The Longman American Defining Vocabulary

Words Used in the Definitions in this Dictionary

All the definitions in this dictionary have been written using the words on this list. If a definition includes a word that is not on the list, that word is shown in SMALL CAPITAL LETTERS.

The Defining Vocabulary has been carefully chosen after a thorough study of all the well-known frequency lists of English words. Furthermore, only the most common and "central" meanings of the words on the list have actually been used in definitions. We have also used a special computer program that checks every entry to make sure that words from outside the Defining Vocabulary do not appear in definitions.

Restrictions on Part of Speech

For some words on the list, a label such as *n*. or *adj*. is shown. This means that this particular word is used in definitions only in the part of speech shown. So **anger**, for example, is used only as a noun and not as a verb. But if no word class is shown for a word, it can be used in any of its usual parts of speech: **answer**, for example, is used in definitions both as a noun and as a verb.

Compound Words

Definitions occasionally include compound words formed from words in the Defining Vocabulary, but this is only done if the meaning is completely clear. For example, the word **businessman** (formed from **business** and **man**) is used in some definitions.

Prefixes and Suffixes

The main list is followed by a list of common prefixes and suffixes. These can be added to words on the main list to form derived words, provided the meaning is completely clear. For example, the word **nervousness** (formed by adding **-ness** to **nervous**) is used in some definitions.

Phrasal Verbs

Phrasal verbs formed by combining words in the Defining Vocabulary (for example, **put up with**) are NOT used in definitions in the dictionary, except in a very small number of cases where the phrasal verb is extremely common and there is no common equivalent. So, for example, **give up** (as in **give up** smoking) and **take off** (as in the plane **took off**) are occasionally used.

Proper Nouns

The Defining Vocabulary does not include the names of actual places, nationalities, religions, and so on, which are occasionally mentioned in definitions.

A a ak

a abbreviation ability able about above adv... prep. abroad absence absent adi. accept acceptable accident according (to) account n. achieve acid across act action n. active adi. activity actor, actress actual actually add addition address adiective admiration admire admit adult advanced advantage adventure n. adverb advertise advertisement advice advise affair affect v. afford afraid after adv., conj., prep. afternoon afterward again against age n. ago agree agreement

ahead

aim

air n. airplane airport alcohol alive all adv., pron., determiner allow almost alone alona alphabet already also although alwavs among amount n. amuse amusement amusing adj. an ancient adi. and anger n. angle n. anarv animal announce announcement annov another answer anxietv anxious anv anymore anyone anvthina anywhere apart apartment appear appearance apple appropriate approval approve area arque argument arm army around arrange arrangement arrival arrive art

article artificial artist 28 ash ashamed ask asleep association at atom attach attack attempt attend attention attitude attract attractive authority available average adj., n. avoid awake adi. awav adv. awkward

В

baby back adj., adv., background backward(s) adv. bad adi. baa n. bake balance ball n. band n. bank n. bar n. barely base n., v. baseball basic basket basketball bath n. bathtub battle n. be beach beak beam n. bean bear

beard n.

beat n., v.

become bed n. beer before begin beginning behave behavior behind adv... prep. belief believe bell belong below adv., prep. belt n. bend beneath berry beside(s) best adi., adv., n better adj., adv. between beyond adj... adv. bicycle n. big adi. hill n bird birth bite bitter adj. black adj., n. blade blame bleed blind block blood n. blow blue board n. boat n.

body

bomb

bone n.

book n.

boot n.

border

bored

borina

borrow

born

boil

beautiful

because

beauty

both bottle n bottom n. bowl n. box n. bov brain n. branch brave adi. bread break v breakfast n. breast n. breath breathe breed brick n. bridae n. bright adj. bring broad adi. broadcast brother brown adi.. n. brush bucket n. build v. buildina bullet bunch n. burn burst bury bus n. bush n. business busy but coni. butter n. button n.

C

buy v.

by

cake n.
calculate
call
calm adj.
camera
camp n., v.
candy
cap n.
capital n.
car
card n.
care
care

deal with

death

debt

decav

careless carriage carry case n. castle n. cat catch v. cattle cause ceilina celebrate cell cent center n. centimeter central century ceremony certain adi.. determiner chain chair n. chance n. change character charge chase v. cheap cheat v. check n., v. cheek n. cheerful cheese chemical chemistry chest chew chicken n. chief child children chin chocolate choice n. choose church n. cigarette circle n. circular adj. citizen citv claim class n. clav clean adv., v. clear adj., v. clerk clever

cliff

climb v. clock n. close adi.. adv.. cloth clothes clothina cloud n. club n. coal coast n. coat n. coffee coin n. cold adi.. n. collar n. collect v. colleae color comb combination combine v. come comfort comfortable command committee common adi. communicate communication company compare comparison compete competition competitor complain complaint complete completely complicated compound n.

computer concern v. concerning concert condition n. confidence confident confuse connect connection conscious consider consist container continue continuous contract n.

control convenient conversation cook n.. v. cookie cool copy corn corner n. correct adj. cost cotton couah could council country n. courage course n. court n. cover cow n. crack n., v. crash n., v. crazy cream n. creature crime criminal criticism criticize crop n. cross n., v. crowd n. cruel crush v. crv cup n. cupboard cure curl current n. curtain n. curve customer cut

daily adj., adv. damage dance danger dangerous dark date n. daughter day dead adi.

deal n.

deceit deceive decide decision decorate decoration decrease deep adi. defeat defense defend definite degree delav deliberate delicate deliver demand department depend dependent depth describe description desert n. deserve desian desirable desire desk despite destrov destruction detail n determination determined develop dictionary die v. difference different difficult difficulty dig v. dinner dip v. direct direction dirt dirty adj. disappoint discover discovery

discuss

discussion

disease n. disgusting dish n. dismiss distance n. distant divide v. do v doctor n. document n. dog n. dollar door double adi., v. doubt down adv... prep. draw v. drawer dream dress n., v. drink drive n., v. drop drua n. drum n. drunk past part., adj. dry duck n. dull adi. during dust n. dutv

F each eager ear early earn earth n. east eastern easy adj. eat economic edge n. educate educated education effect n. effective effort egg n. eight eighth

either

elbow n. elect v. election electric electricity electronic else embarrass emotion emphasize employ v. emplover employment empty adj., v. enclose encourage end enemy enerav engine engineer n. enjoy enjoyable eniovment enouah enter entertain entertainment entrance n. envelope environment equal adj., n., v. equipment escape especially establish even adj., adv. evening event ever every evervone everything everywhere evil exact adi. exactly examination examine example excellent except conj., prep. exchange excite exciting excuse exercise exist

existence expect expensive experience explain explanation explosion explosive express v. expression extreme eye

Ē face fact factory fail v failure faint adj., v. fair adi. fairly faith faithful fall false adi. familiar family famous far farm farmer farther farthest fashion n. fashionable fast adi.. adv. fasten fat father n. fault n. favorable favorite adi. fear n. feather n. feature feed v. feel v. feelina(s) female fence n. fever few field n. fierce

fifth

fight

fiaure n. fill v film v. (and n. for camera) final adi. finally financial find v find out fine adj. finger n. finish fire firm adj., n. first adv... determiner fish

fit adj., v. five fix v flaa n. flame n. flash n., v. flat adi. flesh flight float v. flood floor n. flour n. flow flower n. fly n., v. fold follow food foot n. football for prep. forbid force n., v. foreian forest forever forget forgive fork n. form n., v. formal former fortunate forward(s) adv. four(th) frame n. free freedom freeze v.

frequent adj.

fresh

friend friendly frighten frightening from front adj., n. fruit n. full adj. fun funeral funny fur n. furniture further adj., adv. future

G aain v. gallon game n. garage n. garden aas n. aasoline gate n. gather v. general generally aenerous aentle get gift girl give v. glad glass adj., n. alue ao v. goat god, God aold good goodbye goods govern government graceful arade gradual arain aram grammar arand adi. grandfather grandmother grandparent grass n.

grateful

grave n.
gray adj., n.
great adj.
green
greet
greeting
ground n.
group n.
grow
growth
guard v.
guess v.
guest n.
guide
guilty

aun n.

н habit hair half hall hammer n. hand n. handle hana v. happen v. happy hard hardly harm harmful hat hate v. hatred have he adi. head n. health healthy hear heart heat heaven heavy adj. heel height hello help helpful her(s) here herself hide v. high adj., adv. highschool

hill

him

himself hie historical history hit v hold hole holiday hollow adi. holv home adv., n. honest honor n. hook n. hope hopeful horn horse n. hospital hot adi. hotel hour house n. how adv. human humorous humor hundred(th) hungry hunt v.

ı ice n. idea

hurry

hurt v.

husband n.

if ianore ill adi. illegal illness image

imaginary imagination imagine immediate immediately

important impressive improve

importance

improvement in adv., prep. inch

include including income

increase independent indoor(s) industrial industry infect infection infectious influence inform information iniure iniurv ink n. inner insect inside instead institution instruction instrument insult v. insurance insure intelliaent intelligence intend intention interest

interestina

interrupt

introduce

invitation

invent

invite

involve

island

its

itself

it pron.

inward(s)

iron adj., n.

introduction

into

international adj.

J iaw n. iewel iewelrv iob ioin ioint ioke iudae judgment

juice

jump

iust adv. iustice

K keep v. kev n. kick kill v. kilogram kilometer kind kina kiss kitchen knee n. kneel knife n. knock knot know v. knowledge

L lack ladv lake lamb lamp land language large last adv... determiner late lately laugh laughter law lawyer lav v. layer n. lazy n. lead/led v. leaf n. lean v. learn least leather leave v. left leg n. legal

lend

less

lesson

length adv.,

pron.

let v. let go of let out letter level adj., n. library lid lie lie down life lift liaht

like prep., v. likely limit line n. lion dil

liauid

list n

listen v. literature liter little live v. load loaf n.

local adi. lock Ionely long adj., adv. look

look for loose adi. lose loss lot loud

love low adi. lower v. loval

loyalty luck n. lucky lung

M

machine n. machinery magazine magic mail main adi. make v. make into

make up

male

man n. manage manager manner many map n. march mark market n. marriage married marry mass match material n. mathematics matter mav v. me meal mean v. meaning *n*. means measure meat medical adi. medicine meet v. meeting melt member memory mental mention v. mess

message messy metal n. meter method middle adj., n. miaht v. mile military adj. milk million(th) mind mine n., pron.

minister n. minute n. mirror n. miss v. mist n. mistake

mineral

mix v. mixture

model n. modern adi. moment money monkey n. month monthly mood moon n. moral adi. more mornina most mother n. motor adi.. n. mountain mouse mouth n. move v. movement movie much mud multiply murder muscle n. music musician must v. mv mysterious mystery

N

nail name narrow adi. nasty nation national adi. natural nature navv near adj., adv., prep. nearly neat necessary neck need needle n. negative neither nerve n. nervous nest n. net n. network n. never

new

news newspaper next adi.. adv. nice niaht nine ninth no *adv* determiner noise n. none pron. nonsense no one nor normal north northern nose n. not note nothina notice noun now nowhere number n. nurse nut

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obev

obiect n. obtain occasion n. ocean o'clock bbo of off adv., prep. offense offend offensive adi. offer office officer official often oil n. old old-fashioned on adv., prep. once adv. one onion only onto open adj., v. operate

operation opinion opponent opportunity oppose as opposed to opposite opposition or orange order ordinary organ organize organization oriain original other ought our(s) out adj., adv. outdoor(s) outer outside over adv., prep. own determiner owner oxygen

P

pack v. package page n. pain n. painful paint painting pair n. pale adi. pan n. pants paper n. parallel adj., n. parent n. park part n. particular adi. partly partner n. party n. pass v. passage passenger past path patience

patient adi.

pause pav payment peace peaceful pen n. pencil n. people n. pepper n. per perfect adi. perform performance perhaps period n. permanent permission person personal persuade pet n. photograph phrase n. physical adi. piano n. pick v. pick up picture n. piece n. pig n. pile n. pilot n. pin pink adj., n. pipe n. pity place plain adi.. n. plan plane n. plant plastic plate n. plav pleasant please pleased pleasure n. plenty pron. plural pocket n. poem poet poetry point pointed poison

poisonous

pattern n.

pole n. police n. polish polite political politician politics pool n. poor popular population port n. position n. positive possess possession possible adi. possibly possibility post not n. potato pound n. pour powder n. power n. powerful practical practice praise prav prayer prefer preparation prepare present adi.. n. preserve v. president press v. pressure n. pretend pretty adi. prevent previous previously price n. priest prince principle print prison prisoner private adi. prize n. probably adv. problem process n. produce v. product

production profession profit n. program progress n. promise pronounce pronunciation proof n. property proposal protect protection protective protest proud prove provide public adi. publicly llua pump punish punishment pure purple purpose n. push put

Q

quality quantity quarrel quarter n. queen n. question quick adj. quiet adj., n.

R

race

rabbit n

radio *n*.
railroad
rain
raise *v*.
range *n*.
rapid *adj*.
rare
rat *n*.
rather
raw
reach

react

ready adi. real realize really reason reasonable receive recent recently recoanize record n.. v. red reduce reduction refusal refuse v. reaard v. regular adi. related relative relation relationship relax religion reliaious remain remark n. remember remind remove v. rent repair repeat v. reply report represent representative n. reauest n. respect responsible rest restaurant restrict result return n., v. reward rice rich rid ride right adj., adv., n. rina ripe rise risk river

reaction

read v.

road roh rock n. roll v. romantic adi. roof n. room n. root n rope n. rose rough adi. round adi. row n., v. roval adi. rub v. rubber rude ruin v. rule ruler run rush v.

S sad safe adi. safety sail salarv sale salt n. same sand n. satisfaction satisfactory satisfy save v. sav v. scale n. scatter v. scene school n. science scientific scientist scissors screen n. screw sea search season n. seat second adv., n., determiner

secrecy

secretary

side

secret

see v.

seed n. seem seize sell v. send sensation sense n. sensible sensitive sentence n. separate adv., v. series serious seriously servant serve service n. set n., v. settle v. seven(th) several severe sew sex n. sexual shade shadow n. shake shall shame n. shape share sharp adj. she sheep sheet shelf shell n. shelter shine v. shinv ship n. shirt shock n., v. shoe n. shoot v. shop shore n. short adi. shot n. should shoulder n. shout show n., v. shut shy sick adi. sickness

sidewavs sight n. sian sianal silence n. silent silk silly adi. silver similar similarity simple since sincere sina single adj. singular sink v. sister cit situation six(th) size n. skill skillful skin n. skirt n. skv n. slave n. sleep slide v. slight adi. slip v. slippery slope slow small smart smell smile smoke smooth adi. snake n. snow SO soap n. social adi. society sock n. soft soil n. soldier n. solid solution solve some pron., determiner somehow someone

somethina sometimes somewhere son song soon sore adi. sorrow n. sorrv sort n. soul sound n., v. guos sour adi. south southern space n. spade speak special adi. specific speech speed n. spell v. spend spin v. spirit n. split v. spoil v. spoon n. sport(s) n. spot n. spread v. sprina square adj., n. stage n. stair stamp stand v. standard star n. start state statement station n. stav steady adi. steal v. steam n. steel n. steep adi. stem n. step stick sticky stiff adi. still adj., adv. sting stitch

stomach n. stone n. stop store storm n. story straight adj., adv. strange stranger stream n. street strenath stretch v. strict strike v. string n. strona structure n. struggle student studv stupid style n. subject n. substance subtract succeed success successful such suck v. sudden suffer sugar n. suggest suit suitcase suitable sum n. summer n. sun n. supper supply n., v. support suppose sure adi. surface n. surprise surround v. swallow v. swear sweep v. sweet swell v. swim swina

sword

sympathetic

sympathy system

T

table n. tail n. take v take care of talk tall taste tax taxi n. tea teach team n. tear v.. n. technical telephone television tell temperature temporary ten(th) tend tendencv tennis tense n. tent terrible terror test than thank that conj., pron., determiner the theater their(s)

theater their(s) them then adv. there therefore these they thick adj. thing think v. third this pron...

determiner

thorough

those

though

thought

thousand(th)

thread n. truth threat trust threaten trv v. three tube throat tune n. through adv... turn prep. twice throw twist thumb n. two ticket n. type n. tie typical

tiaht adi.

time n.

tire n.

tired

tirina

tobacco

toaether

tomorrow

tonaue

tonight

tool n.

tooth

touch

tourist

toward

town

toy n.

track

trade

tradition

traffic n.

training

translate

transparent

train

trap

tree

tribe

trip n.

tropical

trouble

truck n.

true adi.

trunk

travel

treat v.

treatment

trick n., v.

traditional

tower n.

top adj., n.

total adi.. n.

too

today

toe n.

toilet

title

to

U uç ur

ualv uncle under prep. understand underwear undo uniform n. union unit unite universe university unless until up adj., adv., prep. upper adj. upright adj., adv. upset v., adj. upside down upstairs adj., adv. urgent us use useful useless usual



vacation
valley
valuable adj.
value n.
variety
various
vegetable
vehicle
verb
very adv.
victory
view n.
violence

violent

visit voice n. vote vowel

W

waist
wait v.
wake v.
walk
wall n.
wander
want v.
war n.
warm adj., v.
warmth
warn
warning
wash
waste
watch

water

wave

-ahla

way
we
weak
wealth
weapon
wear v.
weather n.
weave v.

wedding week weekly *adj., adv.* weigh weight *n.*

welcome well *adj., adv., n.* west

western *adj.*wet *adj.*what *determiner.*

pron.
whatever
wheat
wheel n.
when adv., conj.

-ence

whenever where whether which whichever

while conj.
whip whisper
white who
whole
whose
why
wide adj., adv.
width
wife

wild adj., adv. will willing win v. wind n., v. window

wine n.

wina *n*.

winter *n*.
wire *n*.
wise *adj*.
wisdom

wish with within prep. without prep. woman wood wooden

wooden
wooden
wood wooden
word n.
work
world
worm n.
worry
worse
worst
worth
would
wound

wrap v.

wrist

-i\/\

write wrong adj., adv., n.

Υ

yard
year
yearly
yellow adj., n.
yesterday
yet
you
young
your(s)
yourself

Z zero

Prefixes and Suffixes that Can Be Used with Words in the Defining Vocabulary

abic	-61106	11.1-	100	11011
-al	-er	-ing	-ive	re-
-ance	-ful	-ion	-less	self
-ation	-ic	ir-	-ly	-th
dis	-ical	-ish	-ment	un-
-ed	im-	-ity	-ness	-у