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tem • po • rar • y / 'tɛmpə,rɛri / **adjective**

lasting or intended to last or be used only for a short time; not permanent

temporary relief from pain

I'm looking for some **temporary work** .

They had to move into **temporary accommodations** .

a **temporary measure/solution/arrangement**

More than half the staff are temporary.

permanent

tem • po • rar • i • ly / ,tɛmpə'rɛrəli / **adverb**

We regret this service is temporarily unavailable.

tem • po • rar • i • ness / 'tɛmpə,rɛrɪnəs / **noun** [**uncountable**]

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tense / tɛns / **adjective, noun, verb**

adjective

1 (of a person) nervous or worried, and unable to relax

He's a very tense person.

She sounded tense and angry.

2 (of a situation, an event, a period of time, etc.) in which people have strong feelings such as worry, anger, etc. that often cannot be expressed openly

I spent a tense few weeks waiting for the results of the tests.

The atmosphere in the meeting was getting more and more tense.

3 (of a muscle or other part of the body) tight rather than relaxed

A massage will relax those tense muscles.

4 (of wire, etc.) stretched tightly

taut

5 (phonetics) (of a speech sound) produced with the muscles of the speech organs stretched tight

lax

tense • ly **adverb**

tense • ness **noun** [**uncountable**]

noun (grammar)

any of the forms of a verb that may be used to show the time of the action or state expressed by the verb the **past/present/future tense**

verb

[**transitive** , **intransitive**]

if you **tense** your muscles, or you or your muscles **tense** , they become tight and stiff, especially because you are not relaxed

tense something/yourself (up) She tensed her muscles in anticipation of the blow.

He tensed himself, listening to see if anyone had followed him.

tense (up) His muscles tensed as he got ready to run.

She tensed, hearing the strange noise again.

be/get tensed up

to become or feel nervous or worried so that you cannot relax

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ter • mi • nate / 'tɜrmə,neɪt / **verb** (formal)

1 [**intransitive** , **transitive**] to end; to make something end

Your contract of employment terminates in December.

terminate something The agreement was terminated immediately.

to terminate a pregnancy (= to perform or have an **abortion**)

2 [intransitive] (of a bus or train) to end a journey/trip
This train terminates at Grand Central.

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text / tɛkst / **noun, verb**

noun

1 [uncountable] the main printed part of a book or magazine, not the notes, pictures, etc.

My job is to lay out the text and graphics on the page.

2 [uncountable] any form of written material

a computer that can process text

printed text

Highlight the area of text on screen and press the “delete” key.

3 [countable] = text message

4 [countable] the written form of a speech, a play, an article, etc.

The newspaper had printed the full text of the president's speech.

Can you act out this scene without referring to the text?

collocations at **literature**

5 [countable] a piece of writing that you have to answer questions about in an exam or a lesson

passage

Read the text carefully and then answer the questions.

6 [countable] = textbook

medical texts

7 [countable] a sentence or short passage from the Bible that is read out and discussed by someone, especially during a religious service

verb

[**transitive , intransitive**]

to send someone a written message using a cell phone

text (someone) Text me when you're on your way.

Kids seem to be texting non-stop these days.

text someone something I'll text you the final score.

see also **SMS**

texting **noun** [**uncountable**]

Too much texting can cause serious injury to the hands.

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theme / θim / **noun, adjective**

noun

1 the subject or main idea in a talk, piece of writing, or work of art

North American literature is the main theme of this year's festival.

The President stressed a favorite campaign theme—greater emphasis on education.

The naked male figure was always the central theme of Greek art.

The stories are all **variations on the theme** of unhappy marriage.

collocations at **literature**

2 (music) a short tune that is repeated or developed in a piece of music

3 = theme music

the theme from “The Godfather”

4 (old-fashioned) a short piece of writing on a particular subject, done for school

5 (linguistics) the part of a sentence or clause that contains information that is not new to the reader or audience

compare **rheme**

adjective

theme bar/restaurant, etc.

a bar, restaurant, etc. that is designed to reflect a particular subject or period of history
an Irish theme bar

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the • o • ry / 'θɪri ; 'θiəri / **noun**

(pl. **the • o • ries**)

1 [**countable** , **uncountable**] a formal set of ideas that is intended to explain why something happens or exists

According to the theory of relativity, nothing can travel faster than light.

The debate is centered around two conflicting theories.

collocations at **scientific**

2 [**uncountable**] the principles on which a particular subject is based

the theory and practice of language teaching

literary theory

3 [**countable**] **theory (that...)** an opinion or idea that someone believes is true but that is not proved

I have this theory that most people prefer being at work to being at home.

in theory

used to say that a particular statement is supposed to be true but may in fact be wrong

In theory, these machines should last for ten years or more.

That sounds fine in theory, but have you really thought it through?

"Aren't you supposed to be retired?" "Yes, in theory."

AWL COLLOCATIONS**theory****theory noun**

develop , **formulate** | **advance** , **expound** , **propound** | **disprove** , **refute** | **support** | **test**

In this study, the empirical data do not support current theories.

New facts and observations test established theories.

hypothesize , **posit** , **postulate** , **predict** , **suggest**

The theory posits that some character types are better prepared for the challenges of being president.

The results of our experiment aligned very closely with that predicted by theory.

economic , **literary** , **political** , **scientific** , **social**

In economic theory, when there is more competition prices are lower.

based on

Based on the theory developed in this paper, it is predicted that...

theoretical adjective

highly | **largely** | **merely** , **purely**

Although some purely theoretical work has been done, there is a need for empirical research.

concept , **construct** , **framework** , **model** | **approach** , **perspective** | **prediction** | **study**

The next section outlines the theoretical framework and reviews the prior literature.

theoretically adverb

defensible , **informed** , **sound** | **unsound**

These scientific hypotheses have to be logically and theoretically defensible.

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there • by / , ðɛr'baɪ ; 'ðɛrbaɪ / **adverb** (formal)

used to introduce the result of the action or situation mentioned

Regular exercise strengthens the heart, thereby reducing the risk of heart attack.

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the • sis / 'θiːsɪs / **noun**

(pl. **the • ses** / 'θiːsɪz /)

1 thesis (on something) a long piece of writing completed by a student as part of a university degree, based on their own research

Students must submit a thesis on an agreed subject within four years.

2 a statement or an opinion that is discussed in a logical way and presented with evidence in order to prove that it is true

She concluded that there was no archaeological data to support the thesis that the town had been surrounded by a wall.

collocations at **scientific**

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top • ic / 'tɒpɪk / **noun**

a subject that you talk, write, or learn about

The main **topic of conversation** was Tom's new girlfriend.

The article covered a wide range of topics.

The topic for tonight's discussion is...

on topic

appropriate or relevant to the situation

Keep the text short and on topic.

Let's get back on topic.

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trace / treɪs / **verb, noun**

verb

1 trace someone/something (to something) to find or discover someone or something by looking carefully for them/it

track down

We finally traced him to an address in Chicago.

I have been unable to trace the letter you mentioned.

2 trace something (back) (to something) to find the origin or cause of something

She could trace her family tree back to the 18th century.

The leak was eventually traced to a broken seal.

The police traced the call (= used special electronic equipment to find out who made the telephone call) to her ex-husband's number.

3 trace something (from something) (to something) to describe a process or the development of something

Her book traces the town's history from colonial times to the present day.

4 trace something (out) to draw a line or lines on a surface

She traced a line in the sand.

5 trace something to follow the shape or outline of something

He traced the route on the map.

A tear traced a path down her cheek.

6 trace something to copy a map, drawing, etc. by drawing on **tracing paper** (= transparent paper) placed over it

noun

1 [**countable** , **uncountable**] a mark, an object, or a sign that shows that someone or something existed or was present

It's exciting to discover traces of earlier civilizations.

Police searched the area but found **no trace of** the escaped prisoners.

Years of living in New York had eliminated **all trace of** her Southern accent.

The ship had vanished **without a trace** .

2 [**countable**] **trace of something** a very small amount of something

The autopsy revealed traces of poison in his stomach.

She spoke without a trace of bitterness.

3 [**countable**] (technical) a line or pattern on paper or a screen that shows information that is found by a machine

The trace showed a normal heart rhythm.

4 [**countable**] **trace on someone/something** a search to find out information about the identity of someone or something, especially what number a telephone call was made from

The police ran a trace on the call.

Detectives are doing a trace on the vehicle.

5 [**countable** , usually **plural**] one of the two long pieces of leather that fasten a **carriage** or **cart** to the horse that pulls it

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tra • di • tion / trəˈdɪʃn / **noun**

[**countable** , **uncountable**]

a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has existed for a long time among a particular group of people; a set of these beliefs or customs

religious/cultural, etc. traditions

This region is **steeped in tradition** .

The company has a **long tradition** of fine design.

The British are said to love tradition (= to want to do things in the way they have always been done) .

They **broke with tradition** (= did things differently) and got married quietly.

By tradition , children dress up in costumes and go trick-or-treating on Halloween.

There's a tradition in our family that we have a party on New Year's Eve.

He's a politician **in the tradition of** (= similar in style to) Kennedy.

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trans • fer **verb, noun**

verb / ˈtrænsfər ; trænsˈfər /

(**-rr-**)

TO NEW PLACE

1 [**intransitive** , **transitive**] to move from one place to another; to move something or someone from one place to another

transfer (from...) (to...) The TV show is transferring its location from Los Angeles to New York.

If I spend a semester in Madrid, will my credits transfer?

transfer something/someone (from...) (to...) How can I transfer money from my bank account to his?

The patient was transferred to another hospital.

I couldn't transfer all my credits from the community college.

TO NEW JOB/SCHOOL/SITUATION

2 [**intransitive** , **transitive**] to move from one job, school, situation, etc. to another; to arrange for someone to move

transfer (from...) (to...) He transferred to UCLA after his freshman year.

transfer someone (from...) (to...) Ten employees are being transferred from the sales department.

FEELING/DISEASE/POWER

3 [**transitive** , **intransitive**] **transfer (something) (from...) (to...)** if you **transfer** a feeling, a disease, or power, etc., or if it **transfers** from one person to another, the second person has it, often instead of the first Joe had already transferred his affections from Lisa to Cleo.

After we moved, I felt obliged to transfer my loyalties to the local team.

This disease is rarely transferred from mother to baby (= so that the baby has it as well as the mother) .

PROPERTY

4 [transitive] transfer something (to someone) to officially arrange for something to belong to someone else or for someone else to control something

sign over

He transferred the property to his son.

TO NEW VEHICLE

5 [intransitive , transitive] to change to a different vehicle during a trip; to arrange for someone to change to a different vehicle during a trip

transfer (from...) (to...) We transferred from the train to a bus at the Canadian border.

transfer someone (from...) (to...) Hotel guests will be transferred from the airport to the hotel by van.

INFORMATION/MUSIC, ETC.

6 [transitive , intransitive] to copy information, music, an idea, etc. from one method of recording or presenting it to another; to be recorded or presented in a different way

transfer something (from something) (to something) You can transfer data to a memory stick in a few seconds.

transfer (from something) (to something) The novel does not transfer well to the screen.

noun / 'trænsfər /

CHANGE OF PLACE/JOB/SITUATION

1 [uncountable , countable] the act of moving someone or something from one place, group, or job to another; an occasion when this happens

electronic **data transfer**

the transfer of currency from one country to another

He has asked for a transfer to the company's Minneapolis branch.

After the election there was a swift **transfer of power** .

see also **cash transfer**

CHANGE OF VEHICLE

2 [uncountable , countable] an act of changing to a different place, vehicle, or route when you are traveling

The transfer from the airport to the hotel is included in the price.

TRAIN/BUS TICKET

3 [countable] a ticket that allows a passenger to continue their trip on another bus or train

PICTURE

4 [countable] = **decal**

PSYCHOLOGY

5 [uncountable] (psychology) the process of using behavior that has already been learned in one situation in a new situation

see also **language transfer**

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trans • form / træn'sfɔrm / **verb**

1 transform something/someone (from something) (into something) to change the form of something
convert

The photochemical reactions transform the light into electrical impulses.

2 transform something/someone (from something) (into something) to completely change the appearance or character of something, especially so that it is better

A new color scheme will transform your bedroom.

It was an event that would transform my life.

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tran • sit / 'trænzət ; 'trænsət / **noun, verb**

noun

1 [**uncountable**] the process of being moved or carried from one place to another

The cost includes transit.

goods damaged **in transit**

2 [**uncountable**] the system of buses, trains, etc. that people use to travel from one place to another
the transit system

see also **mass transit** , **rapid transit**

3 [**uncountable** , **countable** , usually **singular**] the act of going through a place on the way to somewhere else

a **transit visa** (= one that allows a person to pass through a country but not to stay there)

verb

[**transitive** , **intransitive**]

transit (something)

to pass across or through an area

The ship is currently transiting the Gulf of Mexico.

29,000 vessels transit in and out of the harbor every year.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

trans • mit / træns 'mIt ; trænz 'mIt ; / **verb**

(**-tt-**)

1 [**transitive** , **intransitive**] **transmit (something) (from...) (to...)** to send an electronic signal, radio or television broadcast, etc.

signals transmitted from a satellite

The ceremony was transmitted live by satellite to over fifty countries.

a shortwave radio that can transmit as well as receive

2 [**transitive**] to pass something from one person to another

transfer

transmit something sexually transmitted diseases

transmit something to someone Parents can unwittingly transmit their own fears to their children.

3 [**transitive**] **transmit something** (technical) to allow heat, light, sound, etc. to pass through

conduct

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

trans • port verb, noun

verb / træns 'pɔrt ; 'træns pɔrt /

1 transport something/someone (+ adverb/prep.) to take something or someone from one place to another
in a vehicle

to transport goods/passengers

The shipment of books was transported by sea.

2 transport something (+ adverb/prep.) to move something somewhere by means of a natural process

carry

The seeds are transported by the wind.

Blood transports oxygen around the body.

3 transport someone (+ adverb/prep.) to make someone feel that they are in a different place, time, or situation

The book transports you to another world.

4 transport someone (+ adverb/prep.) (in the past) to send someone to a far away place as a punishment

British convicts were transported to Australia for life.

trans • port • er / træn 'spɔrtər / **noun**

noun / ; 'træns pɔrt /

1 [**uncountable**] = **transportation** (1)

2 [**uncountable**] = **transportation** (2)

3 [**uncountable**] = **transportation** (3)

4 [**countable**] a ship, plane, or truck used for carrying soldiers, supplies, etc. from one place to another on board a troop transport

5 **transports** [**plural**] **transport of something** (literary) strong feelings and emotions

to be in transports of delight

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trend / trɛnd / **noun, verb**

noun

a general direction in which a situation is changing or developing

economic/social/political trends

trend (toward something) There is a **growing trend** toward earlier retirement.

trend (in something) current trends in language teaching

a downward/an upward trend in sales

You seem to have **set** (= started) a new **trend** .

This trend is being reversed (= is going in the opposite direction) .

One region is attempting to **buck** (= oppose or resist) the **trend** of economic decline.

The **underlying trend** of inflation is still upward.

language bank at **fall**

verb

[**intransitive**]

+ adverb/prep.

to change or develop in a general direction

Unemployment has been trending upward.

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trig • ger / 'trɪgə / **noun, verb**

noun

1 the part of a gun that you press in order to fire it

to **pull/squeeze the trigger**

He kept his finger on the trigger.

2 **trigger (for something) | trigger (to something/to do something)** something that is the cause of a particular reaction or development, especially a bad one

The trigger for the strike was the closure of yet another factory.

Intense sunlight may be a trigger for skin cancer.

3 the part of a bomb that causes it to explode

nuclear triggers

verb

1 **trigger something (off)** to make something happen suddenly

set off

Nuts can trigger off a violent allergic reaction.

2 **trigger something** to cause a device to start functioning

set off

to trigger an alarm

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ul • ti • mate / ˈʌltəmət / **adjective, noun**

adjective

[only before noun]

1 happening at the end of a long process

final

our **ultimate goal/aim/objective/target**

We will accept ultimate responsibility for whatever happens.

The ultimate decision lies with the parents.

2 most extreme; best, worst, greatest, most important, etc.

This race will be the ultimate test of your skill.

Silk sheets are the ultimate luxury.

Nuclear weapons are the ultimate deterrent.

3 from which something originally comes

basic, fundamental

the ultimate truths of philosophy and science

We could not trace the ultimate source of the rumors.

noun

1 [singular] **the ultimate in something** (informal) the best, most advanced, greatest, etc. of its kind
the ultimate in modern design

2 Ultimate [uncountable] = **Ultimate Frisbee**

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un • der • go / ˌʌndərˈɡoʊ / **verb**

(**un • der • went** / ˌʌndərˈwɛnt / **un • der • gone** / ˌʌndərˈɡɒn ; ˌʌndərˈɡʌn /)

undergo something

to experience something, especially a change or something unpleasant

to **undergo tests/trials/repairs**

My mother **underwent** major **surgery** last year.

Some children **undergo a** complete **transformation** when they become teenagers.

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un • der • lie / ˌʌndərˈlaɪ / **verb**

(**un • der • ly • ing** , **un • der • lay** / ˌʌndərˈleɪ / **un • der • lain** / ˌʌndərˈleɪn /)

[no passive]

underlie something

(formal) to be the basis or cause of something

These ideas underlie much of his work.

It is a principle that underlies all the party's policies.

see also **underlying**

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un • der • take / ˌʌndərˈteɪk / **verb**

(**un • der • took** / ˌʌndərˈtʊk / **un • der • tak • en** / ˌʌndərˈteɪkən /)

(formal)

1 undertake something to make yourself responsible for something and start doing it

to **undertake a task/project**

College professors both teach and **undertake research** .

The company has announced that it will undertake a full investigation into the accident.

2 undertake to do something | **undertake that...** to agree or promise that you will do something
He undertook to finish the job by Friday.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

u • ni • form / 'yunə,fɔrm / **noun, adjective**

noun

1 [**countable** , **uncountable**] the special set of clothes worn by all members of an organization or a group at work, or by children at school

a **military/police/nurse's uniform**

soldiers **in uniform**

The hat is part of the **school uniform** .

Do you have to wear a uniform?

2 [**countable** , usually **singular** , **uncountable**] the clothes worn by the members of a sports team when they are playing

a striped baseball uniform

the team's **road uniform** (= that they use when playing games away from home)

3 [**singular** , **uncountable**] the type of clothes that a person or group usually wears

my standard teenage uniform of sweatshirt and jeans

the traditional banker's uniform

adjective

not varying; the same in all parts and at all times

uniform rates of pay

The walls were a uniform gray.

Growth has not been uniform across the country.

uniform lines of apartment houses (= they all looked the same)

u • ni • form • i • ty / ,yunə'fɔrmətɪ / **noun** [**uncountable** , **singular**]

They tried to ensure uniformity across the different departments.

the drab uniformity of the houses

u • ni • form • ly / 'yunə,fɔrmlɪ / **adverb**

The principles were applied uniformly across all the departments.

The quality is uniformly high.

Pressure must be uniformly distributed over the whole surface.

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u • ni • fy / 'yunə,fɑɪ / **verb**

(**u • ni • fies** , **u • ni • fy • ing** , **u • ni • fied** , **u • ni • fied**)

unify something

to join people, things, parts of a country, etc. together so that they form a single unit

The new leader hopes to unify the country.

the task of unifying the North and South

a unified transport system

u • ni • fi • ca • tion / ,yunəfə'keɪʃn / **noun** [**uncountable**]

the unification of Germany

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

u • nique / yu'nik / **adjective**

1 being the only one of its kind

Everyone's fingerprints are unique.

You can use **absolutely** , **totally** , or **almost** with **unique** in this meaning.

2 very special or unusual

a unique talent

The preview offers a unique opportunity to see the show without the crowds.

The deal will put the company in a unique position to export goods to Asia.

You can use **more** , **very** , etc. with **unique** in this meaning.

3 unique (to someone/something) belonging to or connected with one particular person, place, or thing
an atmosphere that is unique to New York

The koala is unique to Australia.

u • nique • ly **adverb**

Her past experience made her uniquely suited to lead the campaign.

The U.K., uniquely, has not had to face the problem of mass unemployment.

He was a uniquely gifted teacher.

u • nique • ness **noun** [**uncountable**]

The author stresses the uniqueness of the individual.

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u • til • i • ty / yu'tɪlɪtɪ / **noun, adjective**

noun

(pl. **u • til • i • ties**)

1 [**countable**] a service provided for the public, for example an electricity, water, or gas supply
the administration of **public utilities**

Rescue teams worked desperately to restore utilities in the area hit hardest by the hurricane.

2 [**uncountable**] (formal) the quality of being useful

usefulness

This information is of the highest utility to a historian.

3 [**countable**] (computing) a piece of computer software that performs a particular task

adjective

[only before noun]

that can be used for several different purposes

an all-around utility player (= one who can play equally well in several different positions in a sport)

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val • id / 'væləd / **adjective**

1 that is legally or officially acceptable

a valid passport

a bus pass valid for 1 month

They have a valid claim to compensation.

2 based on what is logical or true

She had valid reasons for not supporting the proposals.

The point you make is perfectly valid.

3 (computing) that is accepted by the system

a valid password

invalid **1**

val • id • ly **adverb**

The contract had been validly drawn up.

It can be validly argued that they were not to blame.

AWL COLLOCATIONS

valid

valid adjective

officially or legally acceptable; logical or true

clinically , **empirically** , **experimentally** , **scientifically** , **statistically** | **externally** | **legally** | **deductively** | **equally** | **universally**

An argument either way could be equally valid.

assumption , **generalization** | **hypothesis** , **theory** | **methodology** , **model** | **instrument** | **test** | **finding** , **result** | **conclusion** , **inference** | **argument** , **reason** | **criticism**

There were some potential flaws in the study design that made it difficult to draw valid conclusions from these data.

seem | **remain** | **consider something** , **deem something** | **accept something as** , **regard something as**

The conclusions of these studies remain valid for both large and small numbers of molecules.

validate verb

assumption | **hypothesis** , **theory** | **methodology** , **model** | **instrument** | **test** | **finding** , **result** | **conclusion** , **inference** | **argument** | **accuracy**

This study validated findings from earlier studies.

clinically , **empirically** , **experimentally** , **scientifically** , **statistically** | **externally** | **extensively** | **rigorously**

A similar procedure had been scientifically validated.

validation noun

clinical , **empirical** , **experimental** , **scientific** , **statistical** | **external** | **extensive** | **rigorous**

This lack of empirical validation has led to psychology's dismissal of Toman's theory.

validity noun

challenge , **dispute** , **doubt** , **question** | **assess** , **evaluate** , **test** | **affirm** , **attest to** , **confirm** , **demonstrate** , **verify**

The author questions the validity and reliability of standardized tests.

assumption | **hypothesis** , **theory** | **model** | **instrument** | **test** | **finding** , **result** | **conclusion** , **inference** | **argument**

Two tests were performed to assess the validity of this theory.

Consistent results emerged across the study, which attests to the validity of the findings.

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var • y

WORD FAMILY

vary verb

varied adjective

variable adjective

variation noun

various adjective

variety noun

/ 'vɛri / verb

(**var • y • ing** , **var • ied** , **var • ied**)

1 [intransitive] **vary (in something)** (of a group of similar things) to be different from each other in size, shape, etc.

differ

The students' work varies considerably in quality.

The quality of the students' work varies considerably.

New techniques were introduced with **varying degrees of** success.

2 [intransitive] to change or be different according to the situation

vary with something The menu varies with the season.

vary according to something Prices vary according to the type of room you need.

vary from something to something Pulse rates vary slightly from person to person.

vary (between A and B) Class numbers vary between 25 and 30.

"What time do you start work?" " **It varies .** "

3 [transitive] **vary something** to make changes to something to make it slightly different

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The job enables me to vary the hours I work.
Our aerobics instructor varies the routine each week.

AWL COLLOCATIONS

vary

vary verb

to be different from each other; to become different or to change

estimate , **opinion** , **pricing** , **ratio** , **result** | **rate** , **size**

Estimates vary because measurement techniques differ from study to study.

considerably , **greatly** , **significantly** , **substantially** | **widely** | **inversely** | **seasonally**

Spanish is spoken with an accent that varies considerably according to region.

The cost of cattle varies inversely with supply.

varying degrees

There are a wealth of resources on the World Wide Web, containing information with varying degrees of accuracy and reliability.

variable noun

independent , **predictor** | **dependent** , **outcome** | **continuous** , **categorical**

One predictor variable of early reading success is vocabulary knowledge.

In this study, age was measured as a continuous variable ranging from 18 to 70 years.

The categorical variables were gender and marital status.

variation noun

considerable , **slight** | **spatial** , **temporal** | **genetic** , **geographic** , **seasonal**

There is considerable variation; what works for one patient does not necessarily work for another.

The area has spatial variations in rainfall, with the southern areas receiving more rainfall than central locations.

variability noun

considerable , **substantial** | **climatic** , **genetic**

Considerable variability in all aspects of testing practices was evident.

Wild plant species usually have a great deal of genetic variability.

within | **across** , **among** , **between**

There is considerable variability within the group, with some students reading at grade level, and others demonstrating significant reading problems.

varied adjective

widely | **immensely** , **infinitely** , **richly**

Fibers may be derived from paper, metal, nylon, and other materials having widely varied physical properties.

The judicial systems of the rest of the world are immensely varied.

variable adjective

highly

Rainfall is highly variable, and the start and end of the two rainy seasons are unreliable.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

ve • hi • cle / 'viIkl ; 'vihIkl / **noun**

1 (somewhat formal) a thing that is used for transporting people or goods from one place to another, such as a car or truck

motor vehicles (= cars, buses, trucks, etc.)

Are you the driver of this vehicle?

rows of parked vehicles

2 vehicle (for something) something that can be used to express your ideas or feelings or as a way of achieving something

Art may be used as a vehicle for propaganda.

The play is an ideal vehicle for her talents.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

ver • sion / 'vərʒn / **noun**

1 a form of something that is slightly different from an earlier form or from other forms of the same thing
There are two versions of the game, a long one and a short one.

the **latest version** of the software package

the **deluxe/luxury version**

see also **beta version**

2 a description of an event from the position of a particular person or group of people

She gave us her version of what had happened that day.

Their versions of how the accident happened conflict.

THESAURUS

report

story account version

These are all words for a written or spoken account of events.

report a written or spoken account of an event, especially one that is published or broadcast: We're getting reports of fighting in the south of the country.

story an account, often spoken, of what happened to someone, or of how something happened; a report of events in a newspaper, magazine, or news broadcast: It was many years before the full story was made public. ◇ the front-page story

account a written or spoken description of something that has happened: He gave the police a full account of the incident.

REPORT OR ACCOUNT?

A **report** is always of recent events, especially news. An **account** may be of events in the recent or distant past.

version a description of an event from the point of view of a particular person or group of people: She gave us her version of what had happened that day.

PATTERNS

a report/story **about** something

a(n) report/account/version **of** something

a **brief/short** report/story/account

a/the **full** report/story/account/version

a **news** report/story

to **give** a(n) report/account/version

3 a movie, play, piece of music, etc. that is based on a particular piece of work but is in a different form, style, or language

the film version of War and Peace

The English version of the novel is due for publication next year.

see also **cover version**

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

via / 'viə ; 'vaɪə / **preposition**

1 through a place

We flew home via Dubai.

2 by means of a particular person, system, etc.

I heard about the sale via Jane.

The news program came to us via satellite.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

vi • o • late / 'vaɪəˌleɪt / **verb**

1 violate something (formal) to go against or refuse to obey a law, an agreement, etc.

flout

to violate international law

2 violate something (formal) to disturb or not respect someone's peace, **privacy** , etc.

She accused the press photographers of violating her privacy.

3 violate something to damage or destroy a holy or special place

desecrate

to violate a grave

4 violate someone (literary or old-fashioned) to force someone to have sex

rape

vi • o • la • tion / ,vɑIə'leɪʃn / **noun** [**uncountable** , **countable**]

They were in open violation of the treaty.

gross violations of human rights

vi • o • la • tor / 'vɑIə'leɪtər / **noun**

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

vir • tu • al / 'vɜrtʃuəl / **adjective**

[only before noun]

1 almost or very nearly the thing described, so that any slight difference is not important

The country was sliding into a state of virtual civil war.

The company has a virtual monopoly in this area of trade.

He married a virtual stranger.

2 made to appear to exist by the use of computer software, for example on the Internet

New technology has enabled development of an online "virtual library."

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

vis • i • ble / 'vɪzəbl / **adjective**

1 that can be seen

The house is **clearly visible** from the beach.

Most stars are not **visible to the naked eye** .

The moon was just visible between the clouds.

2 that is obvious enough to be noticed

obvious

visible benefits

a visible police presence

He showed no visible sign of emotion.

She made a visible effort to control her anger.

compare **invisible**

After using the cream for a month, I could see no visible difference.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

vi • sion / 'vɪʒn / **noun**

1 [**uncountable**] the ability to see; the area that you can see from a particular position

to have **good/perfect/poor/blurred/normal vision**

20–20 vision (= the ability to see perfectly)

Cats have good **night vision** .

The couple moved out of her **field of vision** .

He glimpsed something on the edge of his vision.

see also **tunnel vision**

THESAURUS

sight

view vision

These are all words for the area or distance that you can see from a particular position.

sight the area or distance that you can see from a particular position: He looked up the street, but there was no one in sight. ◇ Leave any valuables in your car out of sight.

view (somewhat formal) the area or distance that you can see from a particular position: The lake soon came into view. ◇ Our hotel room had amazing views of the mountains.

vision the area that you can see from a particular position: The couple moved out of her **field of vision** (= the total area you can see from a particular position) .

SIGHT, VIEW, OR VISION?

View is more literary than **sight** or **vision** . It is the only word for talking about how well you can see something: ~~I didn't have a good sight/vision of the stage.~~ **Vision** must always be used with a possessive pronoun: my/his/her etc. (field of) vision . It is not used with the prepositions in, into, and out of that are very frequent with **sight** and **view** : ~~There was nobody in vision.~~ ◇ ~~A tall figure came into vision.~~

PATTERNS

in/out of sight/view

in/within sight/view **of** something

to **come into/disappear from** sight/view/someone's vision

to **come in** sight/view **of** someone/something

to **block** someone's view/vision

someone's **line of** sight/vision

someone's **field of** view/vision

2 [countable] an idea or a picture in your imagination

He had a vision of a world in which there would be no wars.

I **had visions** of us getting hopelessly lost.

The word conjures up visions of home and family.

3 [countable] a dream or similar experience, especially of a religious kind

The idea came to her in a vision.

4 [uncountable] the ability to think about or plan the future with great imagination and intelligence

foresight

a leader of vision

He's a competent politician, but he lacks vision.

5 [countable] a vision (of something) (literary) a person of great beauty or who shows the quality mentioned

She was a vision in white lace.

a vision of loveliness

6 [uncountable] the picture on a television or movie theater screen

We apologize for the loss of vision.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

vis • u • al / 'vɪʒuəl / **adjective, noun**

adjective

of or connected with seeing or sight

I have a very good visual memory.

the visual arts

The building makes a tremendous visual impact.

dramatic visual effects

The photographs she takes are a visual record of her travels.

vis • u • al • ly **adverb**

visually handicapped/impaired

visually exciting

noun

a picture, map, piece of film, etc. used to make an article or a talk easier to understand or more interesting
He used striking visuals to get his point across.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

vol • ume / 'vɒlyəm ; 'vɒlyum / **noun**

1 [**uncountable** , **countable**] the amount of space that an object or a substance fills; the amount of space that a container has

How do you measure the volume of a gas?

jars of different volumes

Wait until the dough doubles in volume before kneading it again.

2 [**uncountable** , **countable**] the amount of something

the **sheer volume** (= large amount) of business

This work has grown in volume recently.

New roads are being built to cope with the increased volume of traffic.

Sales volumes fell 0.2% in June.

3 [**uncountable**] the amount of sound that is produced by a television, radio, etc.

to **turn the volume up/down**

4 [**countable**] (abbr. **vol.**) a book, that is part of a series of books

an encyclopedia in 20 volumes

5 [**countable**] (formal) a book

a library of over 50,000 volumes

a slim volume of poetry

6 [**countable**] (abbr. **vol.**) a series of different issues of the same magazine, especially all the issues for one year

New Scientist volume 142, number 3

see **speak**

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

vol • un • tar • y / 'vɒlən,təri / **adjective, noun**

adjective

1 done willingly, not because you are forced

a voluntary agreement

Attendance at the meetings is purely voluntary.

to pay **voluntary contributions** into a pension fund

compulsory

2 [usually before noun] (of work) done by people who choose to do it without being paid

I do some **voluntary work** at the local hospital.

She works there on a **voluntary basis** .

voluntary services/bodies/agencies/organizations (= organized, controlled, or supported by people who choose to do this and are usually not paid)

the voluntary sector (= organizations that are set up to help people and that do not make a profit, for example charities)

3 [only before noun] (of a person) doing a job without wanting to be paid for it

a voluntary worker

4 (technical) (of movements of the body) that you can control

involuntary

noun

(pl. **vol • un • tar • ies**)

a piece of music played before, during, or after a church service, usually on an organ

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

wel • fare / 'wɛlfɛr / **noun**

[**uncountable**]

1 money that the government pays regularly to people who are poor, unemployed, sick, etc.

They would rather work than live **on welfare** .

collocations at **unemployment**

2 practical or financial help that is provided, often by the government, for people or animals that need it
child welfare

a social welfare program

welfare provision/services/work

3 the general health, happiness, and safety of a person, an animal, or a group

well-being

We are concerned about the child's welfare.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

where • as / wɛr'æz ; 'wɛrəz / **conjunction**

1 used to compare or contrast two facts

Some of the studies show positive results, whereas others do not.

We thought she was arrogant, whereas in fact she was just very shy.

language bank at **contrast**

2 (law) used at the beginning of a sentence in an official document to mean “because of the fact that...”

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

where • by / wɛr'baɪ ; 'wɛrbaɪ / **adverb** (formal)

by which; because of which

They have introduced a new system whereby all employees must undergo regular training.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

wide • spread / ,waɪd'sprɛd ; 'waɪdsprɛd / **adjective**

existing or happening over a large area or among many people

widespread damage

The plan received widespread support throughout the country.