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| subsystem | Group of interconnected and interactive parts that performs an important job or task as a component of a larger system. | 1. We were in a subsystem and that meant that we were integrated and a part of the whole system, which was really cool. 2. You should always try and have a strong subsystem in place so that you can get all the things you need to done quicker. 3. You need to know how everyone in a subsystem will react in a project so that you can maximize the time spent on it. |
| troubleshooting | Troubleshooting is the activity or process of solving major problems or difficulties that occur in a company or government. | 1. He was troubleshooting a staff problem. 2. They added hundreds of workers to troubleshoot the new machines. 3. The ten heads overcame their scepticism of group therapy and now meet regularly to troubleshoot problems. |
| open source | Open source material is computer programming code or software that anyone is allowed to use or modify without asking permission from the company that developed it. | 1. Open source software, which allows multiple contributors to pool their expertise, is already being adopted by firms. 2. What is open source software? 3. Microsoft developing open-source project |
| environment | Someone's environment is all the circumstances, people, things, and events around them that influence their life. | 1. Pupils in our schools are taught in a safe, secure environment. 2. The moral characters of men are formed not by heredity but by environment. 3. The twins were separated at birth and brought up in entirely different environments. |
| inject | To inject someone with a substance such as a [medicine](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/medicine) means to [put](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/put) it into their body using a device with a [needle](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/needle) [called](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/call) a syringe. | 1. His son was injected with strong drugs 2. The technique consists of injecting healthy cells into the weakened muscles 3. He needs to inject himself once a month |
| integration | the act of [combining](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/combine) or [adding](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/adding) parts to make a [unified](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/unify) [whole](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/whole) | 1. It [argues](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/argue) that this reduces the system integration [risk](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/risk). 2. [Smart](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/smart) [meters](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/meter_1) [hooked](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/hook) up to information systems, the integration of [applications](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/application) and logistical optimisation are all good examples of [creative](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/creative) [thinking](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/think_1) with IT. 3. We are in the process of forming integration teams. |
| transaction | A transaction is a piece of business, for [example](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/example) an act of [buying](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/buy) or selling something. | 1. Of [wider](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/wide_1) [importance](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/importance) are the [questions](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/question) [raised](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/raise) about the [security](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/security) of [online](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/online) [banking](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/banking) and [financial](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/financial) transactions. 2. They are [probably](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/probably) as [important](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/important) as money in making business transactions [happen](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/happen). 3. The [bosses](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/boss) would have paid capital [gains](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/gain) [tax](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/tax) on the transactions. |
| coverage | The coverage of something in the [news](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/news) is the reporting of it. | 1. The [store](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/store) [said](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/said) the [network](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/network) coverage in my area was [fantastic](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/fantastic). 2. The most [useful](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/useful) thing about [celebrity](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/celebrity) [endorsement](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/endorsement) is the media coverage. 3. [Live](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/live) coverage has [also](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/also) given [viewers](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/viewer) [moments](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/moment) of [political](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/political) [drama](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/drama). |
| precedence | If one thing takes precedence over another, it is regarded as more important than the other thing. | 1. [Village](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/village) [shoppers](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/shopper) gave [courteous](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/courteous) precedence to a [visiting](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/visit) [foreigner](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/foreigner): [perhaps](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/perhaps) they were only in there to [gossip](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/gossip). 2. He was [disappointed](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/disappoint) in her [choice](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/choice) of [restaurant](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/restaurant), a [noisy](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/noisy), [yuppie](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/yuppie) hang-out, the [sort](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/sort) of place where design took precedence over [comfort](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/comfort). 3. Can you believe I had two people in a [row](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/row) didn't [know](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/know) a [Code](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/code) [Five](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/five) takes precedence ? |
| extension | An extension is a [new](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/new_1) room or building which is added to an existing building or group of buildings. | 1. [Halfway](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/halfway) through the [brief](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/brief) [conversation](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/conversation) Rebet [returned](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/return) and the [colonel](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/colonel) gestured towards the extension phone. 2. [Walls](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/wall) [knocked](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/knock) down, rooms [built](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/build), new [kitchen](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/kitchen), new [bathroom](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/bathroom), [loft](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/loft) [conversion](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/conversion), extension at the [back](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/back). 3. The [rear](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/rear) of the building had a [stone](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/stone_1) extension [attached](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/attach) to it with [modern](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/modern) [glass](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/glass) [sliding](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/slide) [doors](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/door) at one [end](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/end_1). |
| context | The context of an [idea](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/idea) or event is the [general](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/general) [situation](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/situation) that relates to it, and which [helps](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/help) it to be [understood](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/understand). | 1. [Cultural](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/cultural) and [historical](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/historical) context is [important](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/important). 2. Does [seeing](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/see) him in this context help one understand him? 3. [Setting](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/setting) [biblical](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/biblical) passages in their ancient context makes them [come](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/come) [alive](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/alive). |
| variation | A variation on something is the same thing [presented](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/present) in a [slightly](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/slightly) different form. | 1. This delicious variation on an omelette is quick and easy to prepare 2. Many theories on punishment exist, all of which are variations on a theme. 3. Luckily he's [brilliant](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/brilliant) at it, a [rich](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/rich_1) [source](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/source) of variations on a theme. |
| observe | If you observe a person or thing, you watch them carefully, [especially](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/especially) in order to [learn](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/learn) something about them. | 1. Stern also studies and observes the behaviour of babies 2. Are there any classes I could observe? 3. Our sniper teams observed them manning an anti-aircraft gun |
| repository | A repository is a place where something is kept safely. | 1. It becomes a repository of all our [cultures](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/culture). 2. Gradually the house becomes a repository for the [narrative](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/narrative) of our lives. 3. It is a [unique](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/unique) repository of [knowledge](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/knowledge), [experience](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/experience) and [skill](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/skill). |
| badge | A badge is a piece of metal or [cloth](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/cloth) which you wear to [show](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/show) that you [belong](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/belong) to an [organization](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/organization) or [support](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/support) a cause. | 1. Why are [coaching](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/coach) badges so [expensive](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/expensive)? 2. Wear this badge to [let](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/let_1) others [know](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/know) you're [interested](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/interest). 3. He [plans](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/plan_1) to play for a while yet, do some [media](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/medium) work and [get](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/get) his coaching badges. |
| source | In business, if a person or [firm](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/firm) sources a product or a [raw](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/raw) material, they [find](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/find) someone who [will](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/will) [supply](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/supply) it. | 1. These [manuscripts](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/manuscript) [offer](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/offer) one of the [richest](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/rich_1) sources of information on [contemporary](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/contemporary) life. 2. [Occupational](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/occupational) [exposure](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/exposure) to lead is the [major](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/major) source of lead [intake](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/intake) for [adults](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/adult). 3. [Truck](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/truck) [drivers](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/driver) are a [steady](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/steady) source of business. |
| performance | A performance involves [entertaining](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/entertain) an [audience](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/audience) by doing something such as [singing](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/sing), dancing, or acting. | 1. It was a [poor](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/poor) performance and there was the [civil](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/civil) war [afterwards](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/afterwards). 2. You have to base it on how we play and the performances we put in. 3. In the first [half](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/half_1) it was a very good performance from the [team](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/team). |
| assessment | An assessment is a [consideration](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/consideration) of someone or something and a [judgment](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/judgment) about them. | 1. The former chief [executive](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/executive) of a [rival](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/rival) [offered](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/offer) an [acerbic](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/acerbic) assessment. 2. At the [moment](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/moment) his [department](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/department) is doing [damage](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/damage) assessment. 3. [Today](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/today) it takes about four assessments, [independent](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/independent) [review](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/review) [panels](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/panel) and possibly a [complaint](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/complaint) to the [ombudsman](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/ombudsman) to [get](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/get) a [fair](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/fair) result. |
| heuristic | A heuristic method of [learning](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/learning) [involves](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/involve) discovery and problem-solving, using [reasoning](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/reason) and [past](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/past) [experience](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/experience) | Through heuristic creation and robust testing, we examine the conditions in which the Internet of Things application under consideration would be useful or yield minimal gains |
| enhancement | The enhancement of something is the [improvement](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/improvement) of it in relation to its value, quality, or attractiveness. | 1. Music is merely an enhancement to the power of her words. 2. He was concerned with the enhancement of the human condition. |
| simulation | Simulation is the process of simulating something or the result of simulating it. | 1. Most of these models are simulation [programs](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/program). 2. Would a computer simulation of our [brain](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/brain) be conscious and how would we [know](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/know) if it were? 3. The simulation [software](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/software) in the brain is [especially](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/especially) [adept](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/adept) at [constructing](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/construct) [faces](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/face) and [voices](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/voice). |
| recognition | Recognition is the act of recognizing someone or [identifying](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/identify) something when you [see](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/see) it. | 1. That could [well](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/well) be his recognition of the fact that, one day, she [will](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/will) be the most [powerful](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/powerful) woman in [fashion](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/fashion). 2. [Try](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/try) our [facial](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/facial) recognition [quiz](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/quiz) and work out your [brain](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/brain) [age](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/age_1) by identifying the [famous](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/famous) [faces](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/face). 3. But they [need](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/need) government recognition and [direction](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/direction) |
| exponential | Exponential means growing or [increasing](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/increase) very rapidly. | 1. This [growth](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/growth) [pattern](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/pattern) is known as exponential growth. 2. Such is the power of exponential growth. 3. It is [also](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/also) a place of exponential growth. |
| scaffold | A scaffold was a raised platform on which criminals were hanged or had their [heads](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/head_1) [cut](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/cut) off. | 1. We had to erect a scaffold [tower](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/tower) to support it. 2. The scaffold of the temporary stands which [run](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/run) down one side was being [dismantled](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/dismantle). 3. The new [technique](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/technique) involves building a 3[D](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/d_1) [biodegradable](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/biodegradable) [synthetic](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/synthetic) scaffold [moulded](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/mould) into the [precise](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/precise) [shape](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/shape) of an [individual](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/individual) [hip](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/hip) [joint](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/joint). |
| correlation | A correlation between things is a [connection](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/connection) or [link](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/link) between them. | 1. The same [idea](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/idea) [persists](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/persist) on [delivery](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/delivery) [wards](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/ward_1), despite a study [showing](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/showing) no correlation between [full](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/full) [moons](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/moon) and [births](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/birth). 2. There [sometimes](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/sometimes) [seems](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/seem) to be an inverse correlation between the [complexity](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/complexity) of government and its [importance](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/importance). 3. It [also](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/also) found a positive correlation between liking [technology](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/technology) and being [confident](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/confident) about [meeting](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/meeting) people. |
| pattern | A pattern is the repeated or [regular](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/regular) way in which something [happens](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/happen) or is done. | 1. They are [always](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/always) of different patterns and colours. 2. This sets the pattern for the [rest](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/rest) of the class. 3. This is a regular pattern to their lives. |
| essential | Something that is essential is [extremely](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/extremely) important or absolutely necessary to a particular subject, [situation](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/situation), or activity. | 1. It was absolutely essential to separate crops from the areas that animals used as pasture. 2. As they must also sprint over short distances, speed is essential. 3. Jordan promised to trim the city budget without cutting essential services. |
| cluster | A cluster of people or things is a small group of them close together. | 1. There's no town here, just a cluster of shops, cabins and motels at the side of the highway 2. The [thunderstorms](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/thunderstorm) became more tightly clustered around the [core](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/core_1). 3. More [upright](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/upright) plants [benefit](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/benefit) from being grouped in clusters that show off their [contrasting](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/contrast) shapes, [patterns](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/pattern) and [textures](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/texture). |
| computational | Computational [means](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/mean) using [computers](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/computer). | 1. Students may pursue research in any aspect of computational linguistics. 2. The limits of the computational methods available 50 years ago. |
| consecutive | Consecutive periods of time or events [happen](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/happen) one after the other without interruption | 1. The Cup was won for the third consecutive year by the Toronto Maple Leafs. 2. [Underlying](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/underlie) [sales](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/sale) are [forecast](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/forecast) to have [risen](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/rise) for the [third](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/third) consecutive [quarter](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/quarter). 3. Since then it has been [plagued](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/plague) with scandals and has [suffered](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/suffer) [eight](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/eight) consecutive years of [losses](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/loss). |
| denote | If one thing denotes another, it is a sign or [indication](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/indication) of it. | 1. The [term](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/term) denotes a game in which a player makes a series of moves of [stunning](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/stun) quality and [originality](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/originality). 2. Time [will](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/will) gradually [diminish](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/diminish) the [significance](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/significance) of the [dry](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/dry) [figures](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/figure_1) that denote its [performance](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/performance), and only the [artistry](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/artistry) will [remain](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/remain). 3. The term can [also](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/also) denote a [FIRM](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/firm). |
| convergence | The convergence of different [ideas](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/idea), groups, or [societies](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/society) is the process by which they [stop](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/stop) being different and become more similar. | 1. the need to move towards greater economic convergence. 2. an opportunity for convergence between national and party interest. |
| exploit | If you [say](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/say) that someone is exploiting you, you [think](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/think_1) that they are [treating](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/treat) you unfairly by using your work or [ideas](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/idea) and giving you very little in [return](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/return). | 1. Critics claim he exploited black musicians for personal gain 2. The plight of the exploited sugar cane workers 3. Extra payments should be made to protect the interests of the staff and prevent exploitation. |
| unconditional | If you [describe](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/describe) something as unconditional, you [mean](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/mean) that the person doing or giving it does not [require](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/require) anything to be done by other people in [exchange](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/exchange). | 1. Is it unconditional [love](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/love) or are you only in it for the [cheese](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/cheese) [rind](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/rind)? 2. The [best](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/best) [help](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/help) for me is [lack](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/lack_1) of [judgment](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/judgment) from others and unconditional support. 3. She was [granted](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/grant) unconditional [bail](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/bail) and a [trial](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/trial) set for [April](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/april). |
| propose | If you propose something such as a plan or an [idea](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/idea), you [suggest](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/suggest) it for people to [think](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/think_1) about and [decide](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/decide) upon. | 1. Britain is about to propose changes to some institutions 2. It was George who first proposed that we dry clothes in that locker 3. It's still far from clear what action the government proposes to take over the affair |
| consumption | The consumption of [fuel](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/fuel) or [natural](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/natural) [resources](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/resource) is the amount of them that is used or the act of using them. | 1. The laws have led to a reduction in fuel consumption in the U.S. 2. A tax on the consumption of non-renewable energy resources 3. Most of the wine was unfit for human consumption |
| inference | An inference is a conclusion that you [draw](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/draw) about something by using information that you [already](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/already) have about it. | 1. There were two inferences to be drawn from her letter. 2. It had an extremely tiny head and, by inference, a tiny brain. 3. You are too [timid](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/timid) in drawing your inferences. |
| illustrate | If you [say](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/say) that something illustrates a [situation](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/situation) that you are [drawing](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/drawing) [attention](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/attention) to, you mean that it [shows](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/show) that the situation [exists](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/exist). | 1. The example of the United States illustrates this point 2. This change is neatly illustrated by what has happened to the Arab League 3. The incident graphically illustrates how parlous their position is |
| implicit | Something that is implicit is expressed in an indirect way. | 1. This is seen as an implicit warning not to continue with military action. 2. The specific reference to the latter phenomenon was only implicit in the text. |
| applicable | being [appropriate](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/appropriate) or [relevant](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/relevant); able to be applied; [fitting](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/fitting_1) | Problem to demonstrate their applicability |
| guideline | If an [organization](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/organization) [issues](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/issue) guidelines on something, it issues [official](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/official) [advice](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/advice) about how to do it. | 1. The government should issue clear guidelines on the content of religious education. 2. The Internet Advertising Bureau has guidelines for advertising companies to follow. |
| portfolio | A portfolio is a set of [pictures](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/picture) by someone, or photographs of [examples](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/example) of their work, which they use when [entering](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/enter) [competitions](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/competition) or [applying](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/apply) for work. | 1. After dinner that evening, Edith showed them a portfolio of her own political cartoons. 2. Short-term securities can also be held as part of an investment portfolio. 3. Roger Early, a portfolio manager at Federated Investors Corp. |
| servlet | a small program that runs on a [web](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/web) [server](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/server), often accessing [databases](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/database) in response to [client](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/client) [input](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/input) |  |
| flexible | A flexible object or material can be bent easily without breaking. | 1. There [needs](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/need) to be a [sea](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/sea) change when it [comes](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/come) to the [question](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/question) of flexible [working](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/working). 2. Many [roles](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/role) [also](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/also) [offer](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/offer) flexible working and the [chance](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/chance) to up your [pay](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/pay) by [increasing](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/increase) your [hours](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/hour). 3. Both you and your [partner](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/partner) need [access](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/access) to a [degree](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/degree) of flexible working. |
| significant | A significant amount or effect is large enough to be important or [affect](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/affect) a [situation](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/situation) to a [noticeable](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/noticeable) [degree](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/degree). | 1. A small but significant number of 11-year-olds are illiterate. 2. It is the first drug that seems to have a very significant effect on this disease. 3. Foods that offer a significant amount of protein. |