

snowboard /'snəʊbɔ:d/ **noun** [C] a type of board that you fasten to both your feet and use for moving down mountains that are covered with snow

► **snowboarder** **noun** [C] ► **snowboarding** **noun** [U]: *Have you ever been snowboarding?*

snowdrift /'snəʊdrɪft/ **noun** [C] a deep pile of snow that has been made by the wind: *The car got stuck in a snowdrift.*

snowdrop /'snəʊdrɒp/ **noun** [C] a type of small white flower that appears at the end of winter

snowed 'in **adj.** not able to leave home or travel because the snow is too deep

snowed 'under **adj.** with more work, etc. than you can deal with

snowfall /'snəʊfɔ:l/ **noun** **1** [C] the snow that falls on one occasion: *heavy snowfalls* **2** [U] the amount of snow that falls in a particular place

snowflake /'snəʊfleɪk/ **noun** [C] one of the small, soft, white pieces of frozen water that fall together as snow

snowman /'snəʊmæn/ **noun** [C] (*pl.* -men /-men/) the figure of a person made out of snow

snowplough (*AmE snowplow*) /'snəʊplau/ **noun** [C] a vehicle that is used to clear snow away from roads or railways ➔ look at **plough**

snowy /'snəʊi/ **adj.** with a lot of snow: *snowy weather* ◊ *a snowy scene*

Snr (also **Sr**) **abbr.** (especially *AmE*) Senior

snub /snʌb/ **verb** [T] (*snubbing; snubbed*) to treat sb rudely, for example by refusing to look at or speak to them ► **snub** **noun** [C]

snuck /snʌk/ (*informal*) (especially *AmE*) past tense, past participle of **sneak**¹

snuff /snʌf/ **noun** [U] (especially in past times) TOBACCO which people breathe up into the nose in the form of a powder

snuffle /'snʌfl/ **verb** [I] (used about people and animals) to make a noise through your nose

snug /snʌg/ **adj.** **1** warm and comfortable: *a snug little room* ◊ *The children were snug in bed.* **2** fitting sb/sth closely: *Adjust the safety belt to give a snug fit.* ► **snugly** **adv.**

snuggle /'snʌgl/ **verb** [I] ~ (up to sb); ~ (up/down) to get into a position that makes you feel safe, warm and comfortable, usually next to another person: *She snuggled up to her mother.* ◊ *I snuggled down under the blanket to get warm.*

so¹ sɔ/ **adv.** **1** used to emphasize an adjective or adverb, especially when this produces a particular result: *She's so ill (that) she can't get out of bed.* ◊ *He was driving so fast that he couldn't stop.* ◊ *You've been so kind. How can I thank you?* **2** used in negative sentences for comparing people or things: *She's not so clever as we thought.* **3** used in place of something that has been said already, to avoid repeating it: *Are you coming by plane? If so, (= if you are coming by plane) I can meet you at the airport.* ◊ *'I failed, didn't I?' 'I'm afraid so.'* **4** (not with verbs in the negative) also, too: *He's a teacher and so is his wife.* ◊ *'I've been to New York.'* *'So have I.'* ◊ *I like singing and so does Helen.* ➔ look at **neither** **5** used to show that you agree that sth is true, especially when you are surprised: *'It's getting late.'* *'So it is. We'd better go.'* **6** (*formal*) (used when you are showing sb sth) in this way; like this: *It was a black insect, about so big (= using your hands to show the size).* ◊ *Fold the paper in two diagonally, like so.*

IDM and so on (and so forth) used at the end of a list to show that it continues in the same way: *They sell pens, pencils, paper and so on.*

I told you so used to tell sb that they should have

listened to your advice: *'I missed the bus.'* *'I told you so. I said you needed to leave earlier.'*

it (just) so happens (used to introduce a surprising fact) by chance: *It just so happened that we were going the same way, so he gave me a lift.*

just so → **JUST**¹

or so (used to show that a number, time, etc. is not exact) approximately; about: *A hundred or so people came to the meeting.*

so as to do sth with the intention of doing sth; in order to do sth

so much for used for saying that sth was not helpful or successful: *So much for that diet! I didn't lose any weight at all.*

that is so (*formal*) that is true

so² sɔ/ **conj.** **1** with the result that; therefore: *She felt very tired so she went to bed early.* **2** ~ (that) with the purpose that; in order that: *She wore dark glasses so (that) nobody would recognize her.* **3** used to show how one part of a story follows another: *So what happened next?*

IDM so what? (*informal*) (showing that you think sth is not important) Who cares?: *'It's late.'* *'So what? We don't have to go to school tomorrow.'*

soak /səʊk/ **verb** **1** [I,T] to become or make sth completely wet: *Leave the dishes to soak for a while.* ◊ *The dog came out of the river and shook itself, soaking everyone.* **2** [I] ~ into/through sth; ~ in (used about a liquid) to pass into or through sth: *Blood had soaked through the bandage.*

PHRV soak sth up to take sth in (especially a liquid): *I soaked the water up with a cloth.*

soaked /səʊkt/ **adj.** (not before a noun) extremely wet: *I got soaked waiting for my bus in the rain.*

soaking /'səʊkɪŋ/ (*also* ,soaking 'wet) **adj.** extremely wet

'so-and-so **noun** [C] (*pl.* so-and-sos) (*informal*) **1** a person who is not named: *Imagine a Mrs So-and-so telephones. What would you say?* **2** a person that you do not like: *He's a bad-tempered old so-and-so.*

soap sɔ/ **noun** **1** [U] a substance that you use for washing and cleaning: *He washed his hands with soap.* ◊ *a bar of soap* ◊ *soap powder* (= for washing clothes) **2** [C] (*informal*) = SOAP OPERA ► **soapy** **adj.**

'soap opera (*also informal soap*) **noun** [C] (**ARTS AND MEDIA**) a story about the lives and problems of a group of people which continues several times a week on television or radio

soar /sɔ:(r)/ **verb** [I] **1** to fly high in the air **2** to rise very fast: *Prices are soaring because of inflation.*

soaraway /'sɔ:rəweɪ/ **adj.** (*BrE*) (used especially about success) very great; growing very quickly

sob /sɒb/ **verb** [I] (*sobbing; sobbed*) to cry while taking in sudden, sharp breaths; to speak while you are crying: *The child was sobbing because he'd lost his toy.* ► **sob** **noun** [C]: *It was heartbreaking to listen to her sobs.*

sober¹ /'səʊbə(r)/ **adj.** **1** (of a person) not affected by alcohol: *He'd been drunk the first time he'd met her, but this time he was stone-cold sober.* **2** not funny; serious: *a sober expression* ◊ *Her death is a sober reminder of just how dangerous drugs can be.* **3** (of a colour) not bright or likely to be noticed: *a sober grey suit*

sober² /'səʊbə(r)/ **verb**

PHRV sober (sb) up to become or make sb become normal again after being affected by alcohol: *I need*