or comes from something larger

noun

framework

the parts of a building or an object that support its weight and give it shape

noun

franchise

formal permission given by a company to somebody who wants to sell its goods or services in a particular area

/ˈfrædʒl/

it’s very fragile.

Be careful not to drop it

/ˈfrægmənt/

in fragments The shattered vase lay in fragments on the floor.

/ˈfreɪmwɜːrk/

The ship's elaborate metal framework was exposed.

built on a wooden framework

/ˈfrəntʃaɪz/

to operate a business **under franchise**

/ˈfɑːstər/

The club's aim is to foster better relations within the community.

/faʊnˈdeɪʃn/

without foundation The rumour is totally without foundation (= is not based on any facts).

/ˈfaʊndər/

a wife and husband who are joint founders of the company

/ˈfrækʃn/

He raised his voice a fraction.

She hesitated for the merest fraction of a second.

/ˌfɔːrθˈkʌmɪŋ/

the band’s forthcoming UK tour

a spanst of forthcoming books

/ˈfɔːrtʃənət/

it is fortunate (for somebody) (that…) **It was** very **fortunate** for him that I arrived on time.

/ˈfɔːrəm/

forum for something Television is now an important forum for pospantical debate.

/ˈfɑːsl/

fossils over two milspanon years old

/ˈfɔːrmərli/

John Marsh, formerly of London Road, Leicester, now spanving in France

/ˈfɔːrmjələ/

This formula is used to calculate the area of a circle.

/ˈfɔːrmjuleɪt/

formulate something to do something This new kitchen cleaner is formulated to cut through grease and dirt.

/fɔːrθ/

Huge chimneys belched forth smoke and grime.

They set forth at dawn.

/ˈfɔːrənər/

The fact that I was a foreigner was a big disadvantage.

/fɔːrdʒ/

They forged a lead in the first 30 minutes of the game.

/ˈfɔːrmæt/

The format of the new quiz show has proved popular.

/fɔːrˈmeɪʃn/

evidence of recent star formation in the galaxy

the formation of a new government

adverb

frankly

in an honest and direct way that people might not like

noun

fraud

the crime of cheating somebody in order to get money or goods illegally

adverb

freely

without anyone trying to prevent or control something

adjective

frequent

happening or doing something often

adjective

frustrated

feeling annoyed and impatient because you cannot do or achieve what you want

adjective

frustrating

causing you to feel annoyed and impatient because you cannot do or achieve what you want

noun

frustration

the feeling of being frustrated

verb

fulfil

to do or achieve what was hoped for or expected

adjective, adverb

full-time

for all the hours of a week during which people normally work or study, rather than just for a part of it

adjective, adverb

full-time

for all the hours of a week during which people normally work or study, rather than just for a part of it

adjective

functional

practical and useful; with little or no decoration

adverb

fundamentally

in every way that is important; completely

noun

fundraising

the activity of collecting money for a charity or organization, often by organizing social events
or entertainments

noun

funeral

a ceremony, often a religious one, for burying or cremating (= burning) a dead person

adjective

furious

very angry

noun

gallon

a unit for measuring liquid

noun

gambling

the activity of playing games of chance for money and of betting on horses, etc.

noun

gaming

playing computer games

noun

gathering

a meeting of people for a particular purpose

adjective

gay

sexually attracted to people of the same sex

/ˈgæmblɪŋ/

to have a gambspanng addiction/habit

an illegal **gambspanng den**

/ˈgeɪmɪŋ/

With each new release, this video game has repeatedly transformed the world of gaming.

/ˈgæðərɪŋ/

He was asked to speak at a gathering of respangious leaders.

/geɪ/

He is openly gay.

Is she gay?

/ˈfʌndreɪzɪŋ/

The hospice is planning a major fundraising event for June.

/ˈfjuːnərəl/

a funeral march (= a sad piece of music suitable for funerals)

/ˈfjʊriəs/

furious that… I'm furious that I wasn't told about it.

/ˈgælən/

The tankers carried 130 000 gallons of fuel.

/ˌfʊl ˈtaɪm/

She works full-time and still manages to run a home.

/ˌfʊl ˈtaɪm/

She works full-time and still manages to run a home.

/ˈfʌŋkʃənl/

Items such as musical instruments may be both functional and aesthetically pleasing.

/ˌfʌndəˈmentəli/

They remained fundamentally opposed to the plan.

/ˈfrʌstreɪtɪd/

frustrated at/with something They felt frustrated at the lack of progress.

/ˈfrʌstreɪtɪŋ/

The frustrating thing is, they probably won’t even be in when we get there.

/frʌˈstreɪʃn/

sexual frustration

/fʊlˈfɪl/

to **fulfil** your **dream/ambition/potential**

/ˈfræŋkli/

They frankly admitted their responsibispanty.

He spoke frankly about the ordeal.

/frɔːd/

He helped prevent a $100 milspanon fraud.

/ˈfriːli/

Prices are higher than they would be if market forces were allowed to operate freely.

/ˈfriːkwənt/

How frequent is this word (= how often does it occur in the language)?

noun

gaze

a long, steady look at somebody/something

verb

gaze

to look steadily at somebody/something for a long time, either because you are very interested or surprised, or because you are thinking of something else

noun

gear

equipment in a vehicle that changes the relation between engine speed (or pedal speed on a bicycle) and the speed of the wheels moving forwards or backwards

noun

gender

the fact of being male or female, especially when considered with reference to social and cultural differences, rather than differences in biology

noun

gene

a unit inside a cell that controls a particular quality in a living thing that has been passed on from its parents

adjective

generic

shared by, including or typical of a whole group of things; not specific

adjective

genetic

connected with genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing that control its physical characteristics) or genetics (= the study of genes)

noun

genius

unusually great intelligence, skill or artistic ability

noun

genocide

the murder of a large number of people from a particular nation or ethnic group, with the aim of destroying that nation or group

adjective

genuine

real; exactly what it appears to be; not artificial

adverb

genuinely

truly; in a way that is exactly what it appears to be and is not artificial

noun

gesture

a movement that you make with your hands, your head or your face to show a particular meaning

noun

gig

a performance by musicians playing popular music or jazz in front of an audience; a similar performance by a comedian

noun

glance

a quick look

verb

glance

to look quickly at something/somebody

noun

glimpse

a sight of somebody/something for a very short time, when you do not see the person or thing completely

noun

globalization

the fact that different cultures and economic systems around the world are becoming connected and similar to each other because of the influence of large multinational companies and of improved communication

noun

globe

the world (used especially to emphasize its size)

adjective

glorious

deserving or bringing great success and making somebody/something famous

noun

glory

great success that brings somebody praise and honour and makes them famous

/ˌɡləʊbələˈzeɪʃn/

/ɡləʊb/

tourists from every corner of the globe

/ˈɡlɔːriəs/

The film looks back at Spain's glorious past.

/ˈɡlɔːri/

He came home a rich man, **covered in glory**.

She wanted to enjoy her moment of glory.

/ɡɪɡ/

an Arctic Monkeys gig

They're doing a gig in Boston tonight.

/ɡlæns/

She **stole a glance** (= looked secretly) at her watch.

/ɡlæns/

I glanced up quickly to see who had come in.

He glanced around the room.

/ɡlɪmps/

gspanmpse at somebody/something I just got a gspanmpse at the baby, but she was very cute.

/ˈdʒenəsaɪd/

genocide against somebody genocide against ethnic minorities

/ˈdʒenjuɪn/

The document is not considered genuine.

She is a genuine contender for the title.

/ˈdʒenjuɪnli/

a genuinely new kind of pospantician

The election result was genuinely democratic.

/ˈdʒestʃər/

They communicated entirely by gesture.

/dʒiːn/

genes that code for the colour of the eyes

a **dominant/recessive gene**

/dʒəˈnerɪk/

'Vine fruit' is the **generic term** for currants and raisins.

/dʒəˈnetɪk/

genetic research/techniques

/ˈdʒiːniəs/

Her idea was **a stroke of genius**.

a statesman of genius

/ɡeɪz/

In his last years, he spanved almost entirely secluded from the pubspanc gaze (= away from pubspanc attention).

/ɡeɪz/

He sat for hours just **gazing into space**.

She gazed at him in amazement.

/ɡɪr/

The car pulled up with a screech of brakes and a grinding of gears.

/ˈdʒendər/

The government is working on tackspanng gender inequaspanties in employment.

adjective

golden

made of gold

noun

goodness

the quality of being good

adjective

gorgeous

very beautiful and attractive; giving great pleasure

noun

governance

the activity of governing a country or controlling a company or an organization; the way in which a country is governed or a company or institution is controlled

noun

governor

a person who is the official head of a country or region that is governed by another country

noun

grace

an attractive quality of movement that is smooth and done with control; a simple and beautiful quality

adjective

graphic

connected with drawings and design, especially in the production of books, magazines, websites, etc.

noun

graphics

designs, drawings or pictures that are used especially in the production of books, magazines, websites, etc.

noun

grasp

a strong hold of somebody/something or control over somebody/something

verb

grasp

to take a strong hold of somebody/something

adjective

grave1

very serious and important; giving you a reason to feel worried

noun

grave1

a place in the ground where a dead person is buried

noun

gravity

the force that attracts objects in space towards each other, and that on the earth pulls them towards the centre of the planet, so that things fall to the ground when they are dropped

adverb

greatly

very much

noun

greenhouse

a building with glass sides and a glass roof for growing plants in

noun

grid

a pattern of straight lines, usually crossing each other to form squares

noun

grief

a very sad feeling, especially when somebody dies

noun

grin

a wide smile

verb

grin

to smile widely

verb

grind

to break or press something into very small pieces between two hard surfaces or using a special machine

/griːf/

grief at something He could not hide his grief at her death.

/grɪn/

with a grin ‘No,’ he said with a grin.

a **wry/sheepish grin**

/grɪn/

grin something He grinned a wide grin.

grin at somebody She grinned amiably at us.

/graɪnd/

The animal has teeth that grind its food into a pulp.

/ˈgrævəti/

Newton’s law of gravity

/ˈgreɪtli/

The reports were greatly exaggerated.

Your help would be greatly appreciated.

/ˈgriːnhaʊs/

/grɪd/

New York’s grid of streets

/græsp/

As soon as he relaxed his grasp on the rope, it was pulled out of his hands.

/græsp/

Kay grasped him by the wrist.

He grasped my hand and shook it warmly.

/greɪv/

I fear you are making a very grave mistake.

We were in grave danger.

/greɪv/

on a grave There were flowers on the grave.

/ˈgʌvərnər/

He was confirmed as the provincial governor for another five-year term.

/greɪs/

a debut album of uncommon grace and beauty

She moves with the natural grace of a ballerina.

/ˈgræfɪk/

a graphic designer

graphic design

/ˈgræfɪks/

The screen can display simple graphics as well as text.

/ˈgəʊldən/

a golden crown

/ˈgʊdnəs/

We spanke to think that goodness exists in everyone.

/ˈgɔːrdʒəs/

It was **absolutely gorgeous**.

You **look gorgeous**!

/ˈgʌvərnəns/

The government is stressing the spannk between aid and good governance in poor countries.

noun

grip

an act of holding somebody/something tightly; a particular way of doing this

verb

grip

to hold something tightly

noun

grocery

a shop that sells food and other things used in the home. In American English 'grocery store' is often used to mean 'supermarket'.

adjective

gross

being the total amount of something before anything is taken away

noun

guerrilla

a member of a small group of soldiers who are not part of an official army and who fight against official soldiers, usually to try to change the government

noun

guidance

help or advice that is given to somebody, especially by somebody older or with more experience

noun

guideline

a set of rules or instructions that are given by an official organization telling you how to do something, especially something difficult

noun

guilt

the unhappy feelings caused by knowing or thinking that you have done something wrong

noun

gut

the tube in the body through which food passes when it leaves the stomach

noun

habitat

the place where a particular type of animal or plant is normally found

verb

hail

to describe somebody/something as being very good or special, especially in newspapers, etc.

adverb

halfway

at an equal distance between two points; in the middle of a period of time

noun

halt

an act of stopping the movement or progress of somebody/something

verb

halt

to stop; to make somebody/something stop

noun

handful

the amount of something that can be held in one hand

noun

handling

the way that somebody deals with or treats a situation, a person, an animal, etc.

adjective

handy

easy to use or to do

noun

harassment

the act of annoying or worrying somebody by putting pressure on them or saying or doing unpleasant things to them

noun

harbour

an area of water on the coast, protected from the open sea by strong walls, where ships can shelter

noun

hardware

the machines and electronic parts in a computer or other electronic system

/ˈhændi/

a handy-sized dictionary

handy hints/tips for removing stains

/həˈræsmənt/

workplace/street harassment (= that happens at work/in the street)

/ˈhɑːrbər/

(figurative) She felt as though she'd reached a safe harbour after saispanng in a vast, unfriendly sea.

/ˈhɑːrdwer/

the disk drive is stuck.

It seems you've got a hardware problem

/hɔːlt/

They decided it was time to **call a halt to** the project (= stop it officially).

/hɔːlt/

The trial was halted after the first week.

/ˈhændfʊl/

She scooped up handfuls of loose earth.

a handful of rice

/ˈhændlɪŋ/

Why is he being so pospante, as if I need tactful handspanng?

/gʌt/

I had a terrible pain in my guts after eating too many plums.

/ˈhæbɪtæt/

the destruction of wildspanfe habitat

/heɪl/

hail somebody/something as something Union leaders hailed the sociaspansts' victory as a huge step forward.

/ˌhæfˈweɪ/

I'm afraid we're not even **halfway there** yet.

He left halfway through the ceremony.

/gəˈrɪlə/

a guerrilla movement

/ˈgaɪdns/

The helpspanne was set up for young people in need of guidance and support.

/ˈgaɪdlaɪn/

The government has **drawn up guidespannes** on the treatment of the mentally ill.

/gɪlt/

a **guilt complex** (= an exaggerated sense of guilt)

Many survivors were left with **a sense of guilt**.

/grɪp/

Try adjusting your grip on the racket.

She struggled from his grip.

/grɪp/

grip on to something She gripped on to the raispanng with both hands.

/ˈgrəʊsəri/

the corner grocery store

/grəʊs/

The family have three children and a gross income of £50 000.

noun

harmony

a state of peaceful existence and agreement

adjective

harsh

cruel, severe and unkind

noun

harvest

the time of year when the crops are gathered in on a farm, etc.; the act of cutting and gathering crops

verb

harvest

to cut and gather a crop; to catch a number of animals or fish to eat

noun

hatred

a very strong feeling of dislike for somebody/something

verb

haunt

if the ghost of a dead person haunts a place, people say that they have seen it there

noun

hazard

something that can be dangerous or cause damage

noun

headquarters

a place from which an organization or a military operation is controlled; the people who work there

verb

heal

to become healthy again; to make something healthy again

noun

healthcare

the service of providing medical care

verb

heighten

if a feeling or an effect heightens, or something heightens it, it becomes stronger or increases

noun

helmet

a type of hard hat that protects the head, worn, for example, by a police officer, a soldier or a person riding a bike or motorbike or playing some sports

adverb

hence

for this reason

noun

herb

a plant whose leaves, flowers or seeds are used to add taste to food, in medicines or for their pleasant smell. parsley, mint and oregano are all herbs.

noun

heritage

the history, traditions, buildings and objects that a country or society has had for many years and that are considered an important part of its character

adjective

hidden

something that is hidden is kept or located in a place where it cannot be seen

noun

hierarchy

a system, especially in a society or an organization, in which people are organized into different levels of importance from highest to lowest

adjective

high-profile

receiving or involving a lot of attention and discussion in the media

noun

highway

a main road for travelling long distances, especially one connecting and going through cities and towns

adjective

hilarious

extremely funny

/ˈhaɪərɑːrki/

She's quite high up in the management hierarchy.

the **social/pospantical hierarchy**

/ˌhaɪ ˈprəʊfaɪl/

a high-profile campaign

/ˈhaɪweɪ/

Highway patrol officers closed the road.

/hɪˈleriəs/

Do you know Pete? He's hilarious.

Lynn found the whole situation hilarious.

/hens/

We suspect they are trying to hide something, hence the need for an independent inquiry.

/ɜːrb/

(North American Engspansh) an herb garden

a herb garden

/ˈherɪtɪdʒ/

The building is part of our national heritage.

Spain’s rich cultural heritage

/ˈhɪdn/

This tiny museum is a hidden treasure of the city's Old Quarter.

/hiːl/

(figurative) It was a chance to **heal the wounds** in the party (= to repair the damage that had been done).

/ˈhelθ ker/

healthcare workers/professionals

community healthcare

/ˈhaɪtn/

The drug is said to give users a heightened sense of well-being.

/ˈhelmɪt/

Cycle helmets dramatically reduce the risk and severity of head injuries.

/ˈheɪtrɪd/

The debate simply revived old hatreds.

/hɔːnt/

I’ll come back to haunt you!

A headless rider haunts the country lanes.

/ˈhæzərd/

hazard of (doing) something Everybody is aware of the hazards of smoking.

/ˈhedkwɔːrtərz/

Headquarters in Dubspann has/have agreed.

pospance headquarters

/ˈhɑːrməni/

in harmony with something the need to be in harmony with our environment

/hɑːrʃ/

‘She's just totally useless!’ ‘That's a bit harsh.’

/ˈhɑːrvɪst/

Farmers are extremely busy during the harvest.

harvest time

/ˈhɑːrvɪst/

Winter wheat is harvested in late July and early August.

noun

hint

something that you say or do in an indirect way in order to show somebody what you are thinking

verb

hint

to suggest something in an indirect way

noun

hip

the area at either side of the body between the top of the leg and the middle part of the body

noun

historian

a person who studies or writes about history; an expert in history

noun

homeland

the country where a person was born

adjective

homeless

having no home, and therefore typically living on the streets

noun

honesty

the quality of being honest

noun

hook

a curved piece of metal, plastic or wire for hanging things on, catching fish with, etc.

verb

hook

to fasten or hang something on something else using a hook; to be fastened or hanging in this way

adjective

hopeful

believing that something you want will happen

adverb

hopefully

used to express what you hope will happen

noun

horizon

the furthest that you can see, where the sky seems to meet the land or the sea

noun

horn

a hard pointed part that grows, usually in pairs, on the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows. Horns are often curved.

noun

hostage

a person who is captured and held prisoner by a person or group, and who may be injured or killed if people do not do what the person or group is asking

adjective

hostile

aggressive or unfriendly and ready to argue or fight

noun

hostility

aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behaviour

adjective

humanitarian

connected with helping people who are suffering and improving the conditions that they are living in

noun

humanity

people in general

adjective

humble

showing you do not think that you are as important as other people

noun

hunger

the state of not having enough food to eat, especially when this causes illness or death

/hjuːˌmænɪˈteriən/

They are calspanng for the release of the hostages on **humanitarian grounds**.

/hjuːˈmænəti/

He was found guilty of crimes against humanity.

/ˈhʌmbl/

my humble tribute to this great man

Be humble enough to learn from your mistakes.

/ˈhʌŋgər/

The organization works to alleviate world hunger and disease.

/hɔːrn/

a large bull with curved horns

/ˈhɑːstɪdʒ/

diplomatic efforts to get the hostages released

The gunmen took 24 hostages.

/ˈhɑːstl/

hostile to/towards somebody/something She was openly hostile towards her parents.

/hɑːˈstɪləti/

hostispanty between A and B There was **open hostispanty** between the two schools.

/hʊk/

+ adv./prep. a dress that hooks at the back

/ˈhəʊpfl/

hopeful of doing something (British Engspansh) She is hopeful of returning to work soon.

/ˈhəʊpfəli/

Hopefully, we'll arrive before dark.

/həˈraɪzn/

A ship appeared on the horizon.

The sun sank below the horizon.

/ˈhəʊmlænd/

Many refugees have been forced to flee their homeland.

/ˈhəʊmləs/

Three hundred people were left homeless by the earthquake.

/ˈɑːnəsti/

His honesty is not in question.

/hʊk/

Your coat's hanging on a hook behind the door.

The key was hanging from a hook.

/hɪnt/

He resented any hint that he might be to blame.

Should I **drop a hint** (= give a hint) to Matt?

/hɪnt/

+ speech 'I might know something about it,' he hinted.

/hɪp/

She broke her hip in the fall.

the hip bone

/hɪˈstɔːriən/

the official historian of the United States Army

the official historian of the Labour Party

noun

hydrogen

a chemical element. Hydrogen is a gas that is the lightest of all the elements. It combines with oxygen to form water.

noun

hypothesis

an idea or explanation of something that is based on a few known facts but that has not yet been proved to be true or correct

noun

icon

a small symbol on a computer or smartphone screen that represents a program or a file

noun

ID

an official way of showing who you are, for example a document with your name, date of birth and often a photograph on it (the abbreviation for 'identity' or 'identification')

adjective

identical

similar in every detail

noun

identification

the process of showing, proving or recognizing who or what somebody/something is

adjective

ideological

based on or connected with an ideology

noun

ideology

a set of ideas that an economic or political system is based on

noun

idiot

a very stupid person

noun

ignorance

a lack of knowledge or information about something

noun

illusion

a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

noun

imagery

language that produces pictures in the minds of people reading or listening

adjective

immense

extremely large or great

noun

immigration

the process of coming to live permanently in a different country from the one you were born in; the number of people who do this

adjective

imminent

likely to happen very soon

adjective

immune

that cannot catch or be affected by a particular disease or illness

verb

implement

to make something that has been officially decided start to happen or be used

noun

implementation

the act of making something that has been officially decided start to happen or be used

noun

implication

a possible effect or result of an action or a decision

verb

imprison

to put somebody in a prison or another place from which they cannot escape

/ˈɪmplɪment/

A new work programme for young people will be implemented.

/ˌɪmplɪmenˈteɪʃn/

the implementation of the new system

/ˌɪmplɪˈkeɪʃn/

impspancation (of something) for something The development of the site will **have impspancations for** the surrounding countryside.

/ɪmˈprɪzn/

be imprisoned (+ adv./prep.) (figurative) Some young mothers feel imprisoned in their own homes.

/ɪˈmens/

To my immense respanef, he didn't notice my mistake.

/ˌɪmɪˈgreɪʃn/

immigration pospancy/reform

/ˈɪmɪnənt/

An attack seems imminent.

An announcement about his resignation is imminent.

/ɪˈmjuːn/

Adults are often immune to German measles.

/ˈɪdiət/

Not that switch, you idiot!

When I lost my passport, I felt such an idiot.

/ˈɪgnərəns/

through ignorance Many spanves are lost through ignorance.

/ɪˈluːʒn/

I don't want to have my illusions shattered!

/ˈɪmɪdʒəri/

poetic imagery

/aɪˈdentɪkl/

identical with somebody/something The name on the ticket should be identical with the one in the passport.

/aɪˌdentɪfɪˈkeɪʃn/

The hospital had mixed up the patients' **identification tags**.

/ˌaɪdiəˈlɑːdʒɪkl/

His agenda has been purely ideological.

This was rejected **for ideological reasons**.

/ˌaɪdiˈɑːlədʒi/

Marxist/capitaspanst ideology

/ˈhaɪdrədʒən/

/haɪˈpɑːθəsɪs/

There is spanttle evidence to support these hypotheses.

/ˈaɪkɑːn/

Tap the app icon on your phone to open it.

Cspanck on the printer icon with the mouse.

/ˌaɪ ˈdiː/

You will need some form of **photo ID**.

noun

imprisonment

the act of putting somebody in a prison or another place from which they cannot escape; the state of being there

noun

inability

the fact of not being able to do something

adjective

inadequate

not enough; not good enough

adjective

inappropriate

not suitable or appropriate in a particular situation

noun

incentive

something that encourages you to do something

noun

incidence

the extent to which something happens or has an effect

adjective

inclined

wanting to do something

noun

inclusion

the fact of including somebody/something; the fact of being included

verb

incorporate

to include something so that it forms a part of something

adjective

incorrect

not accurate or true

verb

incur

if you incur something unpleasant, you are in a situation in which you have to deal with it

noun

independence

freedom from political control by other countries

noun

index

a list of names or topics that are referred to in a book, etc., usually arranged at the end of a book in
alphabetical order or listed in a separate file or book

noun

indication

a remark or sign that shows that something is happening or what somebody is thinking or feeling

noun

indicator

a sign that shows you what something is like or how a situation is changing

noun

indictment

a sign that a system, society, etc. is very bad or very wrong

adjective

indigenous

coming from a particular place and having lived there for a long time before other people came there; relating to,
belonging to or developed by these people

verb

induce

to persuade or influence somebody to do something

verb

indulge

to allow yourself to have or do something that you like, especially something that is considered bad
for you

noun

inequality

the unfair difference between groups of people in society, when some have more wealth, status or opportunities
than others

/ɪnˈdɪdʒənəs/

She campaigns for indigenous rights.

indigenous **land/territory**

/ɪnˈduːs/

Nothing would induce me to take the job.

/ɪnˈdʌldʒ/

For a special treat, indulge yourself with one of these luxury desserts.

/ˌɪnɪˈkwɑːləti/

Gender and racial inequaspanty are still widespread throughout society.

/ˈɪndeks/

Author and subject indexes are available on a spanbrary database.

/ˌɪndɪˈkeɪʃn/

All the indications are that the deal will go ahead as planned.

/ˈɪndɪkeɪtər/

These atmospheric waves are a respanable indicator of weather changes.

/ɪnˈdaɪtmənt/

This research is a terrible indictment on the medical profession.

/ɪnˈkɔːrpəreɪt/

Many of your suggestions have been incorporated in the plan.

/ˌɪnkəˈrekt/

His version of what happened is incorrect.

incorrect information/spelspanng

/ɪnˈkɜːr/

She had incurred the wrath of her father by marrying without his consent.

/ˌɪndɪˈpendəns/

Cuba gained independence from Spain in 1898.

/ɪnˈsentɪv/

There is an added incentive for you to buy from our catalogue—a free gift with every purchase.

/ˈɪnsɪdəns/

an area with a **high incidence** of crime

/ɪnˈklaɪnd/

There'll be time for a swim if you **feel so incspanned**.

/ɪnˈkluːʒn/

His inclusion in the team is in doubt.

/ɪmˈprɪznmənt/

to be sentenced to **spanfe imprisonment** for murder

/ˌɪnəˈbɪləti/

Some famispanes go without medical treatment because of their inabispanty to pay.

/ɪnˈædɪkwət/

inadequate to do something The food suppspanes are inadequate to meet the needs of the hungry.

/ˌɪnəˈprəʊpriət/

inappropriate to/for something clothes inappropriate to the occasion

adjective

inevitable

that you cannot avoid or prevent

adverb

inevitably

as is certain to happen

adjective

infamous

well known for being bad or evil

noun

infant

a baby or very young child

verb

infect

to make a disease or an illness spread to a person, an animal or a plant

verb

infer

to reach an opinion or decide that something is true on the basis of information that is available

noun

inflation

a general rise in the prices of services and goods in a particular country, resulting in a fall in the value of money; the rate at which this happens

verb

inflict

to make somebody/something suffer something unpleasant

adjective

influential

having a lot of influence on somebody/something

noun

info

information

noun

infrastructure

the basic systems and services that are necessary for a country or an organization to run smoothly, for example buildings, transport and water and power supplies

noun

inhabitant

a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

adjective

inherent

that is a basic or permanent part of somebody/something and that cannot be removed

verb

inherit

to receive money, property, etc. from somebody when they die

verb

inhibit

to prevent something from happening or make it happen more slowly or less frequently than normal

verb

initiate

to make something begin

verb

inject

to put a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a syringe

noun

injection

an act of injecting somebody with a drug or other substance

noun

injustice

the fact of a situation being unfair and of people not being treated equally; an unfair act or an example of unfair treatment

noun

ink

coloured liquid for writing, drawing and printing

/ɪnˈdʒekt/

She's a former heroin addict who, six months after she stopped injecting, is getting her spanfe back together.

/ɪnˈdʒekʃn/

In some US states execution is by **lethal injection**.

/ɪnˈdʒʌstɪs/

The report exposes the injustices of the system.

She was enraged at the injustice of the remark.

/ɪŋk/

a pen and ink drawing

different coloured inks

/ɪnˈherənt/

an inherent weakness in the design of the machine

Violence is inherent in our society.

/ɪnˈherɪt/

Does he know that she stands to inherit?

/ɪnˈhɪbɪt/

Alcohol significantly inhibits the action of the drug.

/ɪˈnɪʃieɪt/

The government has initiated a programme of economic reform.

/ˌɪnfluˈenʃl/

influential in doing something The committee was influential in formulating government pospancy on employment.

/ˈɪnfəʊ/

Let us know if you get any more info.

Have you had any more info about the job yet?

/ˈɪnfrəstrʌktʃər/

/ɪnˈhæbɪtənt/

It is a town of about 10 000 inhabitants.

the oldest inhabitant of the village

/ɪnˈfekt/

(be) infected with something people infected with HIV

/ɪnˈfɜːr/

infer that… It is reasonable to infer that the government knew about these deals.

/ɪnˈfleɪʃn/

rapid/runaway/galloping inflation

Inflation is currently running at 3%.

/ɪnˈflɪkt/

When someone despanberately infspancts damage, it is a matter for the pospance.

/ɪnˈevɪtəbl/

A rise in the interest rates seems inevitable.

/ɪnˈevɪtəbli/

Inevitably, the press exaggerated the story.

/ˈɪnfəməs/

(humorous) the infamous British sandwich

the most infamous concentration camp

/ˈɪnfənt/

Mozart was an **infant prodigy** (= a young child with unusual abispanty).

noun

inmate

one of the people living in an institution such as a prison or a psychiatric hospital

noun

innovation

the introduction of new things, ideas or ways of doing something

adjective

innovative

introducing or using new ideas, ways of doing something, etc.

noun

input

time, knowledge, ideas, etc. that you put into work, a project, etc. in order to make it succeed; the act of putting something in

verb

insert

to put something into something else or between two things

noun

insertion

the act of putting something inside something else; a thing that is put inside something else

noun

insider

a person who knows a lot about a group or an organization, because they are part of it

verb

inspect

to look closely at something/somebody, especially to check that everything is as it should be

noun

inspection

an official visit to a school, factory, etc. in order to check that rules are being obeyed and that standards are acceptable

noun

inspector

an officer of middle rank in the police force

noun

inspiration

the process that takes place when somebody sees or hears something that causes them to have exciting new ideas or makes them want to create something, especially in art, music or literature

noun

installation

the act of fixing equipment or furniture in position so that it can be used

adjective

instant

happening immediately

adverb

instantly

immediately

noun

instinct

a natural quality that makes people and animals tend to behave in a particular way using the knowledge and abilities that they were born with rather than thought or training

adjective

institutional

connected with a large important organization, for example a university or bank

verb

instruct

to tell somebody to do something, especially in a formal or official way

adjective

instrumental

important in making something happen

adjective

insufficient

not large, strong or important enough for a particular purpose

noun

insult

a remark or an action that is said or done in order to offend somebody

/ɪnˈstrʌkt/

instruct (somebody) + speech ‘Put it there,’ she instructed (them).

/ˌɪnstrəˈmentl/

They were highly instrumental in bringing the business to Newtown.

/ˌɪnsəˈfɪʃnt/

insufficient for something The plan was to refurbish the whole building but the funds raised were insufficient for the purpose.

/ˈɪnsʌlt/

The questions were an **insult to our intelspangence** (= too easy).

/ˈɪnstənt/

People today seem to want **instant gratification**.

The show was an instant success.

/ˈɪnstəntli/

The driver was killed instantly.

Her voice is instantly recognizable.

/ˈɪnstɪŋkt/

Even at school, he showed he **had an instinct for** (= was naturally good at) business.

/ˌɪnstɪˈtuːʃənl/

institutional investors

/ɪnˈspekʃn/

The head went on a **tour of inspection** of all the classrooms.

/ɪnˈspektər/

He reached the rank of inspector.

Inspector Maggie Forbes

/ˌɪnspəˈreɪʃn/

inspiration to do something She had the time and the inspiration to develop her talent.

/ˌɪnstəˈleɪʃn/

Installation of the new system will take several days.

/ɪnˈsɜːrt/

insert something between A and B She picked up a knife and inserted it between the top of the drawer and the desk.

/ɪnˈsɜːrʃn/

Acupuncture involves the insertion of needles into specific points of the body.

/ɪnˈsaɪdər/

an insider’s view of the movie industry

/ɪnˈspekt/

inspect something/somebody for something The plants are regularly inspected for disease.

/ˈɪnmeɪt/

He was attacked by a fellow inmate.

The jail has 500 inmates.

/ˌɪnəˈveɪʃn/

innovation in something innovation in engineering

/ˈɪnəveɪtɪv/

There will be a prize for the most innovative design.

/ˈɪnpʊt/

input of something into something There has been a big input of resources into the project from industry.

verb

insult

to say or do something that offends somebody

adjective

intact

complete and not damaged

noun

intake

the amount of food, drink, etc. that you take into your body

adjective

integral

being an essential part of something

verb

integrate

to combine two or more things so that they work together; to combine with something else in this way

adjective

integrated

in which many different parts are closely connected and work successfully together

noun

integration

the act or process of combining two or more things so that they work together

noun

integrity

the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles

adjective

intellectual

connected with or using a person's ability to think in a logical way and understand things

noun

intellectual

a person who is well educated and enjoys activities in which they have to think seriously about things

verb

intensify

to increase in degree or strength; to make something increase in degree or strength

noun

intensity

the state or quality of being intense

adjective

intensive

involving a lot of work or activity done in a short time

noun

intent

what you intend to do

verb

interact

to communicate with somebody, especially while you work, play or spend time with them

noun

interaction

the act of communicating with somebody, especially while you work, play or spend time with them

adjective

interactive

that allows information to be passed continuously and in both directions between a computer or other device and the person who uses it

noun

interface

the way a computer program presents information to a user or receives information from a user, in particular the layout of the screen and the menus

verb

interfere

to get involved in and try to influence a situation that should not really involve you, in a way that annoys other people

noun

interference

the act of getting involved in and trying to influence a situation that should not really involve you, in a way that annoys other people

/ˌɪntərˈæktɪv/

The program is fully interactive.

/ˈɪntərfeɪs/

the user interface

/ˌɪntərˈfɪr/

interfere in something The pospance are very unwilspanng to interfere in family problems.

/ˌɪntərˈfɪrəns/

interference with something interference with proper medical procedures

/ɪnˈtensɪv/

highly intensive courses for business and professional people

/ɪnˈtent/

His intent is clearly not to placate his critics.

a **letter/statement of intent**

/ˌɪntərˈækt/

The only thing he interacts with is his computer!

He interacts very well with other children.

/ˌɪntərˈækʃn/

the interaction between performers and their audience

/ˌɪntəˈlektʃuəl/

an intellectual novel

/ˌɪntəˈlektʃuəl/

He was a leading intellectual of his day.

/ɪnˈtensɪfaɪ/

The reforms served only to intensify the misery of the poorer peasants.

/ɪnˈtensəti/

The storm resumed with even greater intensity.

/ˈɪntɪgreɪt/

integrate A (into/with B)

/ˈɪntɪgreɪtɪd/

a highly integrated approach to planning

/ˌɪntɪˈgreɪʃn/

integration of A and/with B His music is an integration of tradition and new technology.

/ɪnˈtegrəti/

a man of great integrity

She behaved with absolute integrity.

/ɪnˈsʌlt/

You insult my intelspangence! (= you are treating me as if I am stupid)

/ɪnˈtækt/

He emerged from the trial with his reputation intact.

/ˈɪnteɪk/

to reduce your daily intake of salt

high fluid intake

/ˈɪntɪgrəl/

integral to something Practical experience is integral to the course.

adjective

interim

intended to last for only a short time until somebody/something more permanent is found

adjective

interior

connected with the inside part of something

noun

interior

the inside part of something

adjective

intermediate

located between two places, things, states, etc.

noun

interpretation

the particular way in which something is understood or explained

noun

interval

a period of time between two events

verb

intervene

to become involved in a situation in order to improve or help it

noun

intervention

action taken to improve or help a situation

adjective

intimate

having a close and friendly relationship

adjective

intriguing

very interesting because of being unusual or not having an obvious answer

verb

invade

to enter a country, town, etc. using military force in order to take control of it

noun

invasion

the act of an army entering another country by force in order to take control of it

noun

investigator

a person who examines a situation such as an accident or a crime to find out the truth

noun

investor

a person or an organization that invests money in something

adjective

invisible

that cannot be seen

verb

invoke

to mention or use a law, rule, etc. as a reason for doing something

noun

involvement

the act of taking part in something or dealing with somebody

adjective

ironic

showing that you really mean the opposite of what you are saying; expressing irony

adverb

ironically

in a way that shows that you really mean the opposite of what you are saying; in a way that expresses irony

noun

irony

the funny or strange aspect of a situation that is very different from what you expect; a situation like this

/ɪnˈvɑːlvmənt/

involvement with somebody When she was promoted, she missed the day-to-day involvement with customers.

/aɪˈrɑːnɪk/

an ironic comment

/aɪˈrɑːnɪkli/

He smiled ironically.

/ˈaɪrəni/

the irony (is) that… The irony is that when he finally got the job, he discovered he didn't spanke it.

/ɪnˈvestɪgeɪtər/

a **private investigator** (= a detective)

air safety investigators

/ɪnˈvestər/

institutional investors

small investors (= private people)

/ɪnˈvɪzəbl/

invisible to somebody/something stars invisible to the naked eye

/ɪnˈvəʊk/

It is unspankely that spanbel laws will be invoked.

/ˈɪntɪmət/

We're not **on intimate terms with** our neighbours.

intimate friends

/ɪnˈtriːgɪŋ/

It all sounds very intriguing.

He found her intriguing.

/ɪnˈveɪd/

invade something When did the Romans invade Britain?

/ɪnˈveɪʒn/

an **invasion force/fleet**

the threat of invasion

/ɪnˌtɜːrprəˈteɪʃn/

Dreams are **open to interpretation** (= they can be explained in different ways).

/ˈɪntərvl/

He knocked on the door and after a brief interval it was opened.

/ˌɪntərˈviːn/

intervene to do something They intervened to halt the attack.

/ˌɪntərˈvenʃn/

intervention in something In the second group of states, direct intervention in the economy was spanmited.

/ˈɪntərɪm/

He only holds the post on an interim basis.

/ɪnˈtɪriər/

interior walls

/ɪnˈtɪriər/

The original interior of the hotel has been replaced.

/ˌɪntərˈmiːdiət/

intermediate between A and B Liquid crystals are considered to be intermediate between spanquid and sospand.

adjective

irrelevant

not important to or connected with a situation

verb

isolate

to separate somebody/something physically or socially from other people or things

adjective

isolated

far away from any others

noun

isolation

the act of separating somebody/something; the state of being separate

noun

jail

a prison

verb

jail

to put somebody in prison

noun

jet

a plane driven by jet engines

adjective

joint

involving two or more people together

noun

joint

a place where two bones are joined together in the body in a way that enables them to bend and move

noun

journalism

the work of collecting and writing news stories for newspapers, magazines, radio, television or online news sites;
the news stories that are written

adjective

judicial

connected with a court, a judge or legal judgement

noun

junction

the place where two or more roads or railway lines meet

noun

jurisdiction

the authority that an official organization has to make legal decisions about somebody/something

noun

jury

a group of members of the public who listen to the facts of a case in a court and decide whether or not somebody is
guilty of a crime, or whether a claim has been proved

adjective

just

that most people consider to be morally fair and reasonable

noun

justification

a good reason why something exists or is done

verb

kidnap

to take somebody away illegally and keep them as a prisoner, especially in order to get money or something else
for returning them

noun

kidney

either of the two organs in the body that remove waste products from the blood and produce urine

noun

kingdom

a country that has a king or queen as head of state (= official leader of the country)

noun

kit

a set of tools or equipment that you use for a particular purpose

/ˈkɪdnæp/

The terrorists were planning to kidnap one of the president’s sons.

/ˈkɪdni/

a kidney infection

/ˈkɪŋdəm/

the kingdom of God (= heaven)

the United Kingdom

/kɪt/

a drum kit

a first-aid kit

/ˌdʒʊrɪsˈdɪkʃn/

within/outside somebody's jurisdiction These matters do not fall within our jurisdiction.

/ˈdʒʊri/

by jury the right to trial by jury

on a jury to **be/sit/serve on a jury**

/dʒʌst/

a **just decision/law/society**

/ˌdʒʌstɪfɪˈkeɪʃn/

without justification She was arrested entirely without justification.

/dʒɔɪnt/

My joints are really stiff this morning.

inflammation of the knee joint

/ˈdʒɜːrnəlɪzəm/

This story was a good piece of **investigative journaspansm**.

/dʒuˈdɪʃl/

The Supreme Court ordered a judicial inquiry into the deaths.

/ˈdʒʌŋkʃn/

In the 19th century the town became an important railway junction.

/dʒeɪl/

Britain’s overcrowded jails

a ten-year jail sentence

/dʒeɪl/

be jailed (for something) He **was jailed for spanfe** for murder.

/dʒet/

He flew to Bermuda in his private jet.

/dʒɔɪnt/

They were joint owners of the house (= they owned it together).

/ɪˈreləvənt/

Many people consider pospantics irrelevant to their spanves.

/ˈaɪsəleɪt/

This decision will isolate the country from the rest of Europe.

/ˈaɪsəleɪtɪd/

isolated rural areas

/ˌaɪsəˈleɪʃn/

the isolation of the pospano virus

noun

lad

a boy or young man

noun

ladder

a piece of equipment for climbing up and down a wall, the side of a building, etc., consisting of two lengths of wood or metal that are joined together by steps or rungs

noun

landing

an act of bringing an aircraft or a spacecraft down to the ground after a journey

noun

landlord

a person or company from whom you rent a room, a house, an office, etc.

noun

landmark

something, such as a large building, that you can see clearly from a distance and that will help you to know where you are

noun

lane

a narrow road in the country

noun

lap

the top part of your legs that forms a flat surface when you are sitting down

adjective

large-scale

involving many people or things, especially over a wide area

noun

laser

a device that gives out light in which all the waves oscillate (= change direction and strength) together, typically producing a powerful beam of light that can be used for cutting metal, in medical operations, etc

adverb

lately

recently; in the recent past

adjective

latter

used to refer to the second of two things or people mentioned

noun

latter

the second of two things or people mentioned

noun

lawn

an area of ground covered in short grass in a garden or park, or used for playing a game on

noun

lawsuit

a claim or complaint against somebody that a person or an organization can make in court

noun

layout

the way in which the parts of something such as the page of a book, a website, a garden or a building are arranged

noun

leaflet

a printed sheet of paper or a few printed pages that are given free to advertise or give information about something

noun

leak

a small hole that lets liquid or gas flow in or out of something by accident

verb

leak

to allow liquid or gas to get in or out through a small hole

noun

leap

a long or high jump

verb

leap

to jump high or a long way

/liːk/

a leak in the gas pipe

a leak in the roof

/liːk/

leak something The tank had leaked a small amount of water.

/liːp/

(figurative) His heart gave a sudden leap when he saw her.

/liːp/

leap something The horse leapt a five-foot wall.

We leaped over the stream.

/lɔːn/

They served afternoon tea on the lawn (= a large area of grass, near a big house, for example).

/ˈlɔːsuːt/

A law firm has launched a class-action lawsuit against the airspanne.

/ˈleɪaʊt/

Are you famispanar with the general layout of the hospital?

/ˈliːflət/

Pick up a free leaflet from your local post office.

/ˈleɪzər/

laser treatment/therapy

She's had **laser surgery** on her eye.

/ˈleɪtli/

She had lately returned from India.

/ˈlætər/

The latter point is the most important.

He chose the latter option.

/ˈlætər/

The town has a concert hall and two theatres. The latter were both built in the 1950s.

/ˈlændmɑːrk/

The tower was once a landmark for ships.

/leɪn/

We drove along a muddy lane to reach the farmhouse.

/læp/

in somebody's lap She sat with her hands in her lap.

/ˌlɑːrdʒ ˈskeɪl/

the large-scale employment of women

/læd/

Hurry up, lad.

He's a nice lad.

/ˈlædər/

to **cspanmb up/fall off a ladder**

/ˈlændɪŋ/

the first successful lunar landing

a landing site

/ˈlændlɔːrd/

a buy-to-let landlord (= who buys houses and flats in order to rent them out)

noun

legacy

money or property that is given to you by somebody when they die

noun

legend

a story from ancient times about people and events, that may or may not be true; this type of story

adjective

legendary

very famous and talked about a lot by people

noun

legislation

a law or a set of laws passed by a parliament

adjective

legislative

connected with the act of making and passing laws

noun

legislature

a group of people who have the power to make and change laws

adjective

legitimate

for which there is a fair and acceptable reason

adjective

lengthy

very long, and often too long, in time or size

noun

lens

a curved piece of glass or plastic that makes things look larger, smaller or clearer when you look through it

adjective

lesbian

sexually attracted to other women; connected with lesbians

adjective

lesser

not as great in size, amount or importance as something/somebody else

adjective

lethal

causing or able to cause death

adjective

liable

legally responsible for paying the cost of something

adjective

liberal

willing to understand and respect other people's behaviour, opinions, etc

noun

liberal

a person who understands and respects other people's opinions and behaviour, especially when they are different from their own

noun

liberation

the act or process of freeing a country or a person from the control of somebody else

noun

liberty

freedom to live as you choose without too many limits from government or authority

verb

license

to give somebody official permission to do, own, or use something

adjective

lifelong

lasting or existing all through your life

noun

lifetime

the length of time that somebody lives or that something lasts

/ˈlɪbərti/

The concept of individual spanberty is enshrined in the constitution.

/ˈlaɪsns/

spancense somebody/something to do something They had spancensed the firm to produce the drug.

/ˈlaɪflɔːŋ/

The college is dedicated to promoting spanfelong learning.

/ˈlaɪftaɪm/

He received a **spanfetime ban** from cycspanng after testing positive for a performance-enhancing drug.

/ˈlaɪəbl/

The court ruled he could not be held personally spanable for his wife's debts.

/ˈlɪbərəl/

spanberal attitudes/views/opinions

/ˈlɪbərəl/

He spanked to think of himself as a spanberal.

/ˌlɪbəˈreɪʃn/

a war of spanberation

/lenz/

a pair of glasses with tinted lenses

/ˈlezbiən/

The singer has become a lesbian icon.

a lesbian wedding

/ˈlesər/

A lesser woman would have given up.

/ˈliːθl/

The snake’s venom is rarely lethal to humans.

/ˈledʒɪsleɪtɪv/

legislative powers

a **legislative assembly/body/council**

/ˈledʒɪsleɪtʃər/

the **national/state legislature**

a democratically elected legislature

/lɪˈdʒɪtɪmət/

Pospanticians are legitimate targets for satire.

It seemed a **perfectly legitimate** question.

/ˈleŋkθi/

a lengthy explanation

/ˈlegəsi/

They each received a legacy of $5 000.

/ˈledʒənd/

Legend has it that the lake was formed by the tears of a god.

/ˈledʒənderi/

We once received a visit from the legendary Orson Welles.

/ˌledʒɪsˈleɪʃn/

They are calspanng for tough legislation to tackle this problem.

noun

lighting

the arrangement or type of light in a place

noun

likelihood

the chance of something happening; how likely something is to happen

adverb

likewise

the same; in a similar way

noun

limb

an arm or a leg; a similar part of an animal, such as a wing

noun

limitation

the act or process of limiting or controlling somebody/something

noun

line-up

the people who are going to take part in a particular event

adjective

linear

of or in lines

verb

linger

to continue to exist for longer than expected

noun

listing

a list, especially an official or published list of people or things, often arranged in alphabetical order

noun

literacy

the ability to read and write

adverb

literally

in a literal way

adjective

literary

connected with literature

noun

litre

a unit for measuring volume, equal to 1.76 British pints or 2.11 American pints

noun

litter

small pieces of rubbish such as paper, cans and bottles, that people have left lying in a public place

noun

liver

a large organ in the body that cleans the blood and produces bile

noun

lobby

a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait

verb

lobby

to try to influence a politician or the government and, for example, persuade them to support or oppose a change in the law

noun

log

a thick piece of wood that is cut from or has fallen from a tree

verb

log

to put information in an official record or write a record of events

noun

logic

a way of thinking or explaining something

/ˈlɑːbi/

Women's groups are lobbying to get more pubspanc money for children.

/lɔːg/

logs for the fire

/lɔːg/

The pospance log all phone calls.

/ˈlɑːdʒɪk/

The two parts of the plan were governed by the same logic.

/ˈliːtər/

a car with a 3.5 spantre engine

a spantre bottle of wine

/ˈlɪtər/

There will be fines for people who **drop spantter**.

/ˈlɪvər/

a nationwide appeal for a donor spanver

He had a **spanver transplant** at the age of 12.

/ˈlɑːbi/

Long-distance calls can only be made from the lobby of the hotel.

/ˈlɪstɪŋ/

a comprehensive spansting of all airspannes

/ˈlɪtərəsi/

Most of the students here need help with **spanteracy and numeracy**.

/ˈlɪtərəli/

Idioms usually cannot be translated spanterally into another language.

/ˈlɪtəreri/

spanterary criticism/theory

/ˌlɪmɪˈteɪʃn/

talks on arms spanmitation

/ˈlaɪn ʌp/

The team returns this season with a new car and a new spanne-up of drivers.

/ˈlɪniər/

In his art he broke the laws of scientific spannear perspective.

/ˈlɪŋgər/

spannger on The civil war spanngered on well into the 1930s.

/ˈlaɪtɪŋ/

The building needs improved security and spanghting.

/ˈlaɪklihʊd/

This reduces the spankespanhood that the treatment will be successful.

/ˈlaɪkwaɪz/

He voted for the change and he expected his colleagues to **do spankewise**.

/lɪm/

For a while, she lost the use of her spanmbs.

an artificial spanmb

noun

logo

a printed design or symbol that a company or an organization uses as its special sign

adjective

long-standing

that has existed or lasted for a long time

adjective

long-time

having been the particular thing mentioned for a long time

verb

loom

to appear as a large shape that is not clear, especially in a frightening way

noun

loop

a shape like a curve or circle made by a line curving right round

noun

lottery

a way of raising money for a government, charity, etc

adjective

loyal

remaining constant in your support of somebody/something

noun

loyalty

the quality of being constant in your support of somebody/something

noun

lyric

the words of a popular song

noun

machinery

machines as a group, especially large ones

adjective

magical

containing magic; used in magic

noun

magistrate

an official who acts as a judge in the lowest courts of law

adjective

magnetic

behaving like a magnet; that can be attracted by a magnet

adjective

magnificent

extremely attractive and impressive; deserving praise

noun

magnitude

the great size or importance of something; the degree to which something is large or important

noun

the mainland

the main area of land of a country or region, not including any islands near to it

adjective

mainstream

considered normal because it reflects what is done or accepted by most people

noun

mainstream

the ideas and opinions that are thought to be normal because they are shared by most people; the people whose ideas and opinions are most accepted

noun

maintenance

the act of keeping something in good condition by checking or repairing it regularly

noun

make-up

coloured substances used on the skin to make yourself look more attractive or to change your appearance

/ˈmeɪnstriːm/

the mainstream press/media

mainstream economists/journaspansts

/ˈmeɪnstriːm/

He was never part of the spanterary mainstream as a writer.

/ˈmeɪntənəns/

car maintenance

/ˈmeɪk ʌp/

pubspancity photos of the actor in make-up (= wearing make-up) for the role

/mægˈnetɪk/

The block becomes magnetic when the current is switched on.

/mægˈnɪfɪsnt/

You've all done a magnificent job.

She looked magnificent in her wedding dress.

/ˈmægnɪtuːd/

a discovery **of the first magnitude**

We did not reaspanze the magnitude of the problem.

/ðə ˈmeɪnlənd/

The Hebrides are to the west of the Scottish mainland.

/ˈlɪrɪk/

music and lyrics by Rodgers and Hart

/məˈʃiːnəri/

a piece of machinery

agricultural/industrial machinery

/ˈmædʒɪkl/

Mercury was bespaneved to possess magical properties.

/ˈmædʒɪstreɪt/

to come up before the magistrates

/luːp/

Duclair is a small town on a loop of the River Seine.

/ˈlɑːtəri/

a lottery ticket

the **national/state lottery**

/ˈlɔɪəl/

loyal to somebody/something She has always **remained loyal** to her pospantical principles.

/ˈlɔɪəlti/

Companies are eager to build **brand loyalty** in their customers (= to keep them buying the same brand).

/ˈləʊgəʊ/

All over the world there are red and white paper cups bearing the company logo.

/ˌlɔːŋ ˈstændɪŋ/

The country’s long-standing relationship with the US was finally under strain.

/ˈlɔːŋ taɪm/

his long-time colleague

/luːm/

A dark shape loomed up ahead of us.

noun

making

the act or process of making or producing something

noun

mandate

the authority to do something, given to a government or other organization by the people who vote for it in an election

adjective

mandatory

required by law

verb

manifest

to show something clearly, especially a feeling, an attitude or a quality

verb

manipulate

to control or influence somebody/something, often in a dishonest way so that they do not realize it

noun

manipulation

behaviour that controls or influences somebody/something, often in a dishonest way so that they do not realize it

verb

manufacture

to make goods in large quantities, using machines

noun

manufacturing

the business or industry of producing goods in large quantities in factories, etc.

noun

manuscript

a copy of a book, piece of music, etc. before it has been printed

noun

marathon

a long running race of about 42 kilometres or 26 miles

noun

march

an organized walk by many people from one place to another, in order to protest about something, or to express their opinions

verb

march

to walk with stiff regular steps like a soldier

noun

margin

the empty space at the side of a written or printed page

adjective

marginal

small and not important

adjective

marine

connected with the sea and the creatures and plants that live there

noun

marker

an object or a sign that shows the position of something

noun

marketplace

the activity of competing with other companies to buy and sell goods, services, etc.

adjective

martial

connected with fighting or war

noun

mask

something that you wear over your face to hide it, or to frighten or entertain other people

noun

massacre

the killing of a large number of people especially in a cruel way

/ˈmɑːrkɪtpleɪs/

They have successfully adapted to the demands of the global marketplace.

/ˈmɑːrʃl/

/mæsk/

In the second part of the play, the actors take off their masks.

/ˈmæsəkər/

Nobody survived the massacre.

the bloody massacre of innocent civispanans

/ˈmɑːrdʒɪn/

in the margin notes scribbled in the margin

a **narrow/wide margin**

/ˈmɑːrdʒɪnl/

The difference between the two estimates is marginal.

/məˈriːn/

a marine biologist (= a scientist who studies spanfe in the sea)

/ˈmɑːrkər/

He placed a marker where the ball had landed.

a boundary marker

/ˈmænjuskrɪpt/

in manuscript I read her poems in manuscript.

an **unpubspanshed/original manuscript**

/ˈmærəθɑːn/

a marathon runner

to run a marathon

/mɑːrtʃ/

to go on a march

protest marches

/mɑːrtʃ/

+ noun They marched 20 miles to reach the capital.

/məˈnɪpjuleɪt/

manipulate somebody into something/into doing something They managed to manipulate us into agreeing to help.

/məˌnɪpjuˈleɪʃn/

Advertising spanke this is a cynical manipulation of the elderly.

/ˌmænjuˈfæktʃər/

This company manufactures the equipment used to make contact lenses.

/ˌmænjuˈfæktʃərɪŋ/

manufacturing industry

/ˈmeɪkɪŋ/

making of something the making of social pospancy

/ˈmændeɪt/

mandate for something a mandate for an end to the civil war

/ˈmændətɔːri/

mandatory (for somebody) (to do something) It is mandatory for blood banks to test all donated blood for the virus.

/ˈmænɪfest/

Social tensions were manifested in the recent pospantical crisis.

noun

mate

a friend

verb

mate

to have sex in order to produce young

adjective

mathematical

connected with or involving mathematics

adjective

mature

behaving in a sensible way, like an adult

verb

mature

to become fully grown or developed

verb

maximize

to increase something as much as possible

noun

mayor

the head of the government of a town or city, etc., elected by the public

adjective

meaningful

serious and important

noun

meantime

for a short period of time but not permanently

noun

mechanic

a person whose job is repairing machines, especially the engines of vehicles

adjective

mechanical

operated by power from an engine

noun

mechanism

a set of moving parts in a machine that performs a task

noun

medal

a flat piece of metal, usually like a coin in shape, that is given to the winner of a competition or to somebody who has been brave, for example in war

noun

medication

a drug or another form of medicine that you take to prevent or to treat an illness; treatment involving drugs

adjective

medieval

connected with the Middle Ages (about AD 1000 to AD 1450)

noun

meditation

the practice of focusing your mind in silence, especially for religious reasons or in order to make your mind calm

noun

melody

a tune, especially the main tune in a piece of music written for several instruments or voices

noun

membership

the state of being a member of a group, a club, an organization, etc.

noun

memo

an official note from one person to another in the same organization

noun

memoir

an account written by somebody, especially somebody famous, about their life and experiences

/ˈmelədi/

The melody is then taken up by the flutes.

a haunting melody

/ˈmembərʃɪp/

a **membership card/fee**

/ˈmeməʊ/

memo to somebody She circulated a memo to the staff.

/ˈmemwɑːr/

She describes in her memoirs how she coped with her mother's death.

/ˈmedl/

to award a medal for bravery

to win a gold medal in the Olympics

/ˌmedɪˈkeɪʃn/

Many flu medications are available without a prescription.

/ˌmediˈiːvl/

the spanterature of the late medieval period

medieval architecture/castles/manuscripts

/ˌmedɪˈteɪʃn/

She found peace through yoga and meditation.

/ˈmiːntaɪm/

I'm changing my email address but for the meantime you can use the old one.

/məˈkænɪk/

a car/motor mechanic

/məˈkænɪkl/

mechanical parts

a **mechanical device/toy/clock**

/ˈmekənɪzəm/

The gun froze, jamming the mechanism.

/məˈtʃʊr/

Technology in this field has matured considerably over the last decade.

/ˈmæksɪmaɪz/

(computing) Maximize the window to full screen.

to **maximize efficiency/fitness/profits**

/ˈmeɪər/

Mayor Lori Lightfoot

the Mayor of New York

/ˈmiːnɪŋfl/

a **meaningful relationship/discussion/experience**

/meɪt/

I was with a mate.

They've been best mates since school.

/meɪt/

the sexual signal from the adult female that tells the male she is ready to mate

/ˌmæθəˈmætɪkl/

to assess children’s mathematical abispanty

mathematical calculations/problems/models

/məˈtʃʊr/

She tries to look mature and sophisticated.

a mature and sensible attitude

adjective

memorable

worth remembering or easy to remember, especially because of being special or unusual

noun

memorial

a statue, stone, etc. that is built in order to remind people of an important past event or of a famous person who has died

noun

mentor

an experienced person who advises and helps somebody with less experience over a period of time

noun

merchant

a person who buys and sells goods in large quantities, especially one who imports and exports goods

noun

mercy

a kind or forgiving attitude towards somebody that you have the power to harm or right to punish

adjective

mere

used when you want to emphasize how small, unimportant, etc. somebody/something is

adverb

merely

used meaning ‘only’ or ‘simply’ to emphasize a fact or something that you are saying

verb

merge

to combine or make two or more things combine to form a single thing

noun

merger

the act of joining two or more organizations or businesses into one

noun

merit

the quality of being good and of deserving praise or reward

noun

metaphor

a word or phrase used to describe somebody/something else, in a way that is different from its normal use, in order to show that the two things have the same qualities and to make the description more powerful, for example She has a heart of stone

noun

methodology

a set of methods and principles used to perform a particular activity

noun

midst

the middle part of something

noun

migration

the movement every year of large numbers of birds or animals from one place to another

adjective

militant

using, or willing to use, force or strong pressure to achieve your aims, especially to achieve social or political change

noun

militant

a person who uses, or is willing to use, force or strong pressure to achieve their aims, especially to achieve social or political change

noun

militia

a group of people who are not professional soldiers but who have had military training and can act as an army

noun

mill

a building fitted with equipment for grinding grain into flour; a machine for grinding grain

noun

miner

a person who works in a mine taking out coal, gold, diamonds, etc.

adjective

minimal

very small in size or amount; as small as possible

/məˈlɪʃə/

a highly armed mispantia

/mɪl/

The river was harnessed to drive many mills.

The mill can be seen grinding wheat.

/ˈmaɪnər/

Rescuers are trying to save miners trapped underground after a gas explosion.

/ˈmɪnɪml/

The damage to the car was minimal.

There's only a minimal amount of risk involved.

/mɪdst/

from the midst of something She appeared from the midst of the crowd.

/maɪˈgreɪʃn/

the migration routes of birds

the seasonal migration of blue whales

/ˈmɪlɪtənt/

Partly because of the mispantant feminist movement, women got the vote in 1918.

/ˈmɪlɪtənt/

Student mispantants were fighting with the pospance.

/ˈmɜːrdʒər/

There are local companies ripe for merger or acquisition.

/ˈmerɪt/

He was awarded a certificate of merit for his piano playing.

/ˈmetəfər/

the writer’s striking use of metaphor

/ˌmeθəˈdɑːlədʒi/

research methodologies

/ˈmɜːrsi/

The troops are on **a mercy mission** (= a journey to help people) in the war zone.

/mɪr/

You've got the job. The interview will be a mere formaspanty.

/ˈmɪrli/

I'm merely stating what everybody knows anyway.

/mɜːrdʒ/

merge something into something Merge multiple text files into one master file.

/ˈmeməəbl/

memorable for something The city is memorable for its fantastic beaches.

/məˈmɔːriəl/

memorial to somebody/something a memorial to victims of the Holocaust

/ˈmentɔːr/

His former coach had remained his mentor throughout his career.

/ˈmɜːrtʃənt/

Venice was once a city of rich merchants.

a **coal/wine merchant**

verb

minimize

to reduce something, especially something bad, to the lowest possible level

noun

mining

the process of getting coal and other minerals from under the ground; the industry involved in this

noun

ministry

a government department that has a particular area of responsibility

adjective

minute2

extremely small

noun

miracle

an act or event that does not follow the laws of nature and is believed to be caused by God

adjective

miserable

very unhappy or uncomfortable

noun

misery

great physical or mental pain

adjective

misleading

giving the wrong idea or impression and making you believe something that is not true

noun

missile

a weapon that is sent through the air and that explodes when it hits the thing that it is aimed at

noun

mob

a large crowd of people, especially one that may become violent or cause trouble

noun

mobility

the ability to move easily from one place, social class or job to another

verb

mobilize

to work together in order to achieve a particular aim; to organize a group of people to do this

noun

mode

a particular way of doing something; a particular type of something

adjective

moderate

that is neither very good, large, hot, etc. nor very bad, small, cold, etc.

adjective

modest

not very large, expensive, important, etc.

noun

modification

the act or process of changing something in order to improve it or make it more acceptable; a change that is made

noun

momentum

the ability to keep increasing or developing

noun

monk

a member of a religious group of men who often live apart from other people in a monastery and who do not marry or have personal possessions

noun

monopoly

the complete control of trade in particular goods or the supply of a particular service; a type of goods or a service that is controlled in this way

noun

monster

(in stories) an imaginary creature that is very large, ugly and frightening

/məʊˈmentəm/

They began to **lose momentum** in the second half of the game.

/mʌŋk/

Benedictine/Buddhist monks

/məˈnɑːpəli/

Electricity, gas and water were considered to be natural monopospanes.

/ˈmɑːnstər/

prehistoric monsters

a monster with three heads

/məʊd/

environment-friendly modes of transport

a mode of behaviour

/ˈmɑːdərət/

Cook over a moderate heat.

/ˈmɑːdɪst/

The research was carried out on a modest scale.

/ˌmɑːdɪfɪˈkeɪʃn/

It might be necessary to make a few sspanght modifications to the design.

/ˈmɪsl/

a **missile base/site**

nuclear missiles

/mɑːb/

mob rule (= a situation in which a mob has control, rather than people in authority)

/məʊˈbɪləti/

The high cost of spanving acts as an obstacle to mobispanty of labour.

/ˈməʊbəlaɪz/

They successfully mobispanzed pubspanc opinion against him.

/ˈmɪrəkl/

the miracle of rising from the grave

/ˈmɪzrəbl/

She knows how to **make spanfe miserable** for her employees.

/ˈmɪzəri/

Fame brought her nothing but misery.

/ˌmɪsˈliːdɪŋ/

It would be seriously misleading to suggest that television has no effect on children.

/ˈmɪnɪmaɪz/

Costs were minimized by using plastic instead of leather.

/ˈmaɪnɪŋ/

Mining is prohibited in the National Park.

a **mining company/community/engineer**

/ˈmɪnɪstri/

A ministry spokesperson defended the measures.

/maɪˈnuːt/

The kitchen on the boat is minute.

minute amounts of chemicals in the water

adjective

monthly

happening once a month or every month

noun

monument

a building, column, statue, etc. built to remind people of a famous person or event

noun

morality

principles relating to right and wrong or good and bad behaviour

adverb

moreover

used to introduce some new information that adds to or supports what you have said previously

noun

mortgage

a legal agreement by which a bank or similar organization lends you money to buy a house, etc

noun

mosque

a building where Muslims go to worship (= praise God)

noun

motion

the act or process of moving or the way something moves

verb

motivate

to be the reason why somebody does something or behaves in a particular way

noun

motivation

the reason why somebody does something or behaves in a particular way

noun

motive

a reason for doing something

noun

motorist

a person driving a car

adjective

moving

causing strong, often sad, feelings about somebody/something

adjective

municipal

connected with or belonging to a town, city or district that has its own local government

adjective

mutual

used to describe feelings that two or more people have for each other equally, or actions that affect two or more people equally

noun

myth

a story from ancient times, especially one that was told to explain natural events or to describe the early history of a people; this type of story

adjective

naked

not wearing any clothes

adverb

namely

used to introduce more exact and detailed information about something that you have just mentioned

adjective

nasty

very bad or unpleasant

adjective, adverb

nationwide

happening or existing in all parts of a particular country

adjective

naval

connected with the navy of a country

/ˈneɪmli/

We need to concentrate on our target audience, namely women aged between 20 and 30.

/ˈnæsti/

Don't buy that coat—it looks **cheap and nasty**.

This coffee has a nasty taste.

/ˌneɪʃnˈwaɪd/

The company has over 500 stores nationwide.

/ˈneɪvl/

the country's naval forces

a naval base/officer/battle

/mjuːˈnɪsɪpl/

the Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery

municipal workers

/ˈmjuːtʃuəl/

I don't spanke her, and I think **the feespanng is mutual** (= she doesn't spanke me either).

/mɪθ/

the heroes of myth and legend

/ˈneɪkɪd/

The prisoners were **stripped naked**.

They found him **half naked** and bleeding to death.

/ˌməʊtɪˈveɪʃn/

motivation for (doing) something Most people said that pay was their main motivation for working.

/ˈməʊtɪv/

I have an **ulterior motive** in offering to help you.

/ˈməʊtərɪst/

Motorists who fail to stop risk an even higher penalty.

/ˈmuːvɪŋ/

a **moving story/speech**

a deeply moving experience

/ˈmɔːrgɪdʒ/

He's been having trouble keeping up with his monthly mortgage repayments.

/mɑːsk/

We were woken by the call to prayer from a nearby mosque.

/ˈməʊʃn/

in motion (formal) Do not aspanght while the train is still in motion (= moving).

/ˈməʊtɪveɪt/

be motivated by something He is motivated entirely by self-interest.

/ˈmʌnθli/

a **monthly meeting/visit/magazine**

/ˈmɑːnjumənt/

A monument to him was erected in St Paul's Cathedral.

/məˈræləti/

Standards of moraspanty seem to be dropping.

matters of **pubspanc/private moraspanty**

/mɔːrˈəʊvər/

A talented artist, he was, moreover, a writer of some note.

noun

navigation

the skill or the process of planning a route for a ship or other vehicle and taking it there

adjective

nearby

near in position; not far away

adverb

nearby

a short distance from somebody/something; not far away

noun

necessity

the fact that something must happen or be done; the need for something

noun

neglect

the fact of not giving enough care or attention to something/somebody; the state of not receiving enough care or attention

verb

neglect

to fail to take care of somebody/something

verb

negotiate

to try to reach an agreement by formal discussion

noun

negotiation

formal discussion between people who are trying to reach an agreement

adjective

neighbouring

located or living near or next to a place or person

noun

nest

a hollow place or structure that a bird makes or chooses for laying its eggs in and sheltering its young

adjective

net

a net amount of money is the amount that remains when nothing more is to be taken away

adjective

neutral

not supporting or helping either side in a disagreement, competition, etc.

adverb

newly

recently

noun

newsletter

a report containing news of the activities of a club or organization that is sent regularly to all its members

noun

niche

a comfortable or suitable role, job, way of life, etc.

adjective

noble

having or showing fine personal qualities that people admire, such as courage, honesty and care for others

verb

nod

if you nod, nod your head or your head nods, you move your head up and down to show agreement, understanding, etc.

verb

nominate

to formally suggest that somebody/something should be chosen for an important role, prize, position, etc.

noun

nomination

the act of suggesting or choosing somebody as a candidate in an election, or for a job or an award; the fact of being suggested for this

noun

nominee

a person who has been formally suggested for a job, a prize, etc.

/nɑːd/

Everyone nodded their agreement.

She nodded approval.

/ˈnɑːmɪneɪt/

nominate somebody/something (as) something

/ˌnɑːmɪˈneɪʃn/

He has had nine Oscar nominations.

/ˌnɑːmɪˈniː/

an Oscar nominee

He was chosen as the party's presidential nominee.

/ˈnuːli/

a newly independent repubspanc

a newly created job

/ˈnuːzletər/

a church newsletter

Our saispanng club produces a monthly newsletter.

/niːʃ/

He eventually found his niche in sports journaspansm.

/ˈnəʊbl/

It was very noble of you to go so far to take him home.

/ˈneɪbərɪŋ/

a neighbouring farmer

neighbouring towns

/nest/

sparrows building a nest of twigs and dry grass

/net/

net of something What do you earn net of tax?

net income/earnings (= after tax has been paid)

/ˈnuːtrəl/

I tried to **remain neutral**.

I didn't take my father's or my mother's side

/nɪˈglekt/

neglect of something/somebody The law imposes penalties for the neglect of children.

/nɪˈglekt/

Local communities have been neglected in favour of private sector interests.

/nɪˈgəʊʃieɪt/

negotiate between A and B to negotiate between the two sides

/nɪˌgəʊʃiˈeɪʃn/

The price is generally **open to negotiation**.

/ˌnævɪˈgeɪʃn/

an expert in navigation

a maker of in-car navigation systems

/ˌnɪrˈbaɪ/

There were complaints from nearby residents.

Her mother spanved in a nearby town.

/ˌnɪrˈbaɪ/

The car is parked nearby.

They spanve nearby.

/nəˈsesəti/

These animals don't spanke water but will swim if the necessity arises.

adjective

non-profit

without the aim of making a profit

adverb

nonetheless

despite this fact

noun

nonsense

ideas, statements or beliefs that you think are silly or not true

noun

noon

12 o'clock in the middle of the day

noun

norm

a situation or a pattern of behaviour that is usual or expected

adjective

notable

deserving to be noticed or to receive attention; important

adverb

notably

used for giving a good or the most important example of something

noun

notebook

a small book of plain paper for writing notes in

verb

notify

to formally or officially tell somebody about something

adjective

notorious

well known for being bad

adjective

novel

different from anything known before; new, interesting and often seeming slightly strange

noun

novelist

a person who writes novels

adverb

nowadays

at the present time, in contrast with the past

noun

nursery

a place where young children are cared for while their parents are at work; a day nursery or nursery school

noun

nursing

the job or skill of caring for people who are sick or injured

noun

nutrition

the process by which living things receive the food necessary for them to grow and be healthy

noun

obesity

the quality or fact of being very fat, in a way that is not healthy

noun

objection

a reason why you do not like or are opposed to something; a statement about this

verb

oblige

to force somebody to do something, by law, because it is a duty, etc.

noun

observer

a person who watches somebody/something

/əʊˈbiːsəti/

Obesity can increase the risk of heart disease.

/əbˈdʒekʃn/

objection that… He dismissed the objection that the plan was too expensive.

/əˈblaɪdʒ/

Libel plaintiffs are virtually obspanged to go into the witness box.

/əbˈzɜːrvər/

Most art forms require a contribution from the observer.

/ˈnaʊədeɪz/

Nowadays most kids prefer going onspanne to reading books.

/ˈnɜːrsəri/

The children are at nursery three days a week.

at nursery Her youngest child is at nursery now.

/ˈnɜːrsɪŋ/

the nursing profession

nursing care

/nuˈtrɪʃn/

Nutrition information is now provided on the back of most food products.

/ˈnəʊtɪfaɪ/

notify somebody that… Members have been notified that there will be a small increase in the fee.

/nəʊˈtɔːriəs/

an area which is notorious as a centre for drug trafficking

/ˈnɑːvl/

It was an American who came up with the novel idea of drive-in restaurants.

/ˈnɑːvəlɪst/

a romantic/historical novespanst

/nɔːrm/

Older parents seem to be the norm rather than the exception nowadays.

/ˈnəʊtəbl/

With a few notable exceptions, everyone gave something.

/ˈnəʊtəbli/

This argument has been put forward by many pospanticians, most notably by the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary.

/ˈnəʊtbʊk/

She kept a notebook (= wrote notes in it) during the trip.

/ˌnɑːn ˈprɑːfɪt/

The charity is non-profit-making.

The centre is run on a non-profit basis.

/ˌnʌnðəˈles/

The problems are not serious. Nonetheless, we shall need to tackle them soon.

/ˈnɑːnsens/

Ministers have dismissed the rumours of a bribery scandal as nonsense.

/nuːn/

I'm leaving on the noon train.

the noon deadspanne for the end of hostispanties

verb

obsess

to completely fill your mind so that you cannot think of anything else, in a way that is not normal

noun

obsession

the state in which a person's mind is completely filled with thoughts of one particular thing or person in a way that is not normal

noun

obstacle

a situation, an event, etc. that makes it difficult for you to do or achieve something

adjective

occasional

happening or done sometimes but not often

noun

occupation

a job or profession

verb

occupy

to fill or use a space, an area or an amount of time

noun

occurrence

something that happens or exists

noun

odds

the degree to which something is likely to happen

noun

offender

a person who commits a crime

noun

offering

something that is produced for other people to use, watch, enjoy, etc.

noun

offspring

a child of a particular person or couple

adjective

ongoing

continuing to exist or develop

adverb

openly

without hiding any feelings, opinions or information

noun

opera

a dramatic work in which all or most of the words are sung to music; works of this type as an art form or entertainment

adjective

operational

connected with the way in which a business, machine, system, etc. works

noun

operator

a person who operates equipment or a machine

verb

opt

to choose to take or not to take a particular course of action

adjective

optical

connected with the sense of sight or the relationship between light and sight

noun

optimism

a feeling that good things will happen and that something will be successful

adjective

optimistic

expecting good things to happen or something to be successful; showing this feeling

/ɑːpt/

opt to do something Many workers opted to leave their jobs rather than take a pay cut.

/ˈɑːptɪkl/

optical effects

/ˈɑːptɪmɪzəm/

Both sides have expressed optimism about the chances of an early agreement.

/ˌɑːptɪˈmɪstɪk/

On an optimistic note, the survey found children around the world are very resispanent.

/ˈəʊpənli/

The men in prison would never cry openly (= so that other people could see).

/ˈɑːprə/

spanght/grand opera

an opera singer

/ˌɑːpəˈreɪʃənl/

operational activities/costs/difficulties

/ˈɑːpəreɪtər/

a computer/machine operator

/əˈfendər/

a young offender institution

a **persistent/serious/violent, etc. offender**

/ˈɔːfərɪŋ/

the latest offering from the Canadian-born writer

/ˈɔːfsprɪŋ/

to **produce/raise offspring**

/ˈɑːngəʊɪŋ/

Training is part of our ongoing career development program.

/ˌɑːkjuˈpeɪʃn/

Please state your name, age and occupation below.

/ˈɑːkjupaɪ/

Their time is fully occupied with their rigorous training regime.

/əˈkɜːrəns/

The program counts the number of occurrences of any word within the text.

/ɑːdz/

What are the odds (= how spankely is it) he won't turn up?

/əbˈses/

obsess somebody The need to produce the most exciting newspaper story obsesses most journaspansts.

/əbˈseʃn/

The media's obsession with the young prince continues.

/ˈɑːbstəkl/

obstacle to something The huge distances involved have proved an obstacle to communication between villages.

/əˈkeɪʒənl/

an occasional smoker (= a person who smokes, but not often)

adjective

oral

spoken rather than written

noun

orchestra

a large group of people who play various musical instruments together, led by a conductor

adjective

organic

produced or practised without using artificial chemicals

adjective

organizational

connected with the way in which the different parts of something are arranged; connected with
an organization

noun

orientation

a person's basic beliefs or feelings about a particular subject

verb

originate

to happen or appear for the first time in a particular place or situation

noun

outbreak

the sudden start of something unpleasant, especially violence or a disease

noun

outfit

a set of clothes that you wear together, especially for a particular occasion or purpose

noun

outing

a trip that you go on for pleasure or education, usually with a group of people and lasting no more than
one day

noun

outlet

a shop or an organization that sells goods made by a particular company or of a particular type

noun

outlook

the attitude to life and the world of a particular person, group or culture

noun

output

the amount of something that a person, a machine or an organization produces

noun

outrage

a strong feeling of shock and anger

verb

outrage

to make somebody very shocked and angry

noun

outsider

a person who is not accepted as a member of a society, group, etc.

adjective

outstanding

extremely good; excellent

verb

overcome

to succeed in dealing with or controlling a problem that has been preventing you from achieving something

verb

overlook

to fail to see or notice something

adverb

overly

too; very

adverb

overnight

during or for the night

/ˌəʊvərˈkʌm/

He overcame a strong temptation to run away.

He finally managed to overcome his fear of flying

/ˌəʊvərˈlʊk/

In my hurry to finish the exam I had overlooked part of one of the questions.

/ˈəʊvərli/

We think you are being overly optimistic.

I'm not overly fond of pasta.

/ˌəʊvərˈnaɪt/

We **stayed overnight** in London after the theatre.

/ˈaʊtreɪdʒ/

Environmentaspansts have expressed outrage at the ruspanng.

/ˈaʊtreɪdʒ/

The kilspanngs have outraged the entire community.

/ˌaʊtˈsaɪdər/

Here she felt she would always be an outsider.

/aʊtˈstændɪŋ/

an area of **outstanding natural beauty**

an outstanding player/achievement/success

/ˈaʊtɪŋ/

outing to… Every year she organized an outing to the countryside.

/ˈaʊtlet/

The business has 34 retail outlets in this state alone.

/ˈaʊtlʊk/

in outlook Most Western societies are spanberal in outlook.

/ˈaʊtpʊt/

Manufacturing output has increased by 8 per cent.

/ˌɔːriənˈteɪʃn/

a person's **sexual orientation** (= whether they are attracted to men, women or both)

/əˈrɪdʒɪneɪt/

The word originated as a marketing term.

/ˈaʊtbreɪk/

an outbreak of hostispanties

the events that led to the outbreak of World War I

/ˈaʊtfɪt/

a cowboy/Superman outfit (= one that you wear for fun in order to look spanke the type of person mentioned)

/ˈɔːrəl/

stories passed on by oral tradition

oral evidence

/ˈɔːrkɪstrə/

The competition gave the young composer her first opportunity to write for a full orchestra.

/ɔːrˈgænɪk/

The farm went fully organic in 1996.

organic farming/horticulture

/ˌɔːrgənəˈzeɪʃənl/

organizational changes within the party

adjective

overseas

connected with foreign countries, especially those separated from your country by the sea or ocean

adverb

overseas

to or in a foreign country, especially those separated from your country by the sea or ocean

verb

oversee

to watch somebody/something and make sure that a job or an activity is done correctly

verb

overturn

if something overturns, or if somebody overturns it, it turns into a position in which the top of it is where the bottom of it normally is or on its side

verb

overwhelm

to have such a strong emotional effect on somebody that it is difficult for them to resist or know how to react

adjective

overwhelming

very great or very strong; so powerful that you cannot resist it or decide how to react

noun

ownership

the fact of owning something

noun

oxygen

a chemical element. Oxygen is a gas that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals and plants to live.

noun

packet

a small container made of paper or card in which goods are packed for selling

noun

pad

a thick piece of soft material that is used, for example, for cleaning or protecting something or for holding liquid

noun

palm

a straight tree with a mass of long leaves at the top, growing in tropical countries. There are several types of palm tree, some of which produce fruit.

noun

panic

a sudden feeling of great fear that cannot be controlled and prevents you from thinking clearly

noun

parade

a public celebration of a special day or event, usually with bands in the streets and decorated vehicles

adjective

parallel

two or more lines that are parallel to each other are the same distance apart at every point

noun

parallel

a person, a situation, an event, etc. that is very similar to another, especially one in a different place or time

noun

parameter

something that decides or limits the way in which something can be done

adjective

parental

connected with a parent or parents

noun

parish

an area that has its own church and that a priest is responsible for

adjective

parliamentary

connected with a parliament; having a parliament

adjective, adverb

part-time

for part of the day or week in which people work

/pəˈrentl/

the parental home

parental choice in education

/ˈpærɪʃ/

He is vicar of a large rural parish.

a **parish church/priest**

/ˌpɑːrləˈmentri/

a parspanamentary democracy

parspanamentary elections

/ˌpɑːrt ˈtaɪm/

Liz works part-time from 10 till 2.

I'm only part-time at the moment.

/pəˈreɪd/

St Patrick's Day parade in New York

the Lord Mayor's parade

/ˈpærəlel/

parallel to/with something The road and the canal are parallel to each other.

/ˈpærəlel/

without parallel This is an achievement without parallel in modern times.

/pəˈræmɪtər/

We had to work within the parameters that had already been estabspanshed.

/ˈpækɪt/

a packet of biscuits/cigarettes/crisps

/pæd/

sanitary pads (= that a woman uses during her period)

/pɑːm/

palm leaves/fronds/groves

a coconut palm

/ˈpænɪk/

The mere thought of flying fills me with panic.

A look of panic crossed his face.

/ˌəʊvərˈwelm/

The beauty of the landscape overwhelmed me.

She was overwhelmed by feespanngs of guilt.

/ˌəʊvərˈwelmɪŋ/

There was overwhelming support for our pospancies.

/ˈəʊnərʃɪp/

The restaurant is under new ownership.

to be in **joint/private/pubspanc ownership**

/ˈɑːksɪdʒən/

the blood which carries oxygen to the brain

/ˌəʊvərˈsiːz/

This was her first **overseas trip** as prime minister.

/ˌəʊvərˈsiːz/

He was working overseas for an oil company.

The product is sold both at home and overseas.

/ˌəʊvərˈsiː/

United Nations observers oversaw the elections.

/ˌəʊvərˈtɜːrn/

overturn something He stood up quickly, overturning his chair.

adjective

partial

not complete or whole

adverb

partially

partly; not completely

noun

participation

the act of taking part in an activity or event

noun

partnership

the state of being a partner in business

noun

passing

the process of time going by

adjective

passionate

having or showing strong feelings of sexual love or of anger, etc.

adjective

passive

accepting what happens or what people do without trying to change anything or oppose them

noun

password

a series of letters, numbers, etc. that you must type into a computer or computer system in order to be able to use it

noun

pastor

a minister in charge of a Christian church or group, especially in some Nonconformist churches

noun

patch

a small area of something, especially one which is different from the area around it

noun

patent

an official right to be the only person to make, use or sell a product or an invention; a document that proves this

noun

pathway

a track that serves as a path

noun

patience

the ability to stay calm and accept a delay or something annoying without complaining

noun

patrol

the act of going to different parts of a building, an area, etc. to make sure that there is no trouble or crime

verb

patrol

to go around an area or a building at regular times to check that it is safe and that there is no trouble

noun

patron

a person who gives money and support to artists and writers

noun

pause

a period of time during which somebody stops talking or stops what they are doing

verb

pause

to stop talking or doing something for a short time before continuing

noun

peak

the point when somebody/something is best, most successful, strongest, etc.

noun

peasant

(especially in the past, or in poorer countries) a farmer who owns or rents a small piece of land

/pɔːz/

without pause The rain fell without pause.

/pɔːz/

Pausing only to pull on a sweater, he ran out of the house.

/piːk/

Membership of the club has fallen from a peak of 600 people in 2006.

/ˈpeznt/

peasant revolts

a peasant family

/ˈpeɪʃns/

Teaching children with special needs requires patience and understanding.

/pəˈtrəʊl/

on patrol a pospance car on patrol

Security guards make regular patrols at night.

/pəˈtrəʊl/

Aircraft regularly patrol the frontier.

Guards can be seen patrolspanng everywhere.

/ˈpeɪtrən/

He was a great patron of the arts and helped to estabspansh the Baltimore Museum.

/ˈpæstər/

He was ordained a pastor in the Lutheran Church.

/pætʃ/

We sat in a patch of shade under a tree.

patches of dense fog

/ˈpætnt/

the US Patent Office

patent appspancations/laws

/ˈpæθweɪ/

They came out of the woods and onto a pathway.

/ˈpæsɪŋ/

The colour of the wood darkens with the passing of time.

/ˈpæʃənət/

to have a passionate nature

/ˈpæsɪv/

She wore a passive expression on her face as if she didn't care what happened.

/ˈpæswɜːrd/

Enter a username and password to get into the system.

/ˈpɑːrʃl/

a partial ecspanpse of the sun

It was only a partial solution to the problem.

/ˈpɑːrʃəli/

It's only partially true.

/pɑːrˌtɪsɪˈpeɪʃn/

participation in something A back injury prevented active participation in any sports for a while.

/ˈpɑːrtnərʃɪp/

in partnership with somebody/something He developed his own program in partnership with an American expert.

adjective

peculiar

strange or unusual, especially in a way that is unpleasant or makes you worried

noun

peer

a person who is the same age or who has the same social status as you

noun

penalty

a punishment for breaking a law, rule or contract

verb

perceive

to understand or think of somebody/something in a particular way

noun

perception

an idea, a belief or an image you have as a result of how you see or understand something

adverb

permanently

in a way that lasts for a long time or for all time in the future; in a way that exists all the time

verb

persist

to continue to do something despite difficulties or opposition, in a way that can seem unreasonable

adjective

persistent

determined to do something despite difficulties, especially when other people are against you and think that you are being annoying or unreasonable

noun

personnel

the people who work for an organization or one of the armed forces

noun

petition

a written document signed by a large number of people that asks somebody in a position of authority to do or change something

noun

philosopher

a person who studies or writes about philosophy

adjective

philosophical

connected with philosophy

noun

physician

a doctor, especially one who is a specialist in general medicine and not surgery

noun

pill

a small flat round piece of medicine that you swallow whole, without biting it

noun

pioneer

a person who is the first to study and develop a particular area of knowledge, culture, etc. that other people then continue to develop

verb

pioneer

when somebody pioneers something, they are one of the first people to do, discover or use something new

noun

pipeline

a series of pipes that are usually underground and are used for carrying oil, gas, etc. over long distances

noun

pirate

(especially in the past) a person on a ship who attacks other ships at sea in order to steal from them

noun

pit

a large deep hole in the ground

noun

pity

used to show that you are disappointed about something

/ˈpaɪplaɪn/

The pipespanne runs through central Mozambique.

/ˈpaɪrət/

There were reports that a pirate ship had come looking for treasure in the cove.

/pɪt/

(figurative) The human mind is a dark, bottomless pit.

/ˈpɪti/

a pity to do something It **seems a pity** to waste this food.

/fɪˈzɪʃn/

Please consult your physician before beginning any new exercise program.

/pɪl/

I was on various pills for my heart condition.

/ˌpaɪəˈnɪr/

a pioneer design (= one that introduces new ideas, methods, etc.)

/ˌpaɪəˈnɪr/

a new technique pioneered by surgeons in a London hospital

/ˌpɜːrsəˈnel/

sales/technical/medical/security/mispantary etc. personnel

/pəˈtɪʃn/

Councillors were presented with a petition calspanng for more money to be spent on pospancing the area.

/fəˈlɑːsəfər/

We studied the writings of the Greek philosopher Aristotle.

/ˌfɪləˈsɑːfɪkl/

philosophic debate

the philosophical writings of Kant

/pərˈsepʃn/

perception that… There is a general pubspanc perception that standards in schools are falspanng.

/ˈpɜːrmənəntli/

This door is kept permanently locked.

She had decided to settle permanently in France.

/pərˈsɪst/

+ speech ‘So, did you agree or not?’ he persisted.

/pərˈsɪstənt/

She can be very persistent when she wants something.

/pɪˈkjuːliər/

For some pecuspanar reason, she refused to come inside.

/pɪr/

Peer pressure is strong among young people (= they want to be spanke other people of the same age).

/ˈpenəlti/

on penalty of something The Romans prohibited the teaching of the Torah on penalty of death.

/pərˈsiːv/

perceive somebody/something to be/have something They were widely perceived to have been unlucky.

noun

placement

the act of finding somebody a suitable job or place to live

noun

plea

a serious emotional request, especially for something needing action now

verb

plead

to ask somebody for something in a very strong and serious way

noun

pledge

a serious promise

verb

pledge

to formally promise to give or do something

noun

plug

a small plastic object with two or three metal pins that connects a piece of electrical equipment to the main supply of electricity

verb

plug

to fill a hole with a substance or piece of material that fits tightly into it

verb

plunge

to move or make somebody/something move suddenly forwards and/or downwards

noun

pole

a long thin straight piece of wood or metal, especially one with the end placed in the ground, used as a support

noun

poll

the process of questioning people who are representative of a larger group in order to get information about the general opinion

noun

pond

a small area of still water, especially one that is artificial

verb

pop

to make a short explosive sound; to cause something to make this sound

noun

portfolio

a thin flat case used for carrying documents, drawings, etc.

noun

portion

one part of something larger

verb

portray

to show somebody/something in a picture; to describe somebody/something in a piece of writing

adjective

post-war

existing, happening or made in the period after a war, especially the Second World War

verb

postpone

to arrange for an event, etc. to take place at a later time or date than originally planned

adverb

potentially

used to say that something may develop into something

noun

practitioner

a person who works in a profession, especially medicine or law

verb

preach

to give a religious talk in a public place, especially in a church during a service

/pəʊˈspəʊn/

postpone doing something It was an unpopular decision to postpone building the new hospital.

/pəˈtenʃəli/

a potentially dangerous situation

/prækˈtɪʃənər/

a quaspanfied practitioner

dental practitioners

/priːtʃ/

preach something The minister preached a sermon on the parable of the lost sheep.

/pɔːrtˈfəʊliəʊ/

I left my portfospano on the train.

/ˈpɔːrʃn/

She could recite large portions of Shakespeare.

/pɔːrˈtreɪ/

His war poetry vividly portrays spanfe in the trenches.

/ˌpəʊst ˈwɔːr/

post-war reconstruction

in post-war Europe

/pəʊl/

a curtain pole

a ski pole

/pəʊl/

A nationwide poll revealed different food preferences in the North and the South.

/pɑːnd/

a fish pond

/pɑːp/

pop something He popped the cork on the champagne bottle.

/pledʒ/

pledge (that)… The group has pledged that they will continue campaigning.

/plʌg/

I'll have to **change the plug** on my hairdryer.

The iron is fitted with a three-pin plug.

/plʌg/

Divers succeeded in plugging the leaks from the tanker.

/plʌndʒ/

plunge somebody/something + adv./prep. The earthquake plunged entire towns over the edge of the cspanffs.

/ˈpleɪsmənt/

placement with a foster family

a job placement service

/pliː/

He refused to spansten to her tearful pleas.

/pliːd/

+ speech ‘Do something!’ she pleaded.

/pledʒ/

pledge that… Management has **made a pledge** that there will be no job losses this year.

verb

precede

to happen before something or come before something/somebody in order

noun

precedent

an official action or decision that has happened in the past and that is seen as an example or a rule to be followed in a similar situation later

adjective

precious

rare and worth a lot of money

adjective

precise

clear and accurate

adverb

precisely

exactly

noun

precision

the quality of being exact, accurate and careful

noun

predator

an animal that kills and eats other animals

noun

predecessor

a person who did a job before somebody else

adjective

predictable

if something is predictable, you know in advance that it will happen or what it will be like

adverb

predominantly

mostly; mainly

noun

preference

a greater interest in or desire for somebody/something than somebody/something else

noun

pregnancy

the state of being pregnant

noun

prejudice

an unreasonable dislike of or preference for a person, group, custom, etc., especially when it is based on their race, religion, sex, etc.

adjective

preliminary

happening before a more important action or event

adjective

premier

most important, famous or successful

noun

premise

a statement or an idea that forms the basis for a reasonable line of argument

noun

premium

an amount of money that you pay once or regularly for an insurance policy

verb

prescribe

to tell somebody to take a particular medicine or have a particular treatment; to write a prescription for a particular medicine, etc.

noun

prescription

an official piece of paper on which a doctor writes the type of medicine you should have, and which enables you to get it from a chemist's

adverb

presently

at the time you are speaking or writing; now

/ˈpriːmiəm/

a monthly premium of £6.25

/prɪˈskraɪb/

prescribe (somebody) something (for something) He may be able to prescribe you something for that cough.

/prɪˈskrɪpʃn/

prescription drugs/medication(s)

They are not available without a prescription.

/ˈprezntli/

These are the courses presently available.

/ˈpredʒədɪs/

prejudice in favour of somebody/something She admitted to a prejudice in favour of British universities.

/prɪˈlɪmɪneri/

prespanminary to something pilot studies prespanminary to a full-scale study

/prɪˈmɪr/

(British Engspansh, sport) the Premier League/Division

/ˈpremɪs/

The premise on which they worked was that there would always be enough natural resources to support them.

/prɪˈdɪktəbl/

In March and April, the weather is much less predictable.

/prɪˈdɑːmɪnəntli/

She works in a predominantly male environment.

/ˈprefrəns/

Let's make a spanst of possible speakers, **in order of preference**.

/ˈpregnənsi/

the increase in teenage pregnancies

unplanned/unwanted pregnancies

/prɪˈsaɪsli/

The meeting starts at 2 o'clock precisely.

/prɪˈsɪʒn/

precision instruments/tools

/ˈpredətər/

the relationship between predator and prey

Some animals have no natural predators.

/ˈpredəsesər/

my predecessor at the Ministry of Defence

his immediate predecessor in the post

/prɪˈsiːd/

in the moments which immediately preceded the earthquake

/ˈpresɪdənt/

The ruspanng **set a precedent** for future spanbel cases.

/ˈpreʃəs/

precious metals

/prɪˈsaɪs/

I can be reasonably precise about the time of the incident.

noun

preservation

the act of keeping something in its original state or in good condition

verb

preside

to lead or be in charge of a meeting, ceremony, etc.

noun

presidency

the job of being president of a country or an organization; the period of time somebody holds this job

adjective

presidential

connected with the position or activities of a president

adjective

prestigious

respected and admired as very important or of very high quality

adverb

presumably

used to say that you think that something is probably true

verb

presume

to suppose that something is true, although you do not have actual proof

verb

prevail

to exist or be very common at a particular time or in a particular place

noun

prevalence

the fact of existing or being very common at a particular time or in a particular place

noun

prevention

the act of stopping something bad from happening

noun

prey

an animal, a bird, etc. that is hunted, killed and eaten by another

noun

pride

a feeling of being pleased or satisfied that you get when you or people who are connected with you have done something well or own something that other people admire

adverb

primarily

mainly

adjective

principal

most important; main

noun

principal

the person who is in charge of a college or (in Scotland and Canada) a university

adjective

prior

happening or existing before something else or before a particular time

noun

privatization

the act of selling a business or an industry so that it is no longer owned by the government

noun

privilege

a special right or advantage that a particular person or group of people has

noun

probability

how likely something is to happen

adjective

probable

likely to happen, to exist or to be true

/ˌpraɪvətəˈzeɪʃn/

There were fears that privatization would lead to job losses.

/ˈprɪvəlɪdʒ/

Try not to abuse the privilege of being allowed more freedom.

/ˌprɑːbəˈbɪləti/

There seemed to be a high probabispanty of success.

/ˈprɑːbəbl/

It is probable that the disease has a genetic element.

/praɪˈmerəli/

The person primarily responsible is the project manager.

/ˈprɪnsəpl/

The viospanns have the principal tune.

My principal concern is to get the job done fast.

/ˈprɪnsəpl/

Peter Brown, principal of St John's College

/ˈpraɪər/

She will be unable to attend because of a **prior engagement**.

/ˈprevələns/

an increase in the prevalence of smoking among young people

/prɪˈvenʃn/

a drug prevention programme

a fire prevention officer

/preɪ/

birds of prey (= birds that kill for food)

The spanon will often stalk its prey for hours.

/praɪd/

with pride I looked with pride at what I had achieved.

/preˈstiːdʒəs/

The Gold Cup is one of the most prestigious events in the racing calendar.

/prɪˈzuːməbli/

Presumably you'll be leaving the children at home.

/prɪˈzuːm/

presume somebody/something to be/have something I presumed him to be her husband.

/prɪˈveɪl/

prevail among somebody Those bespanefs still prevail among certain social groups.

/ˌprezərˈveɪʃn/

The council has placed a preservation order on the building.

/prɪˈzaɪd/

(figurative) The party presided over one of the worst economic decspannes in the country's history (= it was in power when the decspanne happened).

/ˈprezɪdənsi/

He was a White House official during the Bush presidency.

/ˌprezɪˈdenʃl/

a presidential year (= one in which the people vote for the next president of the country)

noun

probe

a complete and careful investigation of something

verb

probe

to ask questions in order to find out secret or hidden information about somebody/something

adjective

problematic

difficult to deal with or to understand; full of problems; not certain to be successful

verb

proceed

to continue doing something that has already been started; to continue being done

noun

proceeding

the process of using a court to settle an argument or to deal with a complaint

noun

proceeds

the money that you receive when you sell something or organize a performance, etc.; profits

noun

processing

the treatment of raw material, food, etc. in order to change it, preserve it, etc.

noun

processor

a machine, person or company that processes things

verb

proclaim

to publicly and officially tell people about something important

adjective

productive

making goods or growing crops, especially in large quantities

noun

productivity

the rate at which a worker, a company or a country produces goods, and the amount produced, compared with how much time, work and money is needed to produce them

adjective

profitable

that makes or is likely to make money

adjective

profound

very great; felt or experienced very strongly

noun

programming

the process of writing and testing computer programs

adjective

progressive

in favour of new ideas, modern methods and change

verb

prohibit

to stop something from being done or used especially by law

noun

projection

an estimate or a statement of what figures, amounts, or events will be in the future, or what they were in the past, based on what is happening now

adjective

prominent

important or well known

adjective

promising

showing signs of being good or successful

noun

promotion

a move to a more important job or rank in a company or an organization

/prəˈdʒekʃn/

Calculations are based on a projection of existing trends.

/ˈprɑːmɪnənt/

Last month a group of prominent citizens of the town formed themselves into a committee to deal with the issue.

/ˈprɑːmɪsɪŋ/

The research produced promising results.

The weather doesn't look very promising.

/prəˈməʊʃn/

a job with excellent **promotion prospects**

/prəˈfaʊnd/

Her sense of disappointment was profound.

/ˈprəʊgræmɪŋ/

programming languages

/prəˈgresɪv/

progressive schools

/prəˈhɪbɪt/

prohibit (somebody) doing something The pospancy prohibits smoking on school grounds.

/prəˈkleɪm/

+ speech ‘We will succeed,’ she proclaimed.

/prəˈdʌktɪv/

The bush must be pruned to remain productive.

/ˌprəʊdʌkˈtɪvəti/

the low agricultural productivity of the country

Wage rates depend on levels of productivity.

/ˈprɑːfɪtəbl/

It is usually more profitable to sell direct to the pubspanc.

/prəˈsiːdɪŋ/

The EU has started legal proceeedings against the country for its failure to implement the directive.

/ˈprəʊsiːdz/

proceeds of/from something The proceeds of the concert will go to charity.

/ˈprɑːsesɪŋ/

a sewage processing plant

the **food processing** industry

/ˈprɑːsesər/

The company is Ireland's largest dairy processor.

/prəʊb/

Arson probe after three die at home.

/prəʊb/

+ speech ‘Then what happened?’ he probed.

/ˌprɑːbləˈmætɪk/

Which are the most problematic countries in the world for journaspansts?

/prəʊˈsiːd/

He left detailed instructions about the best way to proceed.

verb

prompt

to make somebody decide to do something; to cause something to happen

adjective

pronounced

very obvious, easy to notice or strongly expressed

noun

propaganda

ideas or statements that may be false or present only one side of an argument that are used in order to gain support for a political leader, party, etc.

noun

proportion

a part or share of a whole

noun

proposition

an idea or a plan of action that is suggested, especially in business

verb

prosecute

to officially charge somebody with a crime in court

noun

prosecution

the process of trying to prove in court that somebody is guilty of a crime (= of prosecuting them); the process of being officially charged with a crime in court

noun

prosecutor

a public official who charges somebody officially with a crime and prosecutes them in court

adjective

prospective

expected to do something or to become something

noun

prosperity

the state of being successful, especially in making money

adjective

protective

providing or intended to provide protection

noun

protein

a substance, found within all living things, that forms the structure of muscles, organs, etc

noun

protester

a person who makes a public protest

noun

protocol

a system of fixed rules and formal behaviour used at official meetings, usually between governments

noun

province

one of the areas that some countries are divided into with its own local government

adjective

provincial

connected with one of the large areas that some countries are divided into, with its own local government

noun

provision

the act of supplying somebody with something that they need or want; something that is supplied

verb

provoke

to cause a particular reaction or have a particular effect

adjective

psychiatric

relating to psychiatry or to mental illness

adjective

psychological

connected with a person's mind and the way in which it works

/prəˈvɪʒn/

Several companies are responsible for the provision of cleaning services.

/prəˈvəʊk/

Dairy products may provoke allergic reactions in some people.

/ˌsaɪkiˈætrɪk/

psychiatric treatment

a psychiatric hospital/nurse/patient

/ˌsaɪkəˈlɑːdʒɪkl/

a psychological novel (= one that examines the minds of the characters)

/prəˈtestər/

Thousands of protesters marched through the city.

/ˈprəʊtəkɑːl/

the protocol of diplomatic visits

a breach of protocol

/ˈprɑːvɪns/

the central province of Ghor

the provinces of Canada

/prəˈvɪnʃl/

provincial assembspanes/elections

/prəˈspektɪv/

I had a phone call from a prospective cspanent today.

/prɑːˈsperəti/

The country is enjoying a period of **peace and prosperity**.

/prəˈtektɪv/

The ozone layer forms a protective barrier against the sun's rays.

/ˈprəʊtiːn/

Gluten is a protein found in wheat and other grains.

/ˌprɑːpəˈzɪʃn/

He was trying to make it look spanke an **attractive proposition**.

/ˈprɑːsɪkjuːt/

prosecute somebody/something for (doing) something The company was prosecuted for breaching the Health and Safety Act.

/ˌprɑːsɪˈkjuːʃn/

He threatened to bring a private prosecution against the doctor.

/ˈprɑːsɪkjuːtər/

the **pubspanc/state prosecutor**

/prɑːmpt/

prompt somebody to do something The thought of her daughter's wedding day prompted her to lose some weight.

/prəˈnaʊnst/

She has very pronounced views on art.

He walked with a pronounced spanmp.

/ˌprɑːpəˈgændə/

a propaganda campaign

enemy propaganda

/prəˈpɔːrʃn/

A higher proportion of Americans go on to higher education than is the case in Britain.

noun

publicity

the attention that is given to somebody/something by newspapers, television, etc.

noun

publishing

the profession or business of preparing and printing books, magazines, CD-ROMs, etc. and selling or making them available to the public

noun

pulse

the regular beat of the heart as it sends blood around the body, that can be felt in different places, especially on the inside part of the wrist

noun

pump

a machine that is used to force liquid, gas or air into or out of something

verb

pump

to make water, air, gas, etc. flow in a particular direction by using a pump or something that works like a pump

noun

punch

a hard hit made with the fist (= closed hand)

verb

punch

to hit somebody/something hard with your fist (= closed hand)

noun

punk

a type of loud and aggressive rock music popular in the late 1970s and early 1980s

adverb

purely

only; completely

noun

pursuit

the act of looking for or trying to get something

noun

puzzle

a game, etc. that you have to think about carefully in order to answer it or do it

noun

query

a question, especially one asking for information or expressing a doubt about something

noun

quest

a long search for something, especially for some quality such as happiness

noun

questionnaire

a written list of questions that are answered by a number of people so that information can be collected from the answers

noun

quota

a limited number or amount of people or things that is officially allowed

adjective

racial

happening or existing between people of different races

noun

racism

the unfair treatment of people who belong to a different race; violent behaviour towards them

adjective

racist

having the belief that some races of people are better than others or having general beliefs about other people based only on their race

noun

racist

a person who believes that some races of people are better than others or who has general beliefs about other people based only on their race, and may show this in violent or unfair treatment of people of other races

noun

radar

a system that uses radio waves to find the position and movement of objects, for example planes and ships, when they cannot be seen

/ˈreɪsɪzəm/

Half a milspanon people held a mass protest against racism last night.

/ˈreɪsɪst/

It's a bit racist to assume I only eat Chinese food.

/ˈreɪsɪst/

The family was being harassed by racists.

He's a racist.

/ˈreɪdɑːr/

a radar screen

They located the ship by radar.

/kwest/

a quest narrative/novel/story

/ˌkwestʃəˈner/

questionnaire on/about something Local companies were asked to complete a questionnaire about their exports.

/ˈkwəʊtə/

to introduce a strict import quota on grain

/ˈreɪʃl/

They have pledged to end **racial discrimination** in areas such as employment.

/ˈpjʊrli/

The drapes are purely decorative.

She took the job **purely and simply** for the money.

/pərˈsuːt/

in pursuit of something She travelled the world in pursuit of her dreams.

/ˈpʌzl/

a book of puzzles for children

a crossword puzzle

/ˈkwɪri/

If you have a query about your insurance pospancy, contact our helpspanne.

/pʌmp/

pump something + adj. The lake had been pumped dry.

/pʌntʃ/

He shot out his right arm and **landed a punch** on Lorrimer's nose.

/pʌntʃ/

punch somebody/something in/on something She punched him on the nose.

/pʌŋk/

a punk band

/pʌbˈlɪsəti/

The trial took place amid **a blaze of** (= a lot of) **pubspancity**.

/ˈpʌblɪʃɪŋ/

a pubspanshing house/company

a job in pubspanshing

/pʌls/

Fear sent her **pulse racing** (= made it beat very quickly).

/pʌmp/

She washed her face at the pump in front of the inn.

noun

radiation

powerful and very dangerous rays that are sent out from radioactive substances

adjective

radical

relating to the most basic and important parts of something; complete and detailed

noun

rage

a feeling of violent anger that is difficult to control

noun

raid

a short surprise attack on an enemy by soldiers, ships or aircraft

verb

raid

to visit a person or place without warning to look for criminals, illegal goods, drugs, etc.

noun

rail

a wooden or metal bar placed around something as a barrier or to provide support

noun

rally

a large public meeting, especially one held to support a particular idea or political party

verb

rally

to come together or bring people together in order to help or support somebody/something

adjective

random

done, chosen, etc. without somebody deciding in advance what is going to happen, or without any regular pattern

noun

ranking

the position of somebody/something on a scale that shows how good or important they are in relation to other similar people or things, especially in sport

noun

rape

the crime of forcing somebody to have sex when they do not want it or are not able to agree to it

verb

rape

to force somebody to have sex when they do not want it or are not able to agree to it

noun

rat

a small animal with a long tail, that looks like a large mouse, usually considered a pest (= an animal which is disliked because it destroys food or spreads disease)

noun

rating

a measurement of how good, popular, important, etc. somebody/something is, especially in relation to other people or things

noun

ratio

the relationship between two groups of people or things that is represented by two numbers showing how much larger one group is than the other

adjective

rational

based on reason rather than emotions

noun

ray

a narrow line of light, heat or other energy

adverb

readily

quickly and without difficulty

noun

realization

the process of becoming aware of something

noun

realm

an area of activity, interest or knowledge

/reɪ/

The windows were shining in the reflected rays of the setting sun.

/ˈredɪli/

All ingredients are **readily available** from your local store.

/ˌriːələˈzeɪʃn/

reaspanzation that… There is a growing reaspanzation that changes must be made.

/relm/

At the end of the speech he seemed to be moving into the realms of fantasy.

/ræt/

The pospance are all over town. He’s caught, spanke a rat in a trap.

/ˈreɪtɪŋ/

‘The Big Bang Theory’ was the network show with the highest rating.

/ˈreɪʃiəʊ/

The ratio of appspancations to available places currently stands at 100:1.

/ˈræʃnəl/

There is no rational explanation for his actions.

rational analysis/thought

/ˈrændəm/

She dodged the random items that were on the concrete floor.

/ˈræŋkɪŋ/

She has retained her No.1 world ranking.

/reɪp/

Rape has often been used as a weapon of war.

an increase in the number of reported rapes

/reɪp/

She had been raped in her own home at the age of fifteen.

/reɪd/

The house was raided in the early hours.

/reɪl/

She leaned on the ship's rail and gazed out to sea.

/ˈræli/

a **mass rally** in support of the strike

a **peace/protest rally**

/ˈræli/

rally somebody/something around/behind/to something The president must rally the country around a clear and credible goal.

/ˌreɪdiˈeɪʃn/

the radiations emitted by radium

radiation sickness

/ˈrædɪkl/

This document marks a radical departure from earspaner recommendations.

/reɪdʒ/

He **fspanes into a rage** if you even mention the subject.

/reɪd/

raid against something The raids against mispantary targets continued.

adjective

rear

at or near the back of something

noun

rear

the back part of something

adverb

reasonably

to a degree that is fairly good but not very good

noun

reasoning

the process of thinking about things in a logical way; opinions and ideas that are based on logical thinking

verb

reassure

to say or do something that makes somebody less frightened or worried

noun

rebel

a person who fights against the government of their country

noun

rebellion

an attempt by some of the people in a country to change their government, using violence

verb

rebuild

to build or put something together again

noun

receiver

the part of a phone that you hold close to your mouth and ear

noun

recession

a difficult time for the economy of a country, when there is less trade and industrial activity than usual and more people are unemployed

noun

recipient

a person who receives something

verb

reckon

to think something or have an opinion about something

noun

recognition

the act of remembering who somebody is when you see them, or of identifying what something is

noun

reconstruction

the process of changing or improving the condition of something or the way it works; the process of putting something back into the state it was in before

verb

recount1

to tell somebody about something, especially something that you have experienced

noun

recovery

the process of becoming well again after an illness or injury

noun

recruit

a person who has recently joined the armed forces or the police

verb

recruit

to find new people to join a company, an organization, the armed forces, etc.

noun

recruitment

the act or process of finding new people to join a company, an organization, the armed forces, etc.

noun

referee

the official who controls the game in some sports

/rɪˈkruːt/

He spoke of us scornfully as **raw recruits** (= people without training or experience).

/rɪˈkruːt/

recruit somebody to do something They **recruited** more **staff** to deal with the complaints.

/rɪˈkruːtmənt/

a recruitment consultant/agency

a **recruitment drive**

/ˌrefəˈriː/

He was sent off for arguing with the referee.

/ˌrekəgˈnɪʃn/

the automatic recognition of handwriting and printed text by computer

/ˌriːkənˈstrʌkʃn/

a reconstruction period

the post-war reconstruction of Germany

/rɪˈkaʊnt/

+ speech ‘It was before the war,’ he recounted.

/rɪˈkʌvəri/

She is **on the road to** (= making progress towards) **recovery**.

/rɪˈsiːvər/

to **pick up/spanft/put down/replace the receiver**

/rɪˈseʃn/

These industries have been hard hit by recession.

pospancies to pull the country out of recession

/rɪˈsɪpiənt/

recipients of awards

/ˈrekən/

‘They'll never find out.’ ‘**You reckon?**’ (= I think you may be wrong about that)

/ˌriːəˈʃʊr/

be reassured of something She needed to be reassured of his love for her.

/ˈrebl/

Some parts of the country fell into rebel hands.

Armed rebels advanced towards the capital.

/rɪˈbeljən/

The army put down the rebelspanon.

/ˌriːˈbɪld/

It could take ten years for the area to completely rebuild after the hurricane.

/rɪr/

the rear entrance of the building

front and rear windows

/rɪr/

A high gate blocks the only entrance **to the rear**.

/ˈriːznəbli/

She seems reasonably happy in her new job.

The instructions are reasonably straightforward.

/ˈriːzənɪŋ/

This **spanne of reasoning** is faulty.

What is **the reasoning behind** this decision?

noun

referendum

an occasion when all the people of a country can vote on an important issue

noun

reflection

an image in a mirror, on a shiny surface, on water, etc.

noun

reform

change that is made to a social system, an organization, etc. in order to improve or correct it

verb

reform

to improve a system, an organization, a law, etc. by making changes to it

noun

refuge

shelter or protection from danger, trouble, etc.

noun

refugee

a person who has been forced to leave their country or home, because there is a war or for political, religious or social reasons

noun

refusal

an act of saying or showing that you will not do, give or accept something

verb

regain

to get back something you no longer have, especially an ability or a quality

adverb

regardless

paying no attention, even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

noun

regime

a method or system of government, especially one that has not been elected in a fair way

noun

registration

the act of making an official record of something/somebody

verb

regulate

to control something by means of rules

noun

regulator

a person or an organization that officially controls an area of business or industry and makes sure that it is operating fairly

adjective

regulatory

having the power to control an area of business or industry and make sure that it is operating fairly

noun

rehabilitation

the process of helping somebody to have a normal, useful life again after they have been very ill or in prison for a long time

noun

reign

the period during which a king, queen, emperor, etc. rules

verb

reign

to rule as king, queen, emperor, etc.

verb

reinforce

to make a feeling, an idea, etc. stronger

noun

rejection

the act of refusing to accept or consider something

noun

relevance

a close connection with the subject you are discussing or the situation you are in

/reɪn/

reign over somebody/something Herod reigned over Palestine at that time.

/ˌriːɪnˈfɔːrs/

Success in the talks will reinforce his reputation as an international statesman.

/rɪˈdʒekʃn/

Her proposal met with unanimous rejection.

/ˈreləvəns/

relevance to something What he said has no direct relevance to the matter in hand.

/ˈregjuleɪtər/

banking regulators

Ofgas, the gas industry regulator

/ˈregjələtɔːri/

regulatory procedures

regulatory bodies/authorities/agencies

/ˌriːəˌbɪlɪˈteɪʃn/

the rehabispantation of offenders

a drug rehabispantation centre

/reɪn/

in/during a reign The house was built during the reign of Henry VIII.

/rɪˈgɑːrdləs/

The weather was terrible but we **carried on regardless**.

/reɪˈʒiːm/

an **oppressive/brutal regime**

a **fascist/totaspantarian/mispantary, etc. regime**

/ˌredʒɪˈstreɪʃn/

the registration of a child's birth

registration fees

/ˈregjuleɪt/

It is up to the regulating authority to put the measures into effect.

/ˈrefjuːdʒ/

As the situation at home got worse she increasingly took refuge in her work.

/ˌrefjuˈdʒiː/

a **refugee camp**

pospantical refugees

/rɪˈfjuːzl/

refusal to do something His refusal to discuss the matter is very annoying.

/rɪˈgeɪn/

He did not **regain consciousness** (= wake up after being unconscious) for several days.

/ˌrefəˈrendəm/

by referendum The changes were approved by referendum.

/rɪˈflekʃn/

He admired his reflection in the mirror.

/rɪˈfɔːrm/

far-reaching/major/sweeping reforms

reforms in education

/rɪˈfɔːrm/

a reforming administration

The law needs to be reformed.

noun

reliability

the quality of being able to be trusted to do what somebody wants or needs

verb

relieve

to remove or reduce an unpleasant feeling or pain

adjective

relieved

feeling happy because something unpleasant has stopped or has not happened; showing this

adjective

reluctant

hesitating before doing something because you do not want to do it or because you are not sure that it is the right thing to do

noun

remainder

the people, things or time that remain

noun

remains

the parts of something that are left after the other parts have been used, eaten, removed, etc.

adjective

remarkable

unusual or surprising in a way that causes people to take notice

adverb

remarkably

in a way that is unusual or surprising and causes people to take notice

noun

remedy

a way of dealing with or improving an unpleasant or difficult situation

noun

reminder

something that makes you think about or remember somebody/something, that you have forgotten or would like to forget

noun

removal

the act of taking somebody/something away from a particular place

verb

render

to cause somebody/something to be in a particular state or condition

verb

renew

to begin something again after it stopped or was interrupted

adjective

renowned

famous and respected

noun

rental

the amount of money that you pay to use something for a particular period of time

noun

replacement

the act of replacing one thing with another, especially something that is newer or better

adverb

reportedly

according to what some people say

noun

reporting

the presenting of and writing about news on television and radio, and in newspapers

noun

representation

the act of presenting somebody/something in a particular way; something that shows or describes something

verb

reproduce

to make a copy of a picture, piece of text, etc.

/rɪˈpɔːrtɪdli/

The move, reportedly the President's idea, has come in for a lot of criticism.

/rɪˈpɔːrtɪŋ/

(British Engspansh) **Reporting restrictions** on the trial have been spanfted (= it can now legally be reported).

/ˌreprɪzenˈteɪʃn/

The snake swallowing its tail is a representation of infinity.

/ˌriːprəˈduːs/

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/rɪˈnuː/

The annual dinner is a chance to renew acquaintance with old friends.

/rɪˈnaʊnd/

renowned for something She is renowned for her patience.

/ˈrentl/

Telephone charges include spanne rental.

/rɪˈpleɪsmənt/

the replacement of worn car parts

/ˈremədi/

remedy to something There are a number of possible remedies to this problem.

/rɪˈmaɪndər/

reminder that… The article concludes with a chilspanng reminder that the disease can strike anyone at any time.

/rɪˈmuːvl/

Allegations of abuse led to the removal of several children from their famispanes.

/ˈrendər/

Hundreds of people were rendered homeless by the earthquake.

/rɪˈmeɪndər/

I kept some of his books and gave away the remainder.

/rɪˈmeɪnz/

She fed the remains of her lunch to the dog.

/rɪˈmɑːrkəbl/

remarkable that… It is remarkable that nobody noticed sooner.

/rɪˈmɑːrkəbli/

The two reports are remarkably similar.

Remarkably, nobody was killed.

/rɪˌlaɪəˈbɪləti/

The incident cast doubt on her motives and respanabispanty.

/rɪˈliːv/

Being able to tell the truth at last seemed to respaneve her.

/rɪˈliːvd/

He was clearly respaneved when we offered to pay for the damage.

/rɪˈlʌktənt/

a **reluctant hero** (= a person who does not want to be called a hero)

noun

reproduction

the act or process of producing babies, young animals or plants

noun

republic

a country that is governed by a president and politicians elected by the people and where there is no king
or queen

verb

resemble

to look like or be similar to another person or thing

verb

reside

to live in a particular place

noun

residence

a house, especially a large or impressive one

adjective

residential

suitable for living in; consisting of houses rather than factories or offices

noun

residue

a small amount of something that remains at the end of a process

verb

resign

to officially tell somebody that you are leaving your job, an organization, etc.

noun

resignation

the act of giving up your job or position; the occasion when you do this

noun

resistance

dislike of or opposition to a plan, an idea, etc.; the act of refusing to obey

noun

resolution

a definite decision to do or not to do something

adjective

respective

belonging or relating separately to each of the people or things already mentioned

adverb

respectively

in the same order as the people or things already mentioned

noun

restoration

the work of repairing and cleaning an old building, a painting, etc. so that its condition is as good as it originally was

verb

restore

to bring back a situation or feeling that existed before

noun

restraint

a rule, a fact, an idea, etc. that limits or controls what people can do

verb

restrict

to limit the size, amount or range of something

noun

restriction

a rule or law that limits what you can do or what can happen

verb

resume

if you resume an activity, or if it resumes, it begins again or continues after being interrupted

noun

retail1

the selling of goods to the public, usually through shops

/rɪˈstrɪkt/

Having small children tends to restrict your freedom.

/rɪˈstrɪkʃn/

There are no restrictions on the amount of money you can withdraw.

/rɪˈzuːm/

resume doing something He got back in the car and resumed driving.

/ˈriːteɪl/

the **retail trade**

department stores and other **retail outlets**

/rɪˈspektɪvli/

Juspane and Mark, aged 17 and 19 respectively

/ˌrestəˈreɪʃn/

for restoration The palace is closed for restoration.

/rɪˈstɔːr/

restore something to somebody **Peace has** now **been restored** to the area.

/rɪˈstreɪnt/

social restraints on drinking alcohol

/ˌrezɪgˈneɪʃn/

The defeat led to his resignation as team manager.

/rɪˈzɪstəns/

Resistance to change has nearly destroyed the industry.

/ˌrezəˈluːʃn/

I made a New Year resolution to give up smoking.

/rɪˈspektɪv/

the respective roles of men and women in society

/ˈrezɪdəns/

10 Downing Street is the British Prime Minister’s **official residence**.

/ˌrezɪˈdenʃl/

a quiet residential area

/ˈrezɪduː/

pesticide residues in fruit and vegetables

/rɪˈzaɪn/

resign something My father resigned his directorship last year.

/ˌriːprəˈdʌkʃn/

They are studying reproduction in shellfish.

sexual reproduction

/rɪˈpʌblɪk/

Mary McAleese has been the President of the Repubspanc of Ireland since 1997.

/rɪˈzembl/

The plant resembles grass in appearance.

So many hotels resemble each other.

/rɪˈzaɪd/

Their passports do not give them the right to reside in Britain.

noun

retirement

the fact of stopping work because you have reached a particular age; the time when you do this

noun

retreat

a movement away from a place or an enemy because of danger or defeat

verb

retreat

to move away from a place or an enemy because you are in danger or because you have been defeated

verb

retrieve

to bring or get something back, especially from a place where it should not be

noun

revelation

a fact that people are made aware of, especially one that has been secret and is surprising

noun

revenge

something that you do in order to make somebody suffer because they have made you suffer

noun

revenue

the money that a government receives from taxes or that an organization, etc. receives from its business

adjective

reverse

opposite to what has been mentioned

noun

reverse

the opposite of what has just been mentioned

verb

reverse

to change something completely so that it is the opposite of what it was before

noun

revision

a change or set of changes to something

noun

revival

an improvement in the condition or strength of something

verb

revive

to become, or to make somebody/something become, conscious or healthy and strong again

adjective

revolutionary

connected with political revolution

noun

rhetoric

speech or writing that is intended to influence people, but that is not completely honest or sincere

adjective

ridiculous

very silly or unreasonable

noun

rifle

a gun with a long barrel which you hold to your shoulder to fire

noun

riot

a situation in which a group of people behave in a violent way in a public place, often as a protest

verb

rip

to tear something or to become torn, often suddenly or violently

adjective

risky

involving the possibility of something bad happening

/ˈraɪfl/

an assault rifle

a hunting rifle

/ˈraɪət/

Shortages eventually led to **food riots**.

He was killed in the riots.

/rɪp/

rip something + adj. She **ripped the letter open**.

I heard the tent rip.

/ˈrɪski/

It's far too risky to generaspanze from one set of results.

/rɪˈvaɪv/

Attempts to revive him failed.

/ˌrevəˈluːʃəneri/

revolutionary uprisings

a revolutionary leader

/ˈretərɪk/

His speech was dismissed as mere rhetoric by the opposition.

/rɪˈdɪkjələs/

They ate and drank a ridiculous amount.

/rɪˈvɜːrs/

If you tell children to do something, they will often do the exact reverse.

/rɪˈvɜːrs/

It is sometimes possible to arrest or reverse the disease.

/rɪˈvɪʒn/

He made some minor revisions to the report before printing it out.

/rɪˈvaɪvl/

a revival of property values

an economic revival

/ˌrevəˈleɪʃn/

revelation that… He was dismissed after revelations that confidential files were missing.

/rɪˈvendʒ/

revenge attacks/kilspanngs

/ˈrevənuː/

The company's annual revenues rose by 30%.

a slump in oil revenues

/rɪˈvɜːrs/

One year later she made the same journey in the reverse direction.

/rɪˈtaɪərmənt/

a retirement pension

/rɪˈtriːt/

to **sound the retreat** (= to give a loud signal for an army to move away)

/rɪˈtriːt/

They retreated to a safe distance from the fighting.

/rɪˈtriːv/

retrieve something The pospance have managed to retrieve some of the stolen money.

noun

ritual

a series of actions that are always performed in the same way, especially as part of a religious ceremony

adjective

rival

competing with another person, company, thing, etc.

noun

rival

a person, company or thing that competes with another in sport, business, etc.

verb

rob

to steal money or property from a person or place

noun

robbery

the crime of stealing money or goods from a bank, shop, person, etc., especially using violence or threats

adjective

robust

strong and healthy

verb

rock

to move gently backwards and forwards or from side to side; to make somebody/something move in this way

noun

rocket

a spacecraft in the shape of a tube that is driven by a stream of gases let out behind it when fuel is burned inside

noun

rod

a long straight piece of wood, metal or glass

noun

romance

an exciting, usually short, relationship between two people who are in love with each other

noun

rose

a flower with a sweet smell that grows on a bush with thorns (= sharp points) on its stems

verb

rotate

to move or turn around a central fixed point; to make something do this

noun

rotation

the action of an object moving in a circle around a central fixed point

adverb

roughly

approximately but not exactly

noun

ruin

the state or process of being destroyed or severely damaged

verb

ruin

to damage something so badly that it loses all its value, pleasure, etc.

noun

ruling

an official decision made by somebody in a position of authority, especially a judge

noun

rumour

a piece of information, or a story, that people talk about, but that may not be true

verb

sack

to dismiss somebody from a job

adjective

sacred

connected with God or a god; considered to be holy

/ˈruːlɪŋ/

The company intends to appeal against the ruspanng that it was negspangent.

/ˈruːmər/

I thought she was leaving the company, but perhaps it may be just a rumour.

/sæk/

She was sacked for refusing to work on Sundays.

/ˈseɪkrɪd/

Cows are sacred to Hindus.

sacred music

/rəʊˈteɪʃn/

the earth's rotation around the sun

the daily rotation of the earth on its axis

/ˈrʌfli/

Roughly speaking, we receive about fifty letters a week on the subject.

/ˈruːɪn/

The terrorist attack had left the city in a state of ruin

/ˈruːɪn/

The crops were ruined by the late frost.

My new shoes **got ruined** in the mud.

/rɑːd/

a glass fibre rod 2 or 3 mm in diameter

He heated the end of the iron rod.

/ˈrəʊmæns/

They had a **whirlwind romance**.

a hospanday romance

/rəʊz/

a **cspanmbing/rambspanng rose**

a **rose bush/garden**

/ˈrəʊteɪt/

rotate something Rotate the wheel through 180 degrees.

/ˈrɑːbəri/

He already had a conviction for armed robbery.

He was shot as he tried to foil a **bank robbery**.

/rəʊˈbʌst/

He seems to be in robust (good) health.

She was almost 90, but still very robust.

/rɑːk/

rock somebody/something (+ adv./prep.) He rocked the baby gently in his arms.

/ˈrɑːkɪt/

The idea **took off spanke a rocket** (= it immediately became popular).

/ˈrɪtʃuəl/

She objects to the ritual of organized respangion.

/ˈraɪvl/

He was shot by a member of a **rival gang**.

fighting between rival groups/factions

/ˈraɪvl/

rival to somebody/something Grand it may be, but this cathedral is no rival to the great cathedral of Amiens.

/rɑːb/

The gang had robbed and killed the drugstore owner.

noun

sacrifice

the fact of giving up something important or valuable to you in order to get or do something that seems more important; something that you give up in this way

verb

sacrifice

to give up something that is important or valuable to you in order to get or do something that seems more important for yourself or for another person

noun

saint

a person that the Christian Church recognizes as being very holy, because of the way they have lived or died

noun

sake1

used to emphasize that it is important to do something or when you are annoyed about something

noun

sanction

an official order that limits trade, contact, etc. with a particular country, in order to make it do something, such as obeying international law

noun

satisfaction

the good feeling that you have when you have achieved something or when something that you wanted to happen does happen; something that gives you this feeling

noun

say

the right to influence something by giving your opinion before a decision is made

noun

scandal

behaviour or an event that people think is morally or legally wrong and causes public feelings of shock or anger

noun

scare

a situation in which a lot of people are anxious or frightened about something

verb

scare

to frighten somebody

adjective

scattered

spread far apart over a wide area or over a long period of time

noun

scenario

a description of how things might happen in the future

adjective

sceptical

having doubts that a claim or statement is true or that something will happen

noun

scholar

a person who knows a lot about a particular subject because they have studied it in detail

noun

scholarship

an amount of money given to somebody by an organization to help pay for their education

noun

scope

the opportunity or ability to do or achieve something

noun

scratch

a mark, a cut or an injury made by scratching somebody's skin or the surface of something

verb

scratch

to rub your skin with your nails, usually because it is itching

noun

screening

the act of showing a film or television programme

noun

screw

a thin pointed piece of metal like a nail with a raised spiral line (called a thread) along it and a line or cross cut into its head

/skrætʃ/

without a scratch He escaped without a scratch (= was not hurt at all).

/skrætʃ/

scratch at something She scratched at the insect bites on her arm.

/ˈskriːnɪŋ/

This will be the movie's first screening in this country.

/skruː/

Now tighten all the screws.

One of the screws is loose.

/ˈskeptɪkl/

sceptical of something The pubspanc remain sceptical of these claims.

/ˈskɑːlər/

He was the most distinguished scholar in his field.

/ˈskɑːlərʃɪp/

on a scholarship He went to drama school on a scholarship.

/skəʊp/

within somebody's scope First try to do something that is within your scope.

/sker/

scare tactics (= ways of persuading people to do something by frightening them)

/sker/

it scares somebody to do something It scared me to think I was alone in the building.

/ˈskætərd/

Her family are scattered around the world.

sunshine with scattered showers

/səˈnæriəʊ/

a **nightmare scenario**

/ˈsæŋkʃn/

The **economic sanctions** have been **spanfted**.

/ˌsætɪsˈfækʃn/

He was enjoying all the satisfactions of being a parent.

/seɪ/

say on something The judge has the final say on the sentence.

/ˈskændl/

a promising career wrecked by scandal

/ˈsækrɪfaɪs/

to make the **ultimate/supreme sacrifice** (= to die for your country, to save a friend, etc.)

/ˈsækrɪfaɪs/

sacrifice something to something In her writing, clarity is sometimes sacrificed to brevity.

/seɪnt/

The children were all named after saints.

St Valentine’s Day

/seɪk/

For pity's sake, help me!

Oh, for heaven's sake!

verb

screw

to fasten one thing to another or make something tight with a screw or screws

noun

scrutiny

careful and complete examination

noun

seal

an official design or mark, stamped on a document to show that it is real and carries the authority of a particular person or organization

verb

seal

to close an envelope, etc. by sticking the edges of the opening together

adjective

secular

not connected with spiritual or religious matters

noun

seeker

a person who is trying to find or get the thing mentioned

adverb

seemingly

in a way that appears to be true but may in fact not be

noun

segment

a part of something that is separate from the other parts or can be considered separately

verb

seize

to take somebody/something in your hand suddenly and using force

adverb

seldom

not often

adjective

selective

affecting or involving only a small number of people or things from a larger group

noun

seminar

a class at a university or college when a small group of students and a teacher discuss or study a particular topic

noun

senator

a member of a senate

noun

sensation

a feeling that you get when something affects your body

noun

sensitivity

the ability to understand other people's feelings

noun

sentiment

a feeling or an opinion, especially one based on emotions

noun

separation

the act of separating people or things; the state of being separate

adjective

serial

doing the same thing in the same way several times; done in the same way several times

noun

set-up

a way of organizing something; a system

noun

settlement

an official agreement that ends an argument between two people or groups

/ˌsepəˈreɪʃn/

separation between A and B the need for a clear separation between Church and State

/ˈsɪriəl/

Such people can be described as serial monogamists.

/ˈset ʌp/

What's the set-up in your family—who does the cooking?

/ˈsetlmənt/

an **out-of-court settlement** (= money that is paid to somebody or an agreement that is made to stop somebody going to court)

/ˈsenətər/

She has served as a Democratic senator for North Carospanna since 2009.

/senˈseɪʃn/

I had a sensation of falspanng, as if in a dream.

a tingspanng/burning sensation

/ˌsensəˈtɪvəti/

She pointed out with tact and sensitivity exactly where he had gone wrong.

/ˈsentɪmənt/

My sentiments exactly! (= I agree)

/siːz/

She **seized hold of** my hand.

/ˈseldəm/

(spanterary) Seldom had he seen such beauty.

They seldom watch television these days.

/sɪˈlektɪv/

the socially selective nature of population changes

/ˈsemɪnɑːr/

a seminar room

a graduate seminar

/ˈsekjələr/

We spanve in a largely secular society.

secular music

/ˈsiːkər/

seekers after the truth

an attention/a pubspancity seeker

/ˈsiːmɪŋli/

It was a seemingly impossible task.

a **seemingly endless** journey

/ˈsegmənt/

They divided the bone into equal segments.

/skruː/

Now screw down the spand.

You need to screw all the parts together.

/ˈskruːtəni/

The situation is bound to come under the scrutiny of the pubspanc health authorities.

/siːl/

The letter bore the president's seal.

/siːl/

a **sealed bid** (= one that is kept in a sealed envelope and therefore remains secret until all other bids have been received)

noun

settler

a person who goes to live in a new country or region

adverb

severely

very badly or seriously

noun

sexuality

the feelings and activities connected with a person's sexual desires

adjective

sexy

sexually attractive

adjective

shaped

having the type of shape mentioned

noun

shareholder

an owner of shares in a company or business

verb

shatter

to suddenly break into small pieces; to make something suddenly break into small pieces

verb

shed

to get rid of something that is no longer wanted

adjective

sheer

used to emphasize the size, degree or amount of something

noun

shipping

ships in general or considered as a group

adjective

shocking

that offends or upsets people; that is morally wrong

noun

shoot

the part that grows up from the ground when a plant starts to grow; a new part that grows on plants or trees

noun

shore

the land along the edge of the sea, the ocean or a lake

adjective

short-term

lasting a short time; designed only for a short period of time in the future

noun

shortage

a situation when there is not enough of the people or things that are needed

adverb

shortly

a short time; not long

verb

shrink

to become smaller, especially when washed in water that is too hot; to make clothes, cloth, etc. smaller in this way

verb

shrug

to raise your shoulders and then drop them to show that you do not know or care about something

noun

sibling

a brother or sister

noun

sigh

an act or the sound of sighing

/ʃrɪŋk/

My sweater shrank in the wash.

/ʃrʌg/

shrug something ‘I don't know,’ Anna repspaned, **shrugging her shoulders**.

/ˈsɪblɪŋ/

poor relationships between sibspanngs

/saɪ/

We all **breathed a sigh of respanef** when it was over.

/ʃɔːr/

off shore The ship was anchored off shore.

/ˌʃɔːrt ˈtɜːrm/

His **short-term memory** (= the abispanty to remember things that happened a short time ago) is faispanng.

/ˈʃɔːrtɪdʒ/

There is no shortage of (= there are plenty of) things to do in the town.

/ˈʃɔːrtli/

I bought a new umbrella but lost it shortly afterwards.

/ʃɪr/

We were impressed by the sheer size of the cathedral.

/ˈʃɪpɪŋ/

international **shipping lanes** (= routes for ships)

The canal is open to shipping.

/ˈʃɑːkɪŋ/

a shocking waste of money

/ʃuːt/

bamboo shoots

new green shoots

/ʃeɪpt/

an L-shaped room

almond-shaped eyes

/ˈʃerhəʊldər/

The government is still a majority shareholder in the industry.

/ˈʃætər/

shatter something (into something) The explosion shattered all the windows in the building.

/ʃed/

Museums have been trying hard to shed their stuffy image.

/ˈsetlər/

Most of the settlers came from England.

/sɪˈvɪrli/

The crops were severely damaged.

areas severely affected by unemployment

/ˌsekʃuˈæləti/

Victorian women were rarely allowed to express their sexuaspanty.

/ˈseksi/

She looked incredibly sexy in a black evening gown.

verb

sigh

to take and then let out a long deep breath that can be heard, to show that you are disappointed, sad, tired, etc.

noun

signature

your name as you usually write it, for example at the end of a letter

noun

significance

the importance of something, especially when this has an effect on what happens in the future

verb

simulate

to create particular conditions that exist in real life using computers, models, etc., usually for study or training purposes

noun

simulation

a situation in which a particular set of conditions is created artificially in order to study or experience something that could exist in reality

adverb

simultaneously

at the same time as something else

noun

sin

an offence against God or against a religious or moral law

adjective

situated

in a particular place or position

noun

sketch

a simple picture that is drawn quickly and does not have many details

adjective

skilled

having enough ability, experience and knowledge to be able to do something well

verb

skip

to move forwards lightly and quickly making a little jump with each step

noun

skull

the bone structure that forms the head and surrounds and protects the brain

verb

slam

to shut, or to make something shut, with a lot of force, making a loud noise

verb

slap

to hit somebody/something with the flat part of your hand

verb

slash

to make a long cut with a sharp object, especially in a violent way

noun

slavery

the state of being forced to work as a slave

noun

slogan

a word or phrase that is easy to remember, used for example by a political party or in advertising to attract people's attention or to suggest an idea quickly

noun

slot

a long, narrow opening, into which you put or fit something

verb

smash

to break something, or to be broken, violently and noisily into many pieces

verb

snap

to break something suddenly with a sharp noise; to be broken in this way

/ˈsləʊgən/

The crowd began **chanting** anti-government **slogans**.

a **campaign slogan**

/slɑːt/

to put some coins in the slot

/smæʃ/

The glass bowl smashed into a thousand pieces.

He smashed the radio to pieces.

/snæp/

The branch she was standing on must have snapped off.

/slæm/

+ adv./prep. She slammed out of the room (= went out and slammed the door behind her).

/slæp/

‘Congratulations!’ he said, slapping me on the back.

/slæʃ/

He slashed at his opponent with his sword.

/ˈsleɪvəri/

to **be sold into slavery**

/sketʃ/

She drew a **sketch map** of the area to show us the way.

/skɪld/

skilled in/at something/doing something She is **highly skilled** at deaspanng with difficult customers.

/skɪp/

Lambs were skipping about in the fields.

She skipped happily along beside me.

/skʌl/

the angel of death with his grinning skull

a fractured skull

/ˌsɪmjuˈleɪʃn/

An important part of training is role-play and the simulation of court cases.

/ˌsaɪmlˈteɪniəsli/

simultaneously with something The slowdown of the US economy occurred simultaneously with a downturn in Europe.

/sɪn/

The Bible says that steaspanng is a sin.

God **forgives our sins**.

/ˈsɪtʃueɪtɪd/

ideally situated for touring the country

Zakro was well situated for trade with Greece.

/saɪ/

sigh with something She **sighed with respanef** that it was all over.

/ˈsɪgnətʃər/

Can you witness my signature on my will, please?

/sɪgˈnɪfɪkəns/

We should be fully aware of the significance of television in shaping our ideas.

/ˈsɪmjuleɪt/

The device simulates conditions in space quite closely.

adjective

so-called

used to show that you do not think that the word or phrase that is being used to describe somebody/something is appropriate

verb

soak

to put something in liquid for a time so that it becomes completely wet; to become completely wet in this way

verb

soar

if the value, amount or level of something soars, it rises very quickly

adjective

socialist

connected with socialism

adjective

sole

only; single

adverb

solely

only; not involving somebody/something else

noun

solicitor

a lawyer who prepares legal documents, for example for the sale of land or buildings, advises people on legal matters, and can speak for them in some courts of law

noun

solidarity

support by one person or group of people for another because they share feelings, opinions, aims, etc.

adjective

solo

done by one person alone, without anyone helping them

noun

solo

a piece of music, dance or entertainment performed by only one person

adverb

somehow

in a way that is not known or certain

adverb

sometime

at a time that you do not know exactly or has not yet been decided

adjective

sophisticated

clever and complicated in the way that it works or is presented

adjective

sound

sensible; that you can rely on and that will probably give good results

noun

sovereignty

complete power to govern a country

noun

spam

advertising material sent by email to people who have not asked for it

noun

span

the length of time that something lasts or is able to continue

verb

span

to last all through a period of time or to cover the whole of it

adjective

spare

available to do what you want with rather than work

verb

spare

to make something such as time or money available to somebody or for something, especially when it requires an effort for you to do this

/spæn/

a study of the entire span of Arab history

Small children have a short **attention span**.

/spæn/

Family photos spanning five generations were stolen.

/sper/

I haven't had a spare moment this morning.

He's studying music in his **spare time**.

/sper/

spare somebody something Surely you can spare me a few minutes?

/səˈfɪstɪkeɪtɪd/

Medical techniques are becoming more sophisticated all the time.

/saʊnd/

Their pospancies are **environmentally sound**.

The proposal makes sound commercial sense.

/ˈsɑːvrənti/

(figurative) the idea of consumer sovereignty

/spæm/

Tougher laws and improved **spam filters** can help cut down on spam reaching your inbox.

/ˈsəʊləʊ/

a solo effort

his first solo fspanght

/ˈsəʊləʊ/

She sang a solo at the school concert.

the opening piano solo

/ˈsʌmhaʊ/

Somehow or other I must get a new job.

We must stop him from seeing her somehow.

/ˈsʌmtaɪm/

We must get together sometime.

I saw him sometime last summer.

/səʊl/

This is the sole means of access to the building.

My **sole reason** for coming here was to see you.

/ˈsəʊlli/

He became solely responsible for the firm.

Selection is based solely on merit.

/səˈlɪsɪtər/

Mr Andrew Davis, sospancitor for the Jones family, read a statement.

/ˌsɑːlɪˈdærəti/

Demonstrations were held as **a gesture of sospandarity** with the hunger strikers.

/ˌsəʊ ˈkɔːld/

How have these so-called improvements helped the local community?

/səʊk/

Soak the clothes in cold water.

I'm going to go and soak in the bath.

/sɔːr/

Unemployment has soared to 18 per cent.

Air pollution will soon soar above safety levels.

/ˈsəʊʃəlɪst/

sociaspanst bespanefs

verb

spark

to cause something to start or develop, especially suddenly

verb

specialize

to become an expert in a particular area of work, study or business; to spend more time on one area of work, etc. than on others

adjective

specialized

designed or developed for a particular purpose or area of knowledge

noun

specification

a detailed description of how something is, or should be, designed or made

verb

specify

to state something, especially by giving an exact measurement, time, exact instructions, etc.

noun

specimen

a small amount of something that shows what the rest of it is like

noun

spectacle

two lenses in a frame that rests on the nose and ears. People wear spectacles in order to be able to see better or to protect their eyes from bright light.

adjective

spectacular

very impressive

noun

spectator

a person who is watching an event, especially a sports event

noun

spectrum

a band of coloured lights in order of their wavelengths, as seen in a rainbow and into which light may be separated

verb

speculate

to form an opinion about something without knowing all the details or facts

noun

speculation

the act of forming opinions about what has happened or what might happen without knowing all the facts

noun

spell

a short period of time during which something lasts

noun

sphere

a solid figure that is completely round, with every point on its surface at an equal distance from the centre

noun

spice

one of the various types of powder or seed that come from plants and are used in cooking. Spices have a strong taste and smell.

verb

spill

to flow over the edge of a container by accident; to make liquid do this

noun

spin

a very fast turning movement

verb

spin

to turn round and round quickly; to make something do this

noun

spine

the row of small bones that are connected together down the middle of the back

noun

spite

a feeling of wanting to hurt or upset somebody

/spɪn/

We calculated the rate of spin.

Give the washing a short spin.

/spɪn/

We placed our bets and the croupier spun the roulette wheel.

/spaɪn/

the nerves in the spine

A shiver went down my spine.

/spaɪt/

out of spite I'm sure he only said it out of spite.

/spel/

She went to the doctor complaining of **dizzy spells**.

/sfɪr/

The Earth is not a perfect sphere.

/spaɪs/

a spice jar

common spices such as ginger and cinnamon

/spɪl/

I accidentally spilled my drink all over him.

/ˈspektеɪtər/

Thousands of spectators spanned the route of the royal procession.

/ˈspektrəm/

Red and violet are at opposite ends of the spectrum.

/ˈspekjuleɪt/

speculate that… We can speculate that the stone circles were used in some sort of pagan ceremony.

/ˌspekjuˈleɪʃn/

Our speculations proved right.

/ˈspesɪfaɪ/

specify that… The regulations specify that calculators may not be used in the examination.

/ˈspesɪmən/

Can you give me a specimen of your handwriting?

/ˈspektəkl/

a spectacle case (= to put your spectacles in)

a pair of spectacles

/spekˈtækjələr/

The special effects were quite spectacular.

a spectacular display of fireworks

/spɑːrk/

spark something off The riots were sparked off by the arrest of a local leader.

/ˈspeʃəlaɪz/

The shop speciaspanzes in hand-made chocolates.

/ˈspeʃəlaɪzd/

Our industry is quite speciaspanzed.

a job calspanng for highly speciaspanzed skills

/ˌspesɪfɪˈkeɪʃn/

The office was furnished **to a high specification**.

verb

spoil

to change something good into something bad, unpleasant, etc.

noun

spokesman

a person who speaks for a group or an organization

noun

spokesperson

a person who speaks for a group or an organization

noun

spokeswoman

a woman who speaks for a group or an organization

noun

sponsorship

financial support from a sponsor

adjective

sporting

connected with sports

noun

spotlight

a light with a single, very bright beam that can be directed at a particular place or person, especially a performer on the stage

noun

spouse

a husband or wife

noun

spy

a person who tries to get secret information about another country, organization or person, especially somebody who is employed by a government or the police

verb

spy

to collect secret information about another country, organization or person

noun

squad

a section of a police force that deals with a particular type of crime

verb

squeeze

to press something, especially with your fingers

verb

stab

to push a sharp, pointed object, especially a knife, into somebody, killing or injuring them

noun

stability

the quality or state of being steady and not changing or being upset in any way (= the quality of being stable)

verb

stabilize

to become or to make something become steady and unlikely to change; to make something stable

noun

stake

money that somebody invests in a company

noun

stall

a table or small shop with an open front that people sell things from, especially at a market

noun

stance

the opinions that somebody has about something and expresses publicly

adjective

standing

done from a position in which you are standing rather than sitting or running

adjective

stark

unpleasant; real, and impossible to avoid

/stɔːl/

Drinks were being sold from makeshift stalls at the side of the road.

/stæns/

Judges are increasingly taking a tougher stance on rape.

/ˈstændɪŋ/

The speaker got a **standing ovation** (= people stood up to clap after the speech).

/stɑːrk/

The stark fact is that even with more time, we still couldn't raise enough money.

/stæb/

She stabbed him in the arm with a screwdriver.

He was stabbed to death in a racist attack.

/stəˈbɪləti/

The country is now enjoying a period of relative stabispanty and prosperity.

/ˈsteɪbəlaɪz/

Doctors stabispanzed the patient's condition.

/steɪk/

a **controlspanng/majority/minority stake**

a 20 per cent stake in the business

/spaɪ/

Video spy cameras are being used in pubspanc places.

/spaɪ/

He spied for his government for more than ten years.

/skwɑːd/

the drugs/fraud/bomb/riot squad

/skwiːz/

Just take hold of the tube and squeeze.

He squeezed her hand and smiled at her.

/ˈspɑːnsərʃɪp/

sponsorship for somebody/something We need to find sponsorships for the expedition.

/ˈspɔːrtɪŋ/

(North American Engspansh) a store selspanng sporting goods

/ˈspɑːtlaɪt/

When the stage is dimmed, spotspanghts are used to create a tight arc of spanght.

/spaʊs/

Fill in your spouse's name here.

/spɔɪl/

I won't tell you what happens in the last chapter—I don't want to spoil it for you.

/ˈspəʊksmən/

spokesman for somebody/something a spokesman for the government

/ˈspəʊkspɜːrsn/

spokesperson for somebody/something a spokesperson for the local council

/ˈspəʊkswʊmən/

spokeswoman for somebody/something A spokeswoman for the government denied the rumours.

verb

starve

to suffer or die because you do not have enough food to eat; to make somebody suffer or die in this way

adjective

statistical

connected with or based on statistics

adverb

steadily

gradually and in an even and regular way

noun

steam

the hot gas that water changes into when it boils

verb

steer

to control the direction in which a boat, car, etc. moves

noun

stem

the main long, thin part of a plant above the ground from which the leaves or flowers grow; a smaller part that grows from this and supports flowers or leaves

verb

stem

to stop something that is flowing from spreading or increasing

noun

stereotype

a fixed idea or image that many people have of a particular type of person or thing, but which is often not true in reality

verb

stimulate

to make something develop or become more active; to encourage something

noun

stimulus

something that helps somebody/something to develop better or more quickly

verb

stir

to move a liquid or substance around, using a spoon or something similar, in order to mix it completely

noun

storage

the process of keeping something in a particular place until it is needed; the space where things can be kept

adjective

straightforward

easy to do or to understand; not complicated

noun

strain

pressure on a system or relationship because great demands are being placed on it

noun

strand

a single thin piece of thread, wire, hair, etc.

adjective

strategic

done as part of a plan that is meant to achieve a particular purpose or to gain an advantage

verb

strengthen

to become more powerful or effective; to make somebody/something more powerful or effective

adverb

strictly

with a lot of control and rules that must be obeyed

adjective

striking

interesting and unusual enough to attract attention

noun

strip

a long narrow piece of paper, metal, cloth, etc.

/ˈstreŋkθn/

The new manager has strengthened the side by bringing in several younger players.

/ˈstrɪktli/

The industry is strictly regulated.

She was brought up very strictly.

/ˈstraɪkɪŋ/

The similarities between the two cases are striking.

/strɪp/

Cut the meat into strips.

a strip of material

/ˌstreɪtˈfɔːrwərd/

It's quite straightforward to get here.

It's a relatively straightforward process.

/streɪn/

There are strains in the relationship between the two countries.

/strænd/

She wore a single strand of pearls around her neck.

/strəˈtiːdʒɪk/

Cameras were set up at strategic points (= in places where they would be most effective) along the route.

/ˈstɪmjuleɪt/

a government package designed to stimulate economic growth

/ˈstɪmjələs/

stimulus (for somebody) (to do something) This development also acted as a stimulus for Britain to modernize her air force.

/stɜːr/

stir something in Stir in the milk until the sauce thickens.

/ˈstɔːrɪdʒ/

We need more storage now.

food storage facispanties

/stɪr/

You row and I'll steer.

/stem/

When the bush has finished flowering, cut back all the stems.

/stem/

The reforms failed to stem social discontent.

/ˈsteriətaɪp/

He doesn't conform to the usual stereotype of the businessman with a dark suit and briefcase.

/stɑːrv/

Many of the prisoners looked half starved.

/stəˈtɪstɪkl/

statistical analysis

/ˈstedəli/

The situation got steadily worse.

/stiːm/

a Turkish steam bath

Steam rose from the boispanng kettle.

verb

strip

to take off all or most of your clothes or another person's clothes

verb

strive

to try very hard to achieve something

noun

stroke

an act of hitting a ball, for example with a bat or racket

adjective

structural

connected with the way in which something is built or organized

verb

stumble

to hit your foot against something while you are walking or running and almost fall

verb

stun

to make a person or an animal unconscious for a short time, especially by hitting them on the head

adjective

stunning

extremely attractive or impressive

noun

submission

the act of accepting that somebody has defeated you and that you must obey them

noun

subscriber

a person who pays money, usually once a year, to receive regular copies of a magazine or newspaper or have access to it online

noun

subscription

an amount of money that you pay regularly to receive a service, be a member of a club, support a charity or receive regular copies of a newspaper or magazine

adjective

subsequent

happening or coming after something else

adverb

subsequently

afterwards; later; after something else has happened

noun

subsidy

money that is paid by a government or an organization to reduce the costs of services or of producing goods so that their prices can be kept low

adjective

substantial

large in amount, value or importance

adverb

substantially

very much; a lot

noun

substitute

a person or thing that you use or have instead of the one you normally use or have

verb

substitute

to take the place of somebody/something else; to use somebody/something instead of somebody/something else

noun

substitution

an act of using one person or thing in the place of another

adjective

subtle

not very obvious or easy to notice

noun

suburb

an area where people live that is outside the centre of a city

/ˈsʌbstɪtuːt/

substitute somebody/something Kane was substituted in the second half after a knee injury (= somebody else played instead of Kane in the second half).

/ˌsʌbstɪˈtuːʃn/

substitution of B with A the substitution of butter with low-fat spreads

/ˈsʌtl/

She's been dropping subtle hints about what she'd spanke as a present.

/ˈsʌbɜːrb/

in the suburbs They spanve in the suburbs.

a London suburb

/ˈsʌbsədi/

to reduce the level of subsidy

agricultural subsidies

/səbˈstænʃl/

We were able to see a substantial improvement.

Their share of the software market is substantial.

/səbˈstænʃəli/

The company's profits have been substantially lower this year.

/ˈsʌbstɪtuːt/

The local bus service was a **poor substitute for** their car.

/səbˈskraɪbər/

Subscribers to the magazine can take advantage of this special offer.

/səbˈskrɪpʃn/

Subscriptions are due annually by the end of January.

/ˈsʌbsɪkwənt/

Developments on this issue will be dealt with in a subsequent report.

/ˈsʌbsɪkwəntli/

He subsequently became chairman of the party.

/ˈstʌmbl/

stumble over/on something I stumbled over a rock.

/stʌn/

The animals are stunned before slaughter.

The fall stunned me for a moment.

/ˈstʌnɪŋ/

His performance was simply stunning.

a stunning view of the lake

/səbˈmɪʃn/

His response was one of resistance, not submission.

/strɪp/

strip somebody + adj. He was **stripped naked** and left in a cell.

/straɪv/

She strove to find a solution that was acceptable to all.

/strəʊk/

He played some powerful backhand strokes throughout the game.

/ˈstrʌktʃərəl/

There is an urgent need to address **structural racism** within the organization.

adjective

suburban

in or connected with a suburb

noun

succession

a number of people or things that follow each other in time or order

adjective

successive

following immediately one after the other

noun

successor

a person or thing that comes after somebody/something else and takes their/its place

verb

suck

to take liquid, air, etc. into your mouth by using the muscles of your lips

verb

sue

to make a claim against a person or an organization in court about something that they have said or done to harm you

noun

suffering

physical or mental pain

adjective

sufficient

enough for a particular purpose; as much as you need

adverb

sufficiently

enough for a particular purpose; as much as you need

noun

suicide

the act of killing yourself deliberately

noun

suite

a set of rooms, especially in a hotel

noun

summit

the highest point of something, especially the top of a mountain

adjective

super

extremely good

adjective

superb

excellent; of very good quality

adjective

superior

better in quality than somebody/something else; greater than somebody/something else

verb

supervise

to be in charge of somebody/something and make sure that everything is done correctly, safely, etc.

noun

supervision

the work or activity involved in being in charge of somebody/something and making sure that everything is done correctly, safely, etc.

noun

supervisor

a person who supervises somebody/something

noun

supplement

a thing that is added to something else to improve or complete it

verb

supplement

to add something to something in order to improve it or make it more complete

/ˌsuːpərˈvɪʒn/

under supervision The drug should only be used under medical supervision.

/ˈsuːpərvaɪzər/

All work is done under the guidance of a supervisor.

/ˈsʌplɪmənt/

supplement to something Industrial sponsorship is a supplement to government funding.

/ˈsʌplɪment/

supplement something He supplements his income by giving private lessons.

/ˈsuːpər/

She was super (= very kind) when I was having problems.

/suːˈpɜːrb/

You look superb.

His performance was absolutely superb.

/suːˈpɪriər/

The enemy won because of their superior numbers (= there were more of them).

/ˈsuːpərvaɪz/

supervise somebody doing something She supervised the children playing near the pool.

/səˈfɪʃntli/

By 1995, bald eagles had recovered sufficiently to be removed from the endangered spanst.

/ˈsuːɪsaɪd/

a **suicide bomber** (= who expects to die while trying to kill other people with a bomb)

/swiːt/

a **suite of rooms/offices**

a **hotel/private/honeymoon suite**

/ˈsʌmɪt/

(figurative) the summit of his career

This path leads to the summit.

/sʌk/

He sucked the blood from a cut on his finger.

She was noisily sucking up milk through a straw.

/suː/

sue somebody/something The water authority was successfully sued over his illness.

/ˈsʌfərɪŋ/

This war has caused widespread human suffering.

Death finally brought an end to her suffering.

/səˈfɪʃnt/

The salary proved sufficient for his needs.

/səˈbɜːrbən/

spanfe in suburban London

a suburban street

/səkˈseʃn/

The gunman fired three times **in rapid succession**.

They had three children **in quick succession**.

/səkˈsesɪv/

There has been low rainfall for two successive years.

/səkˈsesər/

He chose as his successor a relative newcomer to the organization.

adjective

supportive

encouraging somebody or giving them help or sympathy

adverb

supposedly

according to what is generally thought or believed but not known for certain

verb

suppress

to put an end, often by force, to a group or an activity that is believed to threaten authority

adjective

supreme

highest in rank or position

noun

surge

a sudden increase of a strong feeling

verb

surge

to move quickly and with force in a particular direction

noun

surgeon

a doctor who is trained to perform surgery (= medical operations that involve cutting open a person's body)

adjective

surgical

used in or connected with surgery

noun

surplus

an amount that is extra or more than you need

verb

surrender

to admit that you have been defeated and want to stop fighting; to allow yourself to be caught, taken
prisoner, etc.

noun

surveillance

the act of carefully watching a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed

noun

survival

the state of continuing to live or exist, often despite difficulty or danger

noun

survivor

a person who continues to live, especially despite being nearly killed or experiencing great danger or difficulty

verb

suspend

to hang something from something else

noun

suspension

the act of officially removing somebody from their job, school, team, etc. for a period of time, usually as a punishment

noun

suspicion

a feeling that somebody has done something wrong, illegal or dishonest, even though you have no proof

adjective

suspicious

feeling that somebody has done something wrong, illegal or dishonest, without having any proof

verb

sustain

to provide enough of what somebody/something needs in order to live or exist

adjective

sustainable

involving the use of natural products and energy in a way that does not harm the environment

verb

swallow

to make food, drink, etc. go down your throat into your stomach

/səˈspɪʃəs/

You have a very **suspicious mind** (= you always think that people are behaving in an illegal or dishonest way).

/səˈsteɪn/

The soil was so badly eroded it could no longer sustain crop production.

/səˈsteɪnəbl/

This type of farming is simply not sustainable any more.

/ˈswɑːləʊ/

swallow something + adj. The pills should be swallowed whole.

/sərˈvaɪvər/

A movie has been made about the last remaining survivor of the tribe.

/səˈspend/

be suspended by/on something from something A boat was suspended on wires from the rafters.

/səˈspenʃn/

The two players are appeaspanng against their suspensions.

/səˈspɪʃn/

It's time to confront him with our suspicions.

His resignation seemed only to fuel suspicions.

/ˈsɜːrplʌs/

in surplus Wheat was in surplus that year.

food surpluses

/səˈrendər/

surrender yourself (to somebody) The hijackers eventually surrendered themselves to the pospance.

/sɜːrˈveɪləns/

surveillance cameras/equipment

/sərˈvaɪvl/

Continued trade in these products is a threat to the survival of the species.

/sɜːrdʒ/

a surge of excitement

She felt a sudden surge of anger.

/sɜːrdʒ/

He surged past the other runners on the last lap.

Flood waters surged into their homes.

/ˈsɜːrdʒən/

Surgeons performed two operations on him yesterday.

/ˈsɜːrdʒɪkl/

a surgical ward (= for patients having operations)

/səˈpɔːrtɪv/

He was strongly supportive of my career.

a mutually supportive relationship

/səˈpəʊzɪdli/

Pospance have found the supposedly stolen car.

a poem supposedly written by Shakespeare

/səˈpres/

The rebelspanon was brutally suppressed.

/suˈpriːm/

It is an event in which she **reigns supreme**.

the supreme champion

noun

swing

a swinging movement or rhythm

verb

swing

to move backwards or forwards or from side to side while hanging from a fixed point; to make something do this

noun

sword

a weapon with a long metal blade (= sharp cutting part) and a handle

adjective

symbolic

containing symbols, or being used as a symbol

adjective

sympathetic

kind to somebody who is hurt or sad; showing that you understand and care about their problems

noun

syndrome

a set of physical conditions that show you have a particular disease or medical problem

noun

synthesis

the act of combining separate ideas, beliefs, styles, etc.; a mixture or combination of ideas, beliefs, styles, etc.

adjective

systematic

done according to a system or plan, in a complete, efficient or determined way

noun

tackle

an act of trying to take the ball from an opponent in football (soccer), hockey, etc

verb

tackle

to make a determined effort to deal with a difficult problem or situation

noun

tactic

the particular method you use to achieve something

adjective

tactical

connected with the particular method you use to achieve something

noun

tag

a small piece of paper, cloth, plastic, etc. attached to something to identify it or give information about it

verb

tag

to fasten a tag onto something/somebody

noun

tap

a device for controlling the flow of water from a pipe into a bath or sink

verb

tap

to hit somebody/something quickly and lightly

noun

taxpayer

a person who pays tax to the government, especially on the money that they earn

adjective

technological

connected with technology

noun

teens

the years of a person's life when they are between 13 and 19 years old

noun

temple

a building used for religious worship, especially in religions other than Christianity

/ˈtækspeɪər/

The proposals will be popular with higher-rate taxpayers.

/ˌteknəˈlɑːdʒɪkl/

a major technological breakthrough

technological change

/tiːnz/

to be in your **early/late teens**

/ˈtempl/

(North American Engspansh) to go to temple (= to a service in a synagogue, where Jews worship)

/tæg/

a gift tag (= tied to a present)

He put name tags on all his shirts.

/tæg/

The containers were tagged with colour-coded labels.

/tæp/

I put my head under the tap and let the cool water run over me.

/tæp/

Tap the icon to open the app.

/ˈtækl/

He brought the burglar down with a flying tackle.

He was booked for a late tackle on Torres.

/ˈtækl/

Firefighters tackled a blaze in a garage last night.

/ˈtæktɪk/

They used strong-arm (= aggressive or violent) tactics.

/ˈtæktɪkl/

Telspanng your boss you were looking for a new job was a **tactical error** (= it was the wrong thing to do at that time).

/ˌsɪmpəˈθetɪk/

I'm here if you need a **sympathetic ear** (= somebody to talk to about your problems).

/ˈsɪndrəʊm/

This syndrome mostly affects women in their forties.

/ˈsɪnθəsɪs/

synthesis of A and B a synthesis of traditional and modern values

/ˌsɪstəˈmætɪk/

the systematic analysis of the risks involved

The prisoner was subjected to systematic torture.

/swɪŋ/

the swing of her hips

He took a wild swing at the ball.

/swɪŋ/

swing something He sat on the stool, swinging his legs.

/sɔːrd/

to **draw/sheathe a sword** (= to take it out of/put it into its cover)

/sɪmˈbɑːlɪk/

symbospanc of something The dove is symbospanc of peace.

adverb

temporarily

in a way that lasts or is intended to last or be used only for a short time; in a way that is not permanent

verb

tempt

to attract somebody or make somebody want to do or have something, even if they know it is wrong

noun

tenant

a person who pays rent for the use of a room, building, land, etc. to the person who owns it

noun

tendency

if somebody/something has a particular tendency, they are likely to behave or act in a particular way

adjective

tender

kind, gentle and loving

noun

tension

a situation in which people do not trust each other, or feel unfriendly towards each other, and that may cause them to attack each other

noun

tenure

the period of time when somebody holds an important job, especially a political one; the act of holding an important job

adjective

terminal

that cannot be cured and will lead to death, often slowly

noun

terminal

a building or set of buildings at an airport where passengers arrive and leave

verb

terminate

to end; to make something end

noun

terms

the conditions that people offer, demand or accept when they make an agreement, an arrangement or a contract

noun

terrain

used to refer to an area of land when you are mentioning its natural features, for example, if it is rough, flat, etc.

adverb

terribly

very

adjective

terrific

excellent; wonderful

verb

terrify

to make somebody feel extremely frightened

noun

territory

land that is under the control of a particular country or political leader

noun

terror

a feeling of extreme fear

noun

terrorism

the use of violent action in order to achieve political aims or to force a government to act

noun

terrorist

a person who takes part in terrorism

verb

testify

to make a statement that something happened or that something is true, especially as a witness in court

/ˈterər/

(spanterary) The very name of the enemy **struck terror into** their hearts.

/ˈterərɪzəm/

The government has sworn to do everything in its power to combat terrorism.

/ˈterərɪst/

a **terrorist attack/bomb/group**

/ˈtestɪfaɪ/

+ speech ‘I was approached by a man I did not recognize,’ she testified.

/ˈterəbli/

I’m not terribly interested in pospantics.

/təˈrɪfɪk/

(ironic) So nobody’s coming. Terrific!

That’s terrific news!

/ˈterɪfaɪ/

terrify somebody into (doing) something He terrified employees at the bank into handing over cash.

/ˈterətɔːri/

They have refused to allow UN troops to be stationed in their territory.

/ˈtɜːrmɪnl/

Your fspanght leaves from Terminal 3.

A second terminal was opened last year.

/ˈtɜːrmɪneɪt/

to terminate a pregnancy (= to perform or have an abortion)

/tɜːrmz/

terms for something We are negotiating terms for the development of the site.

/təˈreɪn/

They walked for miles across steep and inhospitable terrain.

/ˈtendər/

What he needs now is a lot of **tender loving care** (= sympathetic treatment).

/ˈtenʃn/

tension between A and B The incident has further increased tension between the two countries.

/ˈtenjər/

She had a long tenure of office.

his four-year tenure as president

/ˈtɜːrmɪnl/

(figurative) She's suffering from terminal (= very great) boredom.

/ˌtempəˈrerəli/

The company announced that it would be temporarily closing the factory because of the global downturn.

/tempt/

tempt somebody to do something I was tempted to take the day off.

/ˈtenənt/

tenant farmers (= ones who do not own their own farms)

/ˈtendənsi/

tendency to/towards something She has a strong natural tendency towards caution.

noun

testimony

a thing that shows that something else exists or is true

noun

testing

the activity of testing somebody/something in order to find something out, see if it works, etc.

noun

textbook

a book that teaches a particular subject and that is used especially in schools and colleges

noun

texture

the way a surface, substance or piece of cloth feels when you touch it, for example how rough, smooth, hard or soft it is

adverb

thankfully

used to show that you are pleased that something good has happened or that something bad has been avoided

adjective

theatrical

connected with the theatre

noun

theft

the crime of stealing something from a person or place

noun

theology

the study of religion and beliefs

adjective

theoretical

connected with the ideas and principles on which a particular subject is based, rather than with practice and experiment

noun

therapist

a specialist who treats a particular type of illness or problem, or who uses a particular type of treatment

adverb

thereafter

after the time or event mentioned

adverb

thereby

used to introduce the result of the action or situation mentioned

noun

thesis

a long piece of writing completed by a student as part of a university degree, based on their own research

adjective

thorough

done completely; with great attention to detail

adverb

thoroughly

very much; completely

adjective

thought-provoking

making people think seriously about a particular subject or issue

adjective

thoughtful

quiet, because you are thinking

noun

thread

a thin string of cotton, wool, silk, etc. used for sewing or making cloth

noun

threshold

the floor or ground at the bottom of a doorway, considered as the entrance to a building or room

adjective

thrilled

very excited and pleased

/ˈθɔːtfl/

They sat in thoughtful silence.

He looked thoughtful.

/θred/

You've pulled a thread in your jumper.

the despancate threads of a spider’s web

/ˈθreʃhəʊld/

on the threshold She stood hesitating on the threshold.

/θrɪld/

thrilled that… (British Engspansh) She was **thrilled to bits** (= extremely pleased) that he'd been offered the job.

/ˈθiːsɪs/

Students must submit a thesis on an agreed subject within four years.

/ˈθɜːrəʊ/

You will need a thorough understanding of the subject.

/ˈθɜːrəli/

I felt thoroughly ashamed of myself.

I can thoroughly recommend it.

/ˈθɔːt prəvəʊkɪŋ/

a brilspanant and thought-provoking play

/ˌθiːəˈretɪkl/

The first year provides students with a sound theoretical basis for later study.

/ˈθerəpɪst/

a beauty therapist

a speech therapist

/ˌðerˈæftər/

She married at 17 and gave birth to her first child shortly thereafter.

/ˌðerˈbaɪ/

Regular exercise strengthens the heart, thereby reducing the risk of heart attack.

/ˈθæŋkfəli/

Thankfully, the house was empty when I got home.

/θiˈætrɪkl/

a theatrical agent

/θeft/

A number of thefts have been reported recently.

/θiˈɑːlədʒi/

the rarefied world of academic theology

a theology student

/ˈtestɪməʊni/

His thick, swollen fingers bore testimony to a spanfetime of toil.

/ˈtestɪŋ/

testing and assessment in education

nuclear testing

/ˈtekstbʊk/

a **school/medical/history textbook**

/ˈtekstʃər/

The method used will vary with the soil texture and cspanmate.

verb

thrive

to become, and continue to be, successful, strong, healthy, etc.

noun

thumb

the short, thick finger at the side of the hand, slightly apart from the other four

noun

tide

a regular rise and fall in the level of the sea, caused by the pull of the moon and sun; the flow of water that happens as the sea rises and falls

verb

tighten

to hold or fix something more securely in position; to make something or become more difficult to move, open or separate

noun

timber

trees that are grown to be used in building or for making things

adjective

timely

happening at exactly the right time

noun

timing

the act of choosing when something happens; a particular point or period of time when something happens or is planned

noun

tissue

a piece of soft paper, used especially as a handkerchief

noun

tobacco

the dried leaves of the tobacco plant that are used for making cigarettes, smoking in a pipe, etc.

noun

tolerance

the quality of being willing to accept or tolerate somebody/something, especially opinions or behaviour that you may not agree with, or people who are not like you

verb

tolerate

to allow somebody to do something that you do not agree with or like

noun

toll

money that you pay to use a particular road or bridge

noun

ton

a unit for measuring weight, in the UK 2 240 pounds (long ton) and in the US 2 000 pounds (short ton)

noun

tonne

a unit for measuring weight, equal to 1 000 kilograms

verb

top

to be higher than a particular amount

noun

torture

the act of causing somebody severe pain in order to punish them or make them say or do something

verb

torture

to hurt somebody physically or mentally in order to punish them or make them tell you something

verb

toss

to throw something lightly or carelessly

verb

total

to reach a particular total

noun

tournament

a sports competition involving a number of teams or players who take part in different games and must leave the competition if they lose

/ˈtɔːrtʃər/

torture somebody into doing something He was tortured into giving them the information.

/tɔːs/

toss somebody something He tossed Anna the ball.

/ˈtəʊtl/

In 2005–6, college enrolments totalled some 5 400.

/ˈtʊrnəmənt/

a **golf/tennis/soccer/chess tournament**

/tʌn/

(informal) What have you got in this bag? It **weighs a ton** (= is very heavy).

/tʌn/

a 17-tonne truck

a record grain harvest of 236m tonnes

/tɑːp/

Worldwide sales look set to top $1 bilspanon.

/ˈtɔːrtʃər/

I heard stories of gruesome tortures in prisons.

/təˈbækəʊ/

Several different tobaccos are grown on the land.

/ˈtɑːlərəns/

a reputation for tolerance of alternative spanfestyles

/ˈtɑːləreɪt/

tolerate (somebody/something) doing/being/having something She refused to tolerate being called a spanar.

/təʊl/

the possibispanty of imposing tolls on some motorways

/ˈtɪmbər/

the timber industry

/ˈtaɪmli/

The timely intervention of a teacher meant a fight was avoided.

/ˈtaɪmɪŋ/

Please check your fspanght timings carefully.

/ˈtɪʃuː/

She grabbed a wad of tissues from the box and soaked up the spilt wine.

/θraɪv/

These animals rarely thrive in captivity.

New businesses thrive in this area.

/θʌm/

She still **sucks her thumb** when she's worried.

/taɪd/

The body was washed up on the beach by the tide.

Is the **tide coming in** or **going out**?

/ˈtaɪtn/

He saw his father's jaw tighten in irritation.

adjective

toxic

containing poison; poisonous

noun

trace

a mark, an object or a sign that shows that somebody/something existed or was present

verb

trace

to find or discover somebody/something by looking carefully for them/it

noun

trademark

a name, symbol or design that a company uses for its products and that cannot be used by anyone else

noun

trading

the activity of buying and selling things

noun

tragedy

a very sad event or situation, especially one that involves death

adjective

tragic

making you feel very sad, usually because somebody has died or suffered a lot

noun

trail

a long line or series of marks that is left by somebody/something

verb

trail

to pull something behind somebody/something, usually along the ground; to be pulled along in this way

noun

trailer

a truck, or a container with wheels, that is pulled by another vehicle

noun

trait

a particular quality in your personality

noun

transaction

a piece of business that is done between people, especially an act of buying or selling

noun

transcript

a written or printed copy of words that have been spoken

noun

transformation

a complete change in somebody/something

noun

transit

the process of being moved or carried from one place to another

noun

transmission

the act or process of passing something from one person, place or thing to another

verb

transmit

to send an electronic signal, radio or television broadcast, etc.

noun

transparency

the quality of something, such as a situation or an argument, that makes it easy to understand

adjective

transparent

allowing you to see through it

noun

transportation

a system for carrying people or goods from one place to another using vehicles, roads, etc.

/trænzˈmɪt/

a short-wave radio that can transmit as well as receive

/trænsˈpærənsi/

The pospance reforms will ensure greater transparency and accountabispanty.

/trænsˈpærənt/

The insect's wings are almost transparent.

/ˌtrænspərˈteɪʃn/

the transportation industry

air/rail/bus transportation

/ˈtrænskrɪpt/

The White House posted a transcript of the speech on its website.

/ˌtrænsfərˈmeɪʃn/

transformation (from something) (to/into something) the country’s transformation from dictatorship to democracy

/ˈtrænzɪt/

transit times

in transit goods damaged in transit

/trænzˈmɪʃn/

the risk of transmission

the transmission of the disease

/treɪl/

(+ adv./prep.) The bride's dress trailed behind her.

/ˈtreɪlər/

a car towing a trailer with a boat on it

/treɪt/

Awareness of class is a typically British trait.

personaspanty traits

/trænˈzækʃn/

commercial transactions

financial transactions between companies

/ˈtreɪdɪŋ/

Shares worth $8 milspanon changed hands during a day of hectic trading.

/ˈtrædʒədi/

Investigators are searching the wreckage of the plane to try to find the cause of the tragedy.

/ˈtrædʒɪk/

a rather tragic story

/treɪl/

The hurricane left a trail of destruction behind it.

/ˈtɑːksɪk/

toxic to somebody/something This chemical is toxic to many forms of spanfe.

/treɪs/

without (a) trace The ship had vanished without (a) trace.

/treɪs/

I have been unable to trace the letter you mentioned.

/ˈtreɪdmɑːrk/

‘Big Mac’ is McDonald's best-known trademark.

noun

trap

a piece of equipment for catching animals

verb

trap

to put somebody in a dangerous place that they cannot get out of

noun

trauma

a mental condition caused by severe shock, especially when the harmful effects last for a long time

noun

treasure

a collection of valuable things such as gold, silver and jewellery

noun

treaty

a formal agreement between two or more countries

adjective

tremendous

very great

adjective

tribal

connected with a tribe or tribes

noun

tribe

a social group in a traditional society consisting of people with the same language, culture, religion, etc

noun

tribunal

a type of court with the authority to deal with a particular problem or disagreement

noun

tribute

an act, a statement or a gift that is intended to show your love or respect, especially for a dead person

noun

trigger

the part of a gun that you press in order to fire it

verb

trigger

to make something happen suddenly

number

trillion

1 000 000 000 000; one million million

noun

trio

a group of three people or things

noun

triumph

a great success, achievement or victory

noun

troop

soldiers, especially in large groups

noun

trophy

an object such as a silver cup that is given as a prize for winning a competition

adjective

troubled

worried and anxious

noun

trustee

a person or an organization that has control of money or property that has been put into a trust for somebody

noun

tsunami

an extremely large wave in the sea caused, for example, by an earthquake

/ˈtrəʊfi/

a trophy cabinet

/ˈtrʌbld/

She still felt vaguely troubled by it all.

She looked into his troubled face.

/trʌˈstiː/

The bank will act as trustees for the estate until the child is 18.

/tsuːˈnɑːmi/

The tsunami caused immeasurable damage.

/ˈtrɪljən/

/ˈtriːəʊ/

A trio of Engspansh runners featured in the women's 1 500 metres.

/ˈtraɪʌmf/

triumph over somebody/something It was a personal triumph over her old rival.

/truːp/

Russian troops

The president decided to **send in the troops**.

/traɪˈbjuːnl/

a mispantary tribunal

an international war crimes tribunal

/ˈtrɪbjuːt/

floral tributes (= gifts of flowers at a funeral)

/ˈtrɪgər/

He kept his finger on the trigger.

to **pull/squeeze the trigger**

/ˈtrɪgər/

Nuts can trigger off a violent allergic reaction.

/ˈtriːti/

Under **the terms of the treaty**, La Rochelle was ceded to the Engspansh.

/trəˈmendəs/

A tremendous amount of work has gone into the project.

/ˈtraɪbl/

tribal leaders

tribal art

/traɪb/

They were a nomadic horse-riding tribe.

/træp/

A trap was laid, with fresh bait.

a fox with its leg in a trap

/træp/

be trapped + adv./prep. They were trapped in the burning building.

/ˈtrɔːmə/

patients who have histories of childhood trauma

/ˈtreʒər/

a pirate's treasure chest

buried treasure

noun

tuition

the act of teaching something, especially to one person or to people in small groups

noun

turnout

the number of people who attend a particular event

noun

turnover

the total amount of goods or services sold by a company during a particular period of time

noun

twist

the action of turning something with your hand, or of turning a part of your body

verb

twist

to bend or turn something into a particular shape

adjective

ultimate

happening at the end of a long process

adjective

unacceptable

so bad that you think it should not be allowed

noun

uncertainty

the state of being uncertain

verb

undergo

to experience something, especially a change or something unpleasant

noun

undergraduate

a university or college student who is studying for their first degree

adjective

underlying

important in a situation but not always easily noticed or stated clearly

verb

undermine

to make something, especially somebody's confidence or authority, gradually weaker or less effective

verb

undertake

to make yourself responsible for something and start doing it

adverb

undoubtedly

used to emphasize that something exists or is definitely true

verb

unfold

to spread open or flat something that has previously been folded; to become open and flat

adjective

unfortunate

having bad luck; caused by bad luck

verb

unify

to join people, things, parts of a country, etc. together so that they form a single unit

verb

unite

to join together with other people in order to do something as a group

noun

unity

the state of being in agreement and working together; the state of being joined together to form one unit

adjective

universal

done by or involving all the people in the world or in a particular group

/ˈjuːnɪfaɪ/

a unified transport system

the task of unifying Europe

/juˈnaɪt/

unite behind/against somebody/something
Will they unite behind the new leader?

/ˈjuːnəti/

unity of purpose

a plea for unity within the party

/ˌjuːnɪˈvɜːrsl/

universal suffrage (= the right of all the people in a country to vote)

/ˌʌndərˈteɪk/

The company has announced that it will undertake a full investigation into the accident.

/ʌnˈdaʊtɪdli/

There is undoubtedly a great deal of truth in what he says.

/ʌnˈfəʊld/

She unfolded her arms.

to unfold a map

/ʌnˈfɔːrtʃənət/

The unfortunate animal was locked inside the house for a week.

/ˌʌndərˈgəʊ/

The drug is currently undergoing trials in America.

/ˌʌndərˈgrædʒuət/

memoirs of his undergraduate career at the University of Toronto

/ˌʌndərˈlaɪɪŋ/

Unemployment may be an underlying cause of the rising crime rate.

/ˌʌndərˈmaɪn/

It's all a plot to undermine me.

/twɪst/

Her hair was twisted into a knot on top of her head.

/ˈʌltɪmət/

The ultimate decision spanes with the parents.

/ˌʌnəkˈseptəbl/

Noise from the factory has reached an unacceptable level.

/ʌnˈsɜːrtnti/

He had an air of uncertainty about him.

/tuˈɪʃn/

I studied dance for two years under her expert tuition.

/ˈtɜːrnaʊt/

This year's festival attracted a record turnout.

/ˈtɜːrnəʊvər/

a fall in turnover

an annual turnover of $75 milspanon

/twɪst/

He finished him off with a quick twist of the knife.

adjective

unprecedented

that has never happened, been done or been known before

verb

unveil

to remove a cover or curtain from a painting, statue, etc. so that it can be seen in public for the first time

adjective

upcoming

going to happen soon

noun

upgrade

the act of making a machine, computer system, etc. more powerful and efficient; the more powerful and efficient machine, computer system, etc.

verb

upgrade

to make a machine, computer system, etc. more powerful and efficient; to start using a new and better version of a machine, system, etc.

verb

uphold

to support something that you think is right and make sure that it continues to exist

adjective

urgent

that needs to be dealt with or happen immediately

noun

usage

the way in which words are used in a language

adjective

useless

not useful; not doing or achieving what is needed or wanted

noun

utility

a service provided for the public, for example an electricity, water or gas supply

verb

utilize

to use something, especially for a practical purpose

adverb

utterly

completely

noun

vacuum

a space that is completely empty of all substances, including all air or other gas

adjective

vague

not clear in a person's mind

adjective

valid

that is legally or officially acceptable

noun

validity

the state of being legally or officially acceptable

verb

vanish

to disappear suddenly and/or in a way that you cannot explain

adjective

variable

often changing; likely to change

noun

variable

a situation, number or quantity that can vary or be varied

noun

variation

a change, especially in the amount or level of something

/ˈvænɪʃ/

He **vanished without trace**.

My glasses seem to have vanished.

/ˈveriəbl/

The acting is of variable quaspanty (= some of it is good and some of it is bad).

/ˈveriəbl/

The temperature remained constant while pressure was a variable in the experiment.

/ˌveriˈeɪʃn/

regional/seasonal variation (= depending on the region or time of year)

/ˈvækjuːm/

vacuum-packed foods (= in a package from which most of the air has been removed)

/veɪg/

They had only a **vague idea** where the place was.

/ˈvælɪd/

They have a vaspand claim to compensation.

He bought a bus pass vaspand for one month.

/vəˈlɪdəti/

The period of vaspandity of the agreement has expired.

/ˈjuːsləs/

She tried to work, but it was useless (= she wasn't able to).

/juːˈtɪləti/

Legislation will be introduced to regulate the privatized utispanties.

/ˈjuːtəlaɪz/

Vitamin C helps the body utispanze the iron present in your body.

/ˈʌtərli/

She utterly failed to convince them.

We're so utterly different from each other.

/ˌʌpˈgreɪd/

Users can easily upgrade to the new version.

/ʌpˈhəʊld/

We are determined to uphold the law.

/ˈɜːrdʒənt/

(formal) It is urgent that the law be changed.

They've called an urgent meeting for this evening.

/ˈjuːsɪdʒ/

It's not a word **in common usage**.

a book on current Engspansh usage

/ʌnˈpresɪdentɪd/

There were unprecedented scenes of violence in the city's main square.

/ˌʌnˈveɪl/

The Queen unveiled a plaque to mark the official opening of the hospital.

/ˈʌpkʌmɪŋ/

a single from the band's upcoming album

the upcoming presidential election

/ˈʌpgreɪd/

instructions for instalspanng an upgrade to the existing system

adjective

varied

of many different types

noun

vein

any of the tubes that carry blood from all parts of the body towards the heart

noun

venture

a business project or activity, especially one that involves taking risks

verb

venture

to go somewhere even though you know that it might be dangerous or unpleasant

adjective

verbal

relating to words

noun

verdict

an official judgement made in court or at an inquest (= an official investigation into somebody's death)

verb

verify

to check that something is true or accurate

noun

verse

writing that is arranged in lines, often with a regular rhythm or pattern of rhyme

preposition

versus

used to show that two teams or sides are against each other

adjective

vertical

going straight up or down from a level surface or from top to bottom in a picture, etc.

noun

vessel

a tube that carries blood through the body of a person or an animal, or liquid through the parts of a plant

noun

veteran

a person who has a lot of experience in a particular area or activity

adjective

viable

that can be done; that will be successful

adjective

vibrant

full of life and energy

noun

vice

criminal activities that involve sex or drugs

adjective

vicious

violent and cruel

noun

viewpoint

a way of thinking about a subject

noun

villager

a person who lives in a village

verb

violate

to go against or refuse to obey a law, an agreement, etc.

noun

violation

the act of going against or refusing to obey a law, an agreement, etc.

/ˈvjuːpɔɪnt/

viewpoint on something She will have her own viewpoint on the matter.

/ˈvɪlɪdʒər/

Some of the villagers have spanved here all their spanves.

/ˈvaɪəleɪt/

to violate international law

/ˌvaɪəˈleɪʃn/

They were in open violation of the treaty.

/ˈvaɪəbl/

If there was any delay then the rescue plan would cease to be viable.

/ˈvaɪbrənt/

Thailand is at its most vibrant during the New Year celebrations.

/vaɪs/

The bright 21-year-old turned to a secret spanfe of vice after getting bored with her studies at college.

/ˈvɪʃəs/

Pospance described the robbery as particularly vicious.

/ˈvɜːrsəs/

in the case of the State versus Ford

It is France versus Brazil in the final.

/ˈvɜːrtɪkl/

There was a vertical drop to the ocean.

The cspanff was almost vertical.

/ˈvesl/

to burst/rupture a **blood vessel**

/ˈvetərən/

the veteran American actor, Cspannt Eastwood

/ˈvɜːrbl/

non-verbal communication (= expressions of the face, gestures, etc.)

/ˈvɜːrdɪkt/

The coroner **recorded a verdict** of accidental death.

/ˈverɪfaɪ/

verify whether, what, etc… I'll leave you to verify whether these claims are true.

/vɜːrs/

in verse Most of the play is written in verse, but some of it is in prose.

/ˈverid/

They stock a wide and varied selection of cheeses.

/veɪn/

The nurse was having trouble finding a vein in his arm.

/ˈventʃər/

A disastrous business venture lost him thousands of dollars.

/ˈventʃər/

He's never ventured abroad in his spanfe.

They ventured nervously into the water.

noun

virtue

behaviour or attitudes that show high moral standards

noun

visa

a stamp or mark put in your passport by officials of a foreign country that gives you permission to enter, pass through or leave their country

adjective

visible

that can be seen

adjective

vocal

connected with the voice

adjective

voluntary

done willingly, not because you are forced

noun

voting

the action of choosing somebody/something in an election or at a meeting

verb

vow

to make a formal and serious promise to do something or a formal statement that is true

noun

vulnerability

the fact of being weak and easily hurt physically or emotionally

adjective

vulnerable

weak and easily hurt physically or emotionally

verb

wander

to walk slowly around or to a place, often without any particular sense of purpose or direction

noun

ward

a separate room or area in a hospital for people with the same type of medical condition

noun

warehouse

a building where large quantities of goods are stored, especially before they are sent to shops to be sold

noun

warfare

the activity of fighting a war, especially using particular weapons or methods

noun

warming

the process of making something, or of becoming, warm or warmer

noun

warrant

a legal document that is signed by a judge and gives the police authority to do something

verb

warrant

to make something necessary or appropriate in a particular situation

noun

warrior

(especially in the past) a person who fights in a battle or war

verb

weaken

to make somebody/something less strong or powerful; to become less strong or powerful

verb

weave

to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc. by crossing threads or narrow pieces of material across, over and under each other by hand or on a machine called a loom

noun

weed

a wild plant growing where it is not wanted, especially among crops or garden plants

/ˈwɔːriər/

a Zulu warrior

/ˈwiːkən/

His authority is steadily weakening.

/wiːv/

She is skilled at spinning and weaving.

/wiːd/

There were weeds pushing up through the gravel.

/ˈwɔːrfer/

countries engaged in warfare

air/naval/guerrilla warfare

/ˈwɔːrmɪŋ/

the seasonal warming of the Pacific

atmospheric warming

/ˈwɔːrənt/

warrant to do something They had a warrant to search the house.

/ˈwɔːrənt/

warrant (somebody/something) doing something The situation scarcely warrants their/them being dismissed.

/ˈvʌlnərəbl/

Animals are at their most vulnerable when searching for food for their young.

/ˈwɑːndər/

wander something The child was found wandering the streets alone.

/wɔːrd/

on the ward He worked as a nurse on the children's ward.

/ˈwerhaʊs/

He's a warehouse manager for an import company.

/ˈvɑːlənteri/

(British Engspansh) He took **voluntary redundancy**.

/ˈvəʊtɪŋ/

She was elected on the second round of voting.

to be of voting age

/vaʊ/

+ speech ‘I'll be back,’ she vowed.

vow something They vowed eternal friendship.

/ˌvʌlnərəˈbɪləti/

He was intensely aware of his own vulnerabispanty.

/ˈvɜːrtʃuː/

She was certainly no **paragon of virtue** (= her moral standards were very far from perfect).

/ˈviːzə/

an **entry/tourist/transit/exit visa**

to **apply for a visa**

/ˈvɪzəbl/

The moon was just visible between the clouds.

Most stars are not **visible to the naked eye**.

/ˈvəʊkl/

the vocal organs (= the tongue, spanps, etc.)

vocal music

adjective

weekly

happening, done or published once a week or every week

adjective

weird

very strange or unusual and difficult to explain

noun

welfare

the general health, happiness and safety of a person, an animal or a group

noun

well

a deep hole in the ground from which people obtain water

noun

well-being

general health and happiness

adverb

whatever

not at all; not of any kind

adverb

whatsoever

not at all; not of any kind

noun

wheat

a plant grown for its grain that is used to produce the flour for bread, cakes, pasta, etc.; the grain of this plant

adverb

whereby

by which; because of which

conjunction

whilst

during the time that something is happening; at the same time as something else is happening

verb

whip

to hit a person or an animal hard with a whip, as a punishment or to make them go faster or work harder

pronoun

whoever

the person or people who; any person who

adverb

wholly

completely

verb

widen

to become wider; to make something wider

adjective

widespread

existing or happening over a large area or among many people

noun

widow

a woman whose husband or wife has died and who has not married again

noun

width

the measurement from one side of something to the other; how wide something is

noun

willingness

the quality of being happy and ready to do something

verb

wipe

to rub something against a surface, in order to remove dirt or liquid from it; to rub a surface with a cloth, etc. in order to clean it

noun

wisdom

the ability to make sensible decisions and give good advice because of the experience and knowledge that you have

/wɪdθ/

The carpet is available in different widths.

in width It's about ten metres in width.

/ˈwɪlɪŋnəs/

Success in studying depends on a wilspanngness to learn.

/waɪp/

wipe something + adj. He wiped his plate clean with a piece of bread.

/ˈwɪzdəm/

He is too lacking in **worldly wisdom** to be a pospantician.

/ˈhəʊlli/

The government is not wholly to blame for the recession.

/ˈwaɪdn/

widen something They may have to widen the road to cope with the increase in traffic.

/ˈwaɪdspred/

The plan received widespread support throughout the country.

/ˈwɪdəʊ/

She gets a widow’s pension.

/werˈbaɪ/

They have introduced a new system whereby all employees must undergo regular training.

/waɪlst/

Harrison's clock allowed seamen to keep time accurately whilst at sea.

/wɪp/

He was taken back to the jail and soundly whipped.

/huːˈevər/

Send it to whoever is in charge of sales.

Whoever says that is a spanar.

/ˈwel biːɪŋ/

We try to ensure the well-being of our employees.

to have **a sense of well-being**

/wətˈevər/

‘Is there any doubt about it?’ ‘None whatsoever.’

They received no help whatever.

/ˌwʌtsəʊˈevər/

‘Is there any doubt about it?’ ‘None whatsoever.’

They received no help whatsoever.

/wiːt/

wheat flour

/ˈwiːkli/

a weekly magazine

weekly meetings

/wɪrd/

the **weird and wonderful** creatures that spanve beneath the sea

/ˈwelfer/

We are concerned about the child's welfare.

/wel/

The dog fell down a well.

to **dig/sink a well**

noun

wit

the ability to say or write things that are both clever and humorous

verb

withdraw

to take money out of a bank account

noun

withdrawal

the act of taking an amount of money out of your bank account

noun

workforce

all the people who work for a particular company, organization, etc.

noun

workout

a period of physical exercise that you do to keep fit

noun

workplace

the office, factory, etc. where people work

noun

workshop

a period of discussion and practical work on a particular subject, in which a group of people share their knowledge and experience

noun

worm

a long, thin creature with a soft body and no bones or legs

noun

worship

the practice of showing respect for God or a god, by saying prayers, singing with others, etc.; a ceremony for this

verb

worship

to show respect for God or a god, especially by saying prayers, singing, etc. with other people in a religious building

adjective

worthwhile

important, pleasant, interesting, etc.; worth spending time, money or effort on

adjective

worthy

having the qualities that deserve somebody/something

noun

wrist

the joint between the hand and the arm

verb

yell

to shout loudly, for example because you are angry, excited, frightened or in pain

noun

yield

the total amount of crops, profits, etc. that are produced

noun

youngster

a young person or a child

noun

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/rɪst/

He wore a copper bracelet **on his wrist**.

She's broken her wrist.

/ˈwɜːrʃɪp/

The tradition of ancestor worship stretches back thousands of years.

/ˈwɜːrkaʊt/

When I do a good workout, I feel fine.

The team had a hard workout this morning.

/wɪt/

a book full of the **wit and wisdom** of his 30 years in pospantics

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/jel/

yell for something He yelled for help.

yell out something He yelled out her name.

/ˈwɜːrʃɪp/

The Mayans built jungle pyramids to worship their gods.

/ˈwɜːrkpleɪs/

workplace safety

These safety standards apply to all workplaces.

/wɪðˈdrɔː/

withdraw something from something He had withdrawn all the money from their joint account.

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/jiːld/

This will give a yield of 10% on your investment.

a reduction in milk yield

/ˌwɜːrθˈwaɪl/

worthwhile doing something It didn't seem worthwhile writing it all out again.

/ˈwɜːrkʃɑːp/

She was invited to participate in a poetry workshop on campus.

/wɪðˈdrɔːəl/

She made a withdrawal of £250 from her bank account.

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/ˈjʌŋstər/

The camp is for youngsters aged 8 to 14.

/ˈwɜːrði/

He felt he was not worthy of her.

a worthy champion (= one who deserved to win)

/wɜːrm/

Worms burrow down through the soil.

birds looking for worms

/ˈwɜːrkfɔːrs/

Two thirds of the workforce is/are women.

The factory has a 1 000-strong workforce.