

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

psy • chol • o • gy / saɪˈkɒlədʒi / **noun**

1 [**uncountable**] the scientific study of the mind and how it influences behavior

social/educational/child psychology

compare **pop psychology**

2 [**singular**] the kind of mind that someone has that makes them think or behave in a particular way

the psychology of small boys

3 [**singular**] how the mind influences behavior in a particular area of life

the psychology of interpersonal relationships

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pub • li • ca • tion / ˌpʌbləˈkeɪʃn / **noun**

1 [**uncountable** , **countable**] the act of printing a book, a magazine, etc. and making it available to the public; a book, a magazine, etc. that has been published

the publication date

the publication of his first novel

specialist publications

2 [**uncountable**] the act of printing something in a newspaper, report, etc. so that the public knows about it
a delay in the publication of the exam results

The newspaper continues to defend its publication of the photographs.

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pub • lish / ˈpʌblɪʃ / **verb**

1 [**transitive**] **publish something** to produce a book, magazine, **CD-ROM** , etc. and sell it to the public

The first edition was published in 2007.

He works for a company that publishes reference books.

Most of our titles are also published on CD-ROM.

2 [**transitive**] **publish something** to print a letter, an article, etc. in a newspaper or magazine

Pictures of the suspect were published in all the daily papers.

The editors published a full apology in the following edition.

3 [**transitive**] **publish something** to make something available to the public on the Internet

The report will be published on the Internet.

4 [**transitive** , **intransitive**] **publish (something)** (of an author) to have your work printed and sold to the public

She hasn't published anything for years.

University professors are under pressure to publish.

5 [**transitive**] **publish something** (formal) to make official information known to the public

release

The findings of the committee will be published on Friday.

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pur • chase / ˈpɜːtʃəs / **noun, verb**

noun

(formal)

1 [**uncountable** , **countable**] the act or process of buying something

to **make a purchase** (= buy something)

Keep your receipt as **proof of purchase** .

The company has just announced its \$27 million purchase of Park Hotel.

collocations at **shopping**

2 [**countable**] something that you have bought

major purchases, such as a new car

If you are not satisfied with your purchase we will give you a full refund.

3 [**uncountable** , **singular**] (technical) a firm hold on something with the hands or feet, for example when you are climbing

grip

She tried to get a purchase on the slippery rock.

verb

purchase something (from someone)

(formal)

to buy something

The equipment can be purchased from your local supplier.

They purchased the land for \$1 million.

Please ensure that you purchase your ticket in advance.

(figurative) Victory was purchased (= achieved) at too great a price.

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pur • sue / pər'su / **verb** (formal)

1 pursue something to do something or try to achieve something over a period of time

to **pursue a goal/an aim/an objective**

We intend to pursue this policy with determination.

She wishes to pursue a medical career.

2 to continue to discuss, find out about, or be involved in something

pursue something | **+ speech** to pursue legal action

We have decided not to pursue the matter.

3 pursue someone/something to follow or chase someone or something, especially in order to catch them

She left the theater, hotly pursued by the press.

Police pursued the car at high speed.

Jake has been pursuing her (= trying to have a relationship with her) for months.

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qual • i • ta • tive / 'kwɒlɪˌteɪtɪv / **adjective**

[usually before noun]

connected with how good something is, rather than with how much of it there is

qualitative analysis/research

There are qualitative differences between the two products.

compare **quantitative**

qual • i • ta • tive • ly **adverb**

qualitatively different

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quote / kwəʊt / **verb, noun**

verb

REPEAT EXACT WORDS

1 [**transitive** , **intransitive**] to repeat the exact words that another person has said or written

quote something (from someone/something) He quoted a passage from the minister's speech.

to quote Shakespeare

Quote this reference number in all correspondence.

The figures quoted in this article refer only to the United States.

quote (someone) (as doing something) The President was **quoted** in the press **as saying** that he disagreed with the decision.

"It will all be gone tomorrow." " **Can I quote you on that?** "

Don't quote me on this (= this is not an official statement) , but I think he is going to resign.

She said, and I quote, "Life is meaningless without love."

+ speech "New York is the biggest collection of villages in the world ," he quoted.

see also **misquote**

GIVE EXAMPLE

2 [transitive] quote (someone) something to mention an example of something to support what you are saying

Can you quote me an instance of when this happened?

THESAURUS

mention

refer to someone/something speak of/about someone/something cite quote

These words all mean to write or speak about someone or something, often in order to give an example or prove something.

mention to write or speak about someone or something, especially without giving much information: Nobody mentioned anything to me about the party.

refer to someone/something (somewhat formal) to mention or speak about someone or something: I promised not to refer to the matter again.

speak of/about someone/something to mention or describe someone or something: Witnesses spoke of a great ball of flame.

cite (formal) to mention something as a reason or an example, or in order to support what you are saying: She cited her heavy workload as the reason for her breakdown.

quote to mention an example of something to support what you are saying: Can you quote me an instance of this happening?

CITE OR QUOTE?

You can **cite** reasons or examples, but you can only **quote** examples: ~~She quoted her heavy workload as the reason for her breakdown.~~ **Cite** is a more formal word than **quote** and is often used in more formal situations, for example in descriptions of legal cases.

PATTERNS

to mention/refer to/speak of/cite/quote someone/something **as** someone/something

to mention/refer to/cite/quote a(n) **example/instance/case** of something

frequently/often mentioned/referred to/spoken of/cited/quoted

the example mentioned/referred to/cited/quoted **above/earlier/previously**

GIVE PRICE

3 [transitive , intransitive] quote (someone) (something) (for something/for doing something) to tell a customer how much money you will charge them for a job, service, or product

They quoted us \$300 for installing a shower unit.

4 [transitive] quote something (at something) (finance) to give a market price for shares, gold, or foreign money

Yesterday the euro was quoted at \$1,178.53, unchanged from Monday.

5 [transitive] quote something (finance) to give the prices for a business company's shares on a **stock exchange**

Several cosmetic companies are quoted on the New York Stock Exchange.

quote (... unquote)

(informal)

used to show the beginning (and end) of a word, phrase, etc. that has been said or written by someone else

It was quote, "the hardest decision of my life," unquote, and one that he lived to regret.

noun

(informal)

EXACT WORDS

1 = quotation (1)

The essay was full of quotes.

PRICE

2 = quotation (3)

Their quote for the job was way too high.

PUNCTUATION

3 quotes [plural] = quotation marks

If you take text from other sources, place it **in quotes** .

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rad • i • cal / 'rædɪkl / **adjective, noun**

adjective

[usually before noun]

1 concerning the most basic and important parts of something; thorough and complete

far-reaching

the need for **radical changes** in education

demands for radical reform of the law

radical differences between the sexes

2 new, different, and likely to have a great effect

radical ideas

a radical solution to the problem

radical proposals

3 in favor of thorough and complete political or social change

the radical wing of the party

radical politicians/students/writers

4 (old-fashioned , slang) very good

rad • i • cally / 'rædɪkli / **adverb**

The new methods are radically different from the old.

Attitudes have changed radically.

noun

1 a person with **radical** opinions

political radicals

2 (chemistry) a group of atoms that behave as a single unit in a number of **compounds**

see also **free radical**

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ran • dom / 'rændəm / **adjective, noun**

adjective

1 [usually before noun] done, chosen, etc. without someone deciding in advance what is going to happen, or without any regular pattern

the random killing of innocent people

a **random sample/selection** (= in which each thing has an equal chance of being chosen)

The information is processed in a random order.

(informal) He grabbed a random pair of jeans and an old red shirt.

She dodged the random items that were on the concrete floor.

I find and play a lot of random stuff—Bach, blues, bebop.

2 [only before noun] (informal) (especially of a person) not known or not identified

Some random guy gave me a hundred bucks.

You don't want some random dude telling you how to live your life.

3 (informal) a thing or person that is **random** is strange and does not make sense, often in a way that amuses or interests you

Mom, you are so random!

The humor is great because it's just so random and unhinged from reality.

ran • dom • ly **adverb**

The winning numbers are randomly selected by computer.

My phone seems to turn itself off randomly.

ran • dom • ness **noun** [**uncountable**]

It introduced an element of randomness into the situation.

noun

at random

without deciding in advance what is going to happen, or without any regular pattern

She opened the book at random (= not at any particular page) and started reading.

The terrorists fired into the crowd at random.

Names were chosen at random from a list.

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range / reIndʒ / **noun, verb**

noun

VARIETY

1 [**countable** , usually **singular**] **range (of something)** a variety of things of a particular type

The hotel offers **a wide range of** facilities.

There is **a full range of** activities for kids.

This material is available in a huge range of colors.

LIMITS

2 [**countable** , usually **singular**] the limits between which something varies

Most of the students are in the 17-20 **age range**.

There will be an increase **in the range of** 0 to 3 percent.

It's difficult to find a house in our **price range** (= that we can afford) .

This was **outside the range of his experience** .

DISTANCE

3 [**countable** , **uncountable**] the distance over which something can be seen or heard

The child was now out of her **range of vision** (= not near enough for her to see) .

4 [**countable** , **uncountable**] the distance over which a gun or other weapon can hit things

These missiles have a range of 300 miles.

see also **close-range** , **long-range** , **short-range**

5 [**countable**] the distance that a vehicle will travel before it needs more fuel

MUSIC

6 [**countable** , usually **singular**] all of the notes that a person's voice or a musical instrument can produce, from high to low

She was gifted with an incredible vocal range.

ABILITY

7 [**countable** , usually **singular**] the full extent of a person's knowledge or abilities

Those two movies give some indication of his range as an actor.

OF MOUNTAINS

8 [**countable**] a line or group of mountains or hills

the great mountain range of the Alps

FOR SHOOTING

9 [**countable**] an area of land where people can practice shooting or where bombs, etc. can be tested a shooting range

A device was exploded at the main nuclear testing range.

see also **driving range** , **rifle range**

OF PRODUCTS

10 [**countable**] a set of products of a particular type

line

our new range of hair products

see also **midrange** , **top of the line**

STOVE

11 a large piece of equipment for cooking food, containing an oven and gas or electric rings on top
stove

Cook the meat on a low heat on top of the range.

FOR COWS

12 the range [**singular**] a large open area for keeping cows, etc.

see also **free-range**

in/within range (of something)

near enough to be reached, seen, or heard

He shouted angrily at anyone within range.

out of range (of something)

too far away to be reached, seen, or heard

The cat stayed well out of range of the children.

She hid away in her house, out of range of prying eyes.

verb

VARY

1 [**intransitive**] to vary between two particular amounts, sizes, etc., including others between them

range from A to B to **range in size/length/price** from A to B

Accommodations range from tourist class to luxury hotels.

range between A and B Estimates of the damage range between \$1 million and \$5 million.

2 [**intransitive**] to include a variety of different things in addition to those mentioned

range from A to B She has had a number of different jobs, ranging from chef to swimming instructor.

+ adverb/prep. The conversation ranged widely (= covered a lot of different topics) .

see also **wide-ranging**

ARRANGE

3 [**transitive** , usually passive] **range someone/something/yourself + adverb/prep.** (formal) to arrange people or things in a particular position or order

The delegates ranged themselves around the table.

Spectators were ranged along the whole route of the procession.

MOVE AROUND

4 [**intransitive** , **transitive**] to move around an area

+ adverb/prep. He ranges far and wide in search of inspiration for his paintings.

range something Her eyes ranged the room.

'range yourself/someone a 'gainst/ 'with someone/something

[usually passive]

to join with other people to oppose or support someone or something

The whole family seemed ranged against him.

'range over something to include a variety of different subjects

His lecture ranged over a number of topics.

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ra • tio / 'reɪʃi, oʊ ; 'reɪʃoʊ / **noun**

(pl. **ra • tios**)

ratio (of A to B)

the relationship between two groups of people or things that is represented by two numbers showing how much larger one group is than the other

What is the ratio of men to women in the department?

The school has a very high teacher-student ratio.

The ratio of applications to available positions currently stands at 100:1.

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ra • tion • al / 'ræʃənəl / **adjective**

1 (of behavior, ideas, etc.) based on reason rather than emotions

a rational argument/choice/decision

rational analysis/thought

There is no rational explanation for his actions.

2 (of a person) able to think clearly and make decisions based on reason rather than emotions

reasonable

No rational person would ever behave like that.

irrational

ra • tion • al • i • ty / ,ræʃənələ'ti / **noun** [**uncountable**]

the rationality of his argument

ra • tion • al • ly / 'ræʃənəli / **adverb**

to act/behave/think rationally

She argued her case calmly and rationally.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

re • act / ri'ækt / **verb**

1 [**intransitive**] **react (to something) (by doing something)** to change or behave in a particular way as a result of or in response to something

Local residents reacted angrily to the news.

I nudged her but she didn't react.

You never know how he is going to react.

The market reacted by falling a further two points.

2 [**intransitive**] (+ **adverb/prep.**) to become ill after eating, breathing, etc. a particular substance

People can react badly to certain food additives.

3 [**intransitive**] **react (with something) | react (together)** (chemistry) (of substances) to experience a chemical change when coming into contact with another substance

Iron reacts with water and air to produce rust.

When an acid and an alkali react together the result is a salt and water.

re • act a'gainst someone/something to show dislike or opposition in response to something, especially by deliberately doing the opposite of what someone wants you to do

He reacted strongly against the artistic conventions of his time.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

re • cov • er / rɪ'kʌvər / **verb**

FROM ILLNESS

1 [**intransitive**] **recover (from something)** to get well again after being sick, hurt, etc.

He's still recovering from his operation.

FROM SOMETHING UNPLEASANT

2 [**intransitive**] **recover (from something)** to return to a normal state after an unpleasant or unusual experience or a period of difficulty

It can take many years to recover from the death of a loved one.

The economy is at last beginning to recover.

MONEY

3 [**transitive**] **recover something (from someone/something)** to get back the same amount of money that you spent or that is owed to you

recoup

He is unlikely to ever recover his legal costs.

SOMETHING LOST/STOLEN

4 [**transitive**] to get back or find something that was lost, stolen, or missing

recover something The police eventually recovered the stolen paintings.

recover something from someone/something Six bodies were recovered from the wreckage.

POSITION/STATUS

5 [**transitive**] **recover something** to win back a position, level, status, etc. that has been lost

regain

The team recovered its lead in the second half.

SENSES/EMOTIONS

6 [**transitive**] to get back the use of your senses, control of your emotions, etc.

regain

recover something It took her a few minutes to **recover consciousness** .

to recover your sight

recover yourself She seemed upset but quickly recovered herself.

re • cov • ered adjective [not before noun]

She is now fully recovered from her injuries.

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re • fine / rɪˈfaɪn / **verb**

1 refine something to make a substance pure by taking other substances out of it
the process of refining oil/sugar

2 refine something to improve something by making small changes to it

She has refined her playing technique over the years.

This theory still needs a little refining.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

re • gime / rɪˈʒɪm ; reɪˈʒɪm / **noun**

1 a government, especially one that has not been elected in a fair way

a **fascist/totalitarian/military, etc. regime**

an **oppressive/brutal regime**

collocations at **politics**

2 a method or system of organizing or managing something

a social regime of individual freedom

3 = regimen

a dietary regime

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

re • gion / ˈrɪdʒən / **noun**

1 a large area of land, usually without exact limits or borders

the **Arctic/tropical/desert, etc. regions**

one of the most densely populated regions of North America

2 one of the areas that a country is divided into, that has its own customs and/or its own government

the Basque region of Spain

3 a part of the body, usually one that has a particular character or problem

pains in the abdominal region

in the region of

used when you are giving a number, price, etc. to show that it is not exact

approximately

He earns somewhere in the region of \$50,000.

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reg • is • ter / 'rɛdʒəstər / **verb, noun**

verb

PUT NAME ON LIST

1 [**transitive, intransitive**] to record your/someone's/something's name on an official list

register something to **register a birth/marriage/death**

to **register a company/trademark**

register something in something The ship was registered in Panama.

register someone + adjective She is officially registered (as) disabled.

register (someone) as something 7,500 people were registered as exhibitors.

register (with someone/something) You need to register with our office by December 1.

register (at/for something) to register at a hotel

OFFICIALLY JOIN CLASS

2 [**intransitive, transitive**] to arrange for yourself or for someone else to officially join a class in school

enroll

register (for something) When do you register for the spring semester?

register someone (at something) Tommy's mother registered him at the local elementary school.

GIVE OPINION PUBLICLY

3 [**transitive**] **register something** (formal) to make your opinion known officially or publicly

China has registered a protest over foreign intervention.

ON MEASURING INSTRUMENT

4 [**intransitive**] (+ **noun**) if a measuring instrument **registers** an amount or something **registers** an amount on a measuring instrument, the instrument shows or records that amount

The thermometer registered 32°F.

The earthquake registered 3 on the Richter scale.

The stock exchange has registered huge losses this week.

SHOW FEELING

5 [**transitive, no passive, intransitive**] **register (something)** (formal) to show or express a feeling

Her face registered disapproval.

Shock registered on everyone's face.

NOTICE SOMETHING

6 [**transitive, no passive, intransitive**] (often used in negative sentences) **register (something)** to notice something and remember it; to be noticed

He barely registered our presence.

I told her my name, but it obviously didn't register.

LETTER/PACKAGE

7 [**transitive, usually passive**] **register something** to send something by mail, paying extra money to protect it against loss or damage

Can I register this, please?

a registered letter

noun

LIST OF NAMES

1 [**countable**] an official list or record of names, items, etc.; a book that contains such a list

a **church register** (= of births, marriages, and deaths)

to be on the **register of voters**

Could you sign the **hotel register** please, sir?

OF VOICE/INSTRUMENT

2 [**countable**] (technical) the range, or part of a range, of a human voice or a musical instrument in the **upper/middle/lower register**

OF WRITING/SPEECH

3 [countable , uncountable] (linguistics) the level and style of a piece of writing or speech, that is usually appropriate to the situation that it is used in

The essay suddenly switches from a formal to an informal register.

FOR HOT/COLD AIR

4 [countable] an opening, with a cover that you can have open or shut, that allows hot or cold air from a heating or cooling system into a room

compare **vent**

MACHINE

5 [countable] = cash register

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

reg • u • late / 'rɛgɪəˌleɪt / **verb**

1 regulate something to control something by means of rules

The activities of credit companies are regulated by law.

The government accepts whaling in principle as long as it is carefully regulated.

It is up to the regulating authority to put the measures into effect.

2 [transitive] regulate something to control the speed, pressure, temperature, etc. in a machine or system

This valve regulates the flow of water.

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re • in • force / ˌrɪnˈfɔrs / **verb**

1 reinforce something to make a feeling, an idea, etc. stronger

The experience reinforced my sense of loss.

Such jokes tend to reinforce racial stereotypes.

The climate of political confusion has only reinforced the country's economic decline.

Success in the talks will reinforce his reputation as an international statesman.

2 reinforce something to make a structure or material stronger, especially by adding another material to it

All buildings are now reinforced to withstand earthquakes.

reinforced steel

3 reinforce something to send more people or equipment in order to make an army, etc. stronger

The U.N. has undertaken to reinforce its military presence along the borders.

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re • ject **verb, noun**

verb / rɪˈdʒɛkt /

ARGUMENT/IDEA/PLAN

1 reject something to refuse to accept or consider something

to reject an argument/a claim/a decision/an offer/a suggestion

The boss rejected any idea of reforming the system.

The proposal was **firmly rejected** .

All our suggestions were **rejected out of hand** .

SOMEONE FOR JOB

2 reject someone to refuse to accept someone for a job, position, etc.

Voters rejected the hard-line candidates.

I've been rejected by all the universities I applied to.

NOT USE/PUBLISH

3 reject something to decide not to use, sell, publish, etc. something because its quality is not good enough

Imperfect articles are rejected by our quality control.

NEW ORGAN

4 reject something (of the body) to not accept a new organ after a **transplant** operation, by producing substances that attack the organ

Her body has already rejected two kidneys.

NOT LOVE

5 reject someone/something to fail to give a person or an animal enough care or affection

The lioness rejected the smallest cub, which died.

When her husband left home, she felt rejected and useless.

re • jec • tion / rɪˈdʒɛkʃn / **noun** [**uncountable** , **countable**]

Her proposal met with unanimous rejection.

a rejection letter (= a letter in which you are told, for example, that you have not been accepted for a job)

painful feelings of rejection

noun / ˈrɪdʒɛkt /

SOMETHING THAT CANNOT BE USED

1 something that cannot be used or sold because there is something wrong with it

PERSON

2 a person who has not been accepted as a member of a team, society, etc.

one of society's rejects

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re • lax / rɪˈlæks / **verb**

1 [**intransitive**] to rest and do something enjoyable, especially after work or effort

unwind

Just relax and enjoy the movie.

I'm going to spend the weekend just relaxing.

relax with something When I get home from work I like to relax with the newspaper.

2 [**intransitive** , **transitive**] **relax (someone)** to become or make someone become calmer and less worried

I'll only relax when I know you're safe.

Relax! Everything will be OK.

3 [**intransitive** , **transitive**] to become or make something become less tight or stiff

Allow your muscles to relax completely.

relax something The massage relaxed my tense back muscles.

He **relaxed his grip** on her arm.

(figurative) The dictator refuses to relax his grip on power.

4 [**transitive**] **relax something** to allow rules, laws, etc. to become less strict

The council has relaxed the ban on dogs in city parks.

5 [**transitive**] **relax something** to allow your attention or effort to become weaker

You cannot afford to relax your concentration for a moment.

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re • lease / rɪˈliːs / **verb, noun**

verb**SET SOMEONE OR SOMETHING FREE**

1 to let someone or something come out of a place where they have been kept or trapped

release someone/something to **release a prisoner/hostage**

release someone/something from something Firefighters took two hours to release the driver from the wreckage.

(figurative) Death released him from his suffering.

STOP HOLDING SOMETHING

2 release something to stop holding something or stop it from being held so that it can move, fly, fall, etc. freely

let go , let loose

He refused to release her arm.

10,000 balloons were released at the ceremony.

Intense heat is released in the reaction.

FEELINGS

3 release something to express feelings such as anger or worry in order to get rid of them

She burst into tears, releasing all her pent-up emotions.

FREE SOMEONE FROM DUTY

4 to free someone from a duty, responsibility, contract, etc.

release someone The club is releasing some of its older players.

release someone from something The new law released employers from their obligation to recognize unions.

PART OF MACHINE

5 release something to remove something from a fixed position, allowing something else to move or function
to **release the clutch/handbrake/switch, etc.**

MAKE LESS TIGHT

6 release something to make something less tight

You need to release the tension in these shoulder muscles.

MAKE AVAILABLE

7 release something to make something available to the public

Police have released no further details about the accident.

to release a movie/book/CD

new products released onto the market

8 release something to make something available that had previously been restricted

The new building program will go ahead as soon as the government releases the funds.

noun

SETTING SOMEONE OR SOMETHING FREE

1 [uncountable , singular] release (of someone) (from something) the act of setting a person or an animal free; the state of being set free

The government has been working to secure the release of the hostages.

She can expect an early release from prison.

MAKING SOMETHING AVAILABLE

2 [uncountable , singular] the act of making something available to the public

The new software is planned for release in April.

The movie's general release is next week.

3 [countable] a thing that is made available to the public, especially a new CD or movie
the latest new releases

see also **press release**

OF GAS/CHEMICAL

4 [uncountable , countable] the act of letting a gas, chemical, etc. come out of the container where it has been safely held

the release of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere

to monitor radiation releases

FROM UNPLEASANT FEELING

5 [uncountable , singular] the feeling that you are free from pain, anxiety, or some other unpleasant feeling

a sense of release after the exam

I think her death was a merciful release.

It's just a release of tension.

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rel • e • vant / 'rɛlɪvənt / **adjective**

1 closely connected with the subject you are discussing or the situation you are thinking about
a relevant suggestion/question/point

Do you have the relevant experience?

Send me all the relevant information.

relevant to something/someone These comments are not directly relevant to this inquiry.

irrelevant

2 relevant (to something/someone) having ideas that are valuable and useful to people in their lives and work

Her novel is still relevant today.

How relevant is learning Latin to most children?

rel • e • vance / 'rɛlɪvəns / **noun** [**uncountable**]

I don't see the relevance of your question.

What he said has no direct relevance to the matter in hand.

a classic play of contemporary relevance

rel • e • vant • ly **adverb**

The applicant has experience in teaching and, more relevantly, in industry.

AWL COLLOCATIONS

relevant

relevant adjective

closely connected with the subject you are discussing or the situation you are in

literature | **factor** , **variable** | **data** , **information** | **fact** | **question**

This study includes all the relevant variables that past research suggests.

culturally , **socially** | **theoretically**

Researchers note the importance of culturally relevant health programs.

especially , **highly** , **particularly**

Three problems in the literature on youth and globalization are particularly relevant to my focus here.

potentially | **directly** | **causally**

A number of potentially relevant factors might be added to these models.

consider something , **deem something**

Where one stands in this debate depends on the evidence considered relevant to the question.

~ to

This work is highly relevant to the interpretation of Native American religious traditions.

irrelevant adjective

detail , **information**

Research shows that children's ability to filter irrelevant information improves significantly from the ages of five to seven years.

largely | **entirely** | **increasingly** | **seemingly**

For the purposes of this paper, the first six verses are largely irrelevant; our focus is on the final verse.

render something

The civil war was so widespread that it rendered the central government largely irrelevant.

~ to

Many of their examples are irrelevant to our arguments.

relevance noun

contemporary | **causal** | **direct** | **questionable** | **particular**

The new translation is not only of historical interest but also of contemporary relevance.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

re • luc • tant / rɪ'lʌktənt / **adjective**

hesitating before doing something because you do not want to do it or because you are not sure that it is the right thing to do

reluctant agreement

reluctant (to do something) She was reluctant to admit she was wrong.

He finally gave a reluctant smile.

a **reluctant hero** (= a person who does not want to be called a hero)

re • luc • tance / rɪˈlʌktəns / **noun** [**uncountable** , **singular**]

reluctance (to do something) There is still some reluctance on the part of employers to become involved in this project.

They finally agreed to our terms with a certain reluctance.

It was with great reluctance that she took early retirement.

re • luc • tant • ly **adverb**

We reluctantly agreed to go with her.

Reluctantly, he started the engine and drove off.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

re • ly

WORD FAMILY

rely verb

reliable adjective (≠ unreliable)

reliably adverb

reliability noun (≠ unreliability)

reliance noun

/ rɪˈlaɪ / **verb**

(**re • lies** , **re • ly • ing** , **re • lied** , **re • lied**)

re'ly on/upon someone/something

1 to need or depend on someone or something

As babies, we rely entirely on others for food.

rely to do something These days we rely heavily on computers to organize our work.

rely doing something The industry relies on the price of raw materials remaining low.

2 to trust or have faith in someone or something

You should rely on your own judgment.

rely to do something You can rely on me to keep your secret.

He can't be relied on to tell the truth.

THESAURUS

trust

depend on someone/something **rely on someone/something** **count on someone/something** **believe in someone**

These words all mean to believe that someone or something will do what you hope or expect of them, or that what someone tells you is correct or true.

trust to believe that someone is good, honest, sincere, etc. and that they will do what you expect of them or do the right thing; to believe that something is true or correct: You can trust me not to tell anyone. ◇ Don't trust what you read in the newspapers!

depend on/upon someone/something (often used with can/cannot/could/could not) to trust someone or something to do what you expect or want, to do the right thing, or to be true or correct: He was the sort of person you could depend on. ◇ I can't depend on my own strength ever since I got sick.

rely on/upon someone/something (used especially with can/cannot/could/could not and should/should not) to trust someone or something to do what you expect or want, or to be honest, correct, or good enough: Can I rely on you to keep this secret? ◇ You can't rely on any data you get from them.

TRUST, DEPEND, OR RELY ON/UPON SOMEONE/SOMETHING?

You can **trust** someone's judgment or advice , but not their support. You can **depend on** someone's support , judgment , or advice . **Rely on/upon someone/something** is used especially with you can/could or you should to give advice or a promise: ~~I don't really rely on his judgment.~~ ◇ You can't really rely on his judgment.

count on someone/something (often used with can/cannot/could/could not) to be sure that someone will do what you need them to do, or that something will happen as you want it to happen: I'm counting on you to help me. ◇ We can't count on the weather.

believe in someone to feel that you can trust someone and/or that they will be successful: They need a leader they can believe in.

PATTERNS

to trust/depend on/rely on/count on **someone/something to do something**

to trust/believe **in** someone/something

to trust/depend on/rely on/count on **someone's advice/judgment**

to depend on/rely on/count on **someone's support**

to trust/depend on/rely on/believe in someone/something **completely**

AWL COLLOCATIONS

rely

rely verb

to need something or someone and not be able to live or work well without it/him/her

heavily | **entirely**, **exclusively**, **solely** | **mainly**, **mostly**, **primarily**, **principally** | **extensively**

The author relies heavily on the primary sources of the literature.

tend to

Larger volume commercial fruit and vegetable growers tend to rely on migrant labor to harvest crops.

reliability noun

ascertain, **assess**, **evaluate** | **improve** | **ensure** | **maximize**

To ensure the reliability of the experiments, all experiments were repeated two to three times.

a degree of ~ | **a level of ~**

Higher-accuracy instruments provide increased levels of reliability and confidence.

reliable adjective

scientifically, **statistically** | **highly** | **fairly**, **reasonably**, **sufficiently**

The data set used is too small to yield statistically reliable conclusions.

indicator, **predictor** | **estimate** | **source**

The authors conclude that consumer credit is one of the most reliable indicators of an advanced civilization.

prove

Tall buildings soak up radio waves, so landline communications might prove more reliable.

unreliable adjective

inherently, **intrinsically** | **notoriously** | **demonstrably** | **wholly** | **potentially** | **statistically**

Forecasters are notoriously unreliable at predicting things like the next wave of technological change.

These models were statistically unreliable because of the very small sample sizes.

render something

Technical difficulties in the design of experiments render data unreliable.

prove

Prior efforts to identify this disorder proved unreliable and expensive.

reliance noun

place | **question** | **decrease**, **lessen**, **reduce** | **necessitate** | **preclude** | **entail**

These findings suggest that new industries lessen reliance on agriculture.

excessive, **heavy**, **inordinate**, **undue** | **exclusive**

The almost exclusive reliance on memoirs and letters tells us how strongly the biographical element dominates Frank's work.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

re • move / rI' muv / **verb, noun**

verb

1 to take something or someone away from a place

remove something/someone Illegally parked vehicles will be removed.

remove something/someone from something/someone He removed his hand from her shoulder.

Three children were removed from the school for persistent bad behavior.

Remove the pan from the heat and continue to stir the sauce.

2 to take off clothing, etc. from the body

She removed her glasses and rubbed her eyes.

3 to get rid of something unpleasant, dirty, etc.; to make something disappear

remove something She has had the tumor removed.

to remove problems/obstacles/objections

remove something from someone/something The news removed any doubts about the company's future from my mind.

It was impossible to remove the stain from the tablecloth.

4 remove someone from something to dismiss someone from their position or job

The elections removed the government from power.

once, twice, etc. removed (of a cousin) belonging to a different generation

He's my cousin's son so he's my first cousin once removed.

be far/further/furthest removed from something

to be very different from something; to not be connected with something

Many of these books are far removed from the reality of the children's lives.

noun

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

(formal)

an amount by which two things are separated

Charlotte seemed to be living **at one remove** from reality.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

re • quire / rɪ'kwɑɪər / **verb** (not usually used in the progressive tenses) (formal)

1 to need something; to depend on someone or something

require something These pets require a lot of care and attention.

Deciphering the code requires an expert.

This condition requires urgent treatment.

Do you require anything else? (= in a store, for example)

require someone/something to do something A successful marriage requires us to show trust and loyalty.

require that... The situation required that he be present.

require doing something Lentils do not require soaking before cooking.

2 [often passive] to make someone do or have something, especially because it is necessary according to a particular law or set of rules

require something The wearing of seat belts is required by law.

"Hamlet" is **required reading** (= must be read) for this course.

Several students failed to reach the required standard.

I just require a signature on the form.

require something of someone What exactly is required of a receptionist (= what are they expected to do)?

require someone to do something All candidates will be required to take a short test.

require that... We require that you comply with the following rules:...

THESAURUS

demand

expect insist ask require

These words all mean to say that someone should do or have something.

demand to ask for something very firmly; to say very firmly that someone should have or do something: She demanded an immediate explanation.

expect to demand that someone should do, have, or be something, especially because it is their duty or responsibility: I expect to be paid promptly for the work.

insist to demand that something happens or that someone agrees to do something: She insisted that I go with her. ◇ We **insist on** the highest standards at all times.

ask to expect or demand something: You're asking too much of him.

DEMAND, EXPECT, OR ASK?

Ask is not as strong as **demand** or **expect**, both of which can be more like a command.

require [often passive] (somewhat formal) to make someone do or have something, especially because it is necessary according to a law or set of rules or standards: All candidates will be required to take a short test.

PATTERNS

to demand/expect/ask/require something **of/from** someone

to demand/expect/insist/ask/require **that...**

to expect/ask/require someone **to do something**

to demand/expect/ask/require **a lot/too much/a great deal**

to **be too much to** expect/ask

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

re • search noun, verb

noun / 'risərtʃ ; rɪ'sɜrtʃ /

[**uncountable**]

a careful study of a subject, especially in order to discover new facts or information about it

medical/historical/scientific, etc. research

to **do/conduct/undertake research**

research (into/on something/someone) He has carried out extensive research into renewable energy sources.

Recent research on deaf children has produced some interesting findings about their speech.

a **research project/grant/student**

Research on animals has led to some important medical advances.

I've done some research to find out the cheapest way of traveling there.

collocations at **scientific**, see also **market research**, **operations research**

verb / rɪ'sɜrtʃ ; 'risərtʃ /

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

to study something carefully and try to discover new facts about it

research (into/in/on something) They're researching into ways of improving people's diet.

research something to research a problem/topic/market

She's in New York researching her new book (= finding facts and information to put in it) .

research how, what, etc.... We have to research how the product will actually be used.

re • search • er noun

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

re • side / rɪ'zaɪd / **verb**

[**intransitive**]

+ adverb/prep.

(formal)

to live in a particular place

He returned to the U.S. in 1939, having resided abroad for many years.

Their passports do not give them the right to reside in the U.S.

re'side in someone/something to be in someone or something; to be caused by something

The poem's main interest resides in the use of dialect.

The source of the problem resides in the fact that the currency is too strong.

re'side in/with someone/something (of a power, a right, etc.) to belong to someone or something

be vested in

The ultimate authority resides with the board of directors.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

re • solve / rɪˈzɒlv / **verb, noun**

verb

(formal)

1 [**transitive**] **resolve something/itself** to find an acceptable solution to a problem or difficulty
settle

to **resolve an issue/a dispute/a conflict/a crisis**

Attempts are being made to resolve the problem of security in schools.

Both sides met in order to try to resolve their differences.

Be patient and the situation may resolve itself.

2 [**transitive , intransitive**] to make a firm decision to do something

resolve to do something He resolved not to tell her the truth.

resolve (that)... She resolved (that) she would never see him again.

resolve on something/on doing something We had resolved on making an early start.

3 [**transitive**] (of a committee, meeting, etc.) to reach a decision by means of a formal vote

it is resolved that... It was resolved that the matter be referred to a higher authority.

resolve that... They resolved that the matter be referred to a higher authority.

resolve to do something The Supreme Council resolved to resume control over the national press.

re' solve into something | re' solve something into something

(formal)

1 to separate or to be separated into its parts

to resolve a complex argument into its basic elements

2 (of something seen or heard at a distance) to gradually turn into a different form when it is seen or heard more clearly

The orange light resolved itself into four lanterns.

3 to gradually become or be understood as something

The discussion eventually resolved itself into two main issues.

noun

[**uncountable**]

(formal)

strong determination to achieve something

resolution

The difficulties in her way merely strengthened her resolve.

It was a test of his stamina and resolve.

She did not weaken in her resolve.

resolve to do something The government reiterated its resolve to uncover the truth.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

re • source / 'risɔrs ; rɪ'sɔrs / **noun, verb**

noun

1 [**countable , usually plural**] a supply of something that a country, an organization, or a person has and can use, especially to increase their wealth

the exploitation of minerals and other **natural resources**

We do not have the resources (= money) to update our computer software.

We must make the most efficient use of the available financial resources.

We agreed to **pool our resources** (= so that everyone gives something) .

the allocation of limited resources

collocations at **environment** , see also **human resources**

2 [**countable**] something that can be used to help achieve an aim, especially a book, equipment, etc. that provides information for teachers and students

The database could be used as a teaching resource in colleges.

Time is your most valuable resource, especially in exams.

resource books for teachers

a library resource center

3 resources [plural] personal qualities such as courage and imagination that help you deal with difficult situations

He has no inner resources and hates being alone.

verb

resource something

to provide something with the money or equipment that is needed

Schools in the area are still inadequately resourced.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

re • spond / rɪˈspɒnd / **verb**

1 [intransitive , transitive] (somewhat formal) to give a spoken or written answer to someone or something

reply

I asked him his name, but he didn't respond.

respond (to someone/something) (with something) She never responded to my letter.

More than fifty people responded to the advertisement.

+ speech "I'm not sure," she responded.

respond that... When asked about the company's future, the director responded that he remained optimistic.

note at **answer**

2 [intransitive] **respond (to something) (with something/by doing something)** to do something as a reaction to something that someone has said or done

react

How did they respond to the news?

The government responded by banning all future demonstrations.

3 [intransitive] **respond (to something/someone)** to react quickly or in the correct way to something or someone

The car responds very well to the controls.

You can rely on him to respond to a challenge.

4 [intransitive] **respond (to something)** to improve as a result of a particular kind of treatment

The infection did not respond to the drugs.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

re • store / rɪˈstɔr / **verb**

1 restore something (to someone) to bring back a situation or feeling that existed before

The measures are intended to restore public confidence in the economy.

Order was quickly **restored** after the riots.

Such kindness restores your faith in human nature (= makes you believe most people are kind) .

The operation restored his sight (= made him able to see again) .

2 restore someone/something to something to bring someone or something back to a former condition, place, or position

He is now fully restored to health.

We hope to **restore** the garden **to its former glory** (= make it as beautiful as it used to be) .

This cream claims to restore your skin to its youthful condition.

3 restore something to repair a building, work of art, piece of furniture, etc. so that it looks as good as it did originally

Her job is restoring old paintings.

The house has been lovingly restored to the way it looked in 1900 when it was built.

4 restore something to bring a law, tradition, way of working, etc. back into use

reintroduce

to restore ancient traditions

Some people argue that the death penalty should be restored.

5 restore something (to someone/something) (formal) to give something that was lost or stolen back to someone

The police have now restored the painting to its rightful owner.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

re • strain / rI'streIn / **verb**

1 to stop someone or something from doing something, especially by using physical force

restrain someone/something The prisoner had to be restrained by the police.

He placed a restraining hand on her arm.

restrain someone/something from something/from doing something I had to restrain her from hitting out at passers-by.

They have obtained an injunction restraining the company from selling the product.

2 to stop yourself from feeling an emotion or doing something that you would like to do

restrain something John managed to restrain his anger.

I restrained the urge to punch him.

restrain yourself (from something/from doing something) She had to restrain herself from crying out in pain.

I was tempted to answer back, but I restrained myself.

3 restrain something to stop something that is growing or increasing from becoming too large

keep under control

The government is taking steps to restrain inflation.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

re • strict / rI'strIkt / **verb**

1 to limit the size, amount, or range of something

restrict something to something Speed is restricted to 30 mph in towns.

We restrict the number of students per class to 10.

restrict something Fog severely restricted visibility.

Having small children tends to restrict your freedom.

2 restrict something to stop someone or something from moving or acting freely

impede

The long skirt restricted her movements.

3 restrict something (to someone) to control something with rules or laws

Access to the club is restricted to members only.

4 restrict yourself/someone (to something/to doing something) to allow yourself or someone to have only a limited amount of something or to do only a particular kind of activity

I restrict myself to one cup of coffee a day.

Why don't you restrict yourself to setting down the facts?

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

re • tain / rI'teIn / **verb** (somewhat formal)

1 retain something to keep something; to continue to have something

preserve

to retain your independence

He struggled to retain control of the situation.

The house retains much of its original charm.

She retained her tennis title for the third year.

2 retain something to continue to hold or contain something
a soil that retains moisture

This information is no longer retained within the computer's main memory.

(figurative) She has a good memory and finds it easy to retain facts.

3 retain someone/something (law) if a member of the public **retains** someone such as a lawyer, he or she pays money regularly or in advance so the lawyer, etc. will do work for him or her when it is needed
a retaining fee

to retain the services of a lawyer

see also **retention** , **retentive**

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

re • veal / rɪˈvil / **verb**

1 to make something known to someone

disclose

reveal something (to someone) to reveal a secret

Details of the murder were revealed by the local paper.

The doctors did not reveal the truth to him.

Salted peanuts were recently revealed as the nation's favorite snack.

Her expression revealed nothing.

reveal (that)... The report reveals (that) the company experienced a loss of \$50 million last year.

it is revealed that... It was revealed that important evidence had been suppressed.

reveal how, what, etc.... Officers could not reveal how he died.

reveal someone/something to be/have something Salted peanuts were recently revealed to be the nation's favorite snack.

language bank at **evidence**

2 to show something that previously could not be seen

display

reveal something He laughed, revealing a line of white teeth.

The door opened to reveal a cozy little room.

X-rays revealed a fracture.

reveal yourself She crouched in the dark, too frightened to reveal herself.

see also **revelation** , **revelatory**

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

rev • e • nue / ˈrɛvəˌnu / **noun**

[**uncountable**]

(also **rev • e • nues**)

the money that a government receives from taxes or that an organization, etc. receives from its business

receipts

a shortfall in tax revenue

Advertising revenue finances the commercial television channels.

a slump in oil revenues

The company's annual revenues rose by 30%.

collocations at **business** , see also **Internal Revenue Service**

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

re • verse / rɪˈvɜrs / **verb, noun, adjective**

verb

CHANGE TO OPPOSITE

1 [transitive] reverse something to change something completely so that it is the opposite of what it was before

to reverse a procedure/process/trend

The government has failed to reverse the economic decline.

It is sometimes possible to arrest or reverse the disease.

2 [transitive] reverse something to change a previous decision, law, etc. to the opposite one

The Court of Appeals reversed the decision.

The policy is likely to be reversed if a new mayor is elected.

to reverse a judgment

3 [transitive] reverse something to turn something the opposite way around or change the order of something around

Writing is reversed in a mirror.

You should reverse the order of these pages.

EXCHANGE TWO THINGS

4 [transitive] reverse something to exchange the positions or functions of two things

It felt as if we had reversed our roles of parent and child.

She used to work for me, but our situations are now reversed.

YOURSELF

5 [transitive] reverse yourself (on something) to admit you were wrong or to stop having a particular position in an argument

He has reversed himself on a dozen issues.

VEHICLE

6 [intransitive , transitive] when a vehicle or its driver **reverses** , or the driver **reverses** a vehicle, the vehicle goes backward

He reversed around the corner.

Caution! This truck is reversing.

reverse something Now reverse the car.

compare **back** v.

noun

OPPOSITE

1 the reverse [singular] the opposite of what has just been mentioned

This problem is the reverse of the previous one.

Although I expected to enjoy living in the country, in fact **the reverse is true** .

When driving south, the reverse applies.

It wasn't easy to persuade her to come— **quite the reverse** .

BACK

2 the reverse [singular] the back of a coin, piece of material, piece of paper, etc.

The coin has a profile of Lincoln stamped on the reverse.

IN VEHICLE

3 (also re, verse 'gear) [uncountable] the machinery in a vehicle used to make it move backward

Put the car in/into reverse .

LOSS/DEFEAT

4 [countable] (formal) a loss or defeat; a change from success to failure

setback

Property values have suffered another reverse.

a damaging political reverse

in reverse

in the opposite order or way

backward

The secret number is my phone number in reverse.

We did a similar trip to yours, but in reverse.

Resource: <https://github.com/k-five>

go/put something into reverse

to start to happen, or to make something happen, in the opposite way

In 2008 economic growth went into reverse.

Various problems have put the company's expansion plans into reverse.

adjective

[only before noun]

OPPOSITE

1 opposite to what has been mentioned

to travel in the reverse direction

The winners were announced **in reverse order** (= the person in the lowest place was announced first) .

The experiment had the reverse effect of what was intended.

BACK

2 opposite to the front

Iron the garment on the reverse side.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

re • vise / rɪˈvaɪz / **verb**

1 [**transitive**] **revise something** to change your opinions or plans, for example because of something you have learned

I can see I'll have to revise my opinion of his abilities now.

The government may need to revise its policy in the light of this report.

2 [**transitive**] **revise something** to change something, such as a book or an estimate, in order to correct or improve it

a revised edition of a textbook

I'll prepare a revised estimate for you.

We may have to revise this figure upward.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

rev • o • lu • tion / ˌrɛvəˈluʃn / **noun**

1 [**countable** , **uncountable**] an attempt, by a large number of people, to change the government of a country, especially by violent action

a socialist revolution

the outbreak of the American Revolution in 1776

to start a revolution

a country on the brink of revolution

collocations at **politics** , see also **counterrevolution** , **revolt**

2 [**countable**] a great change in conditions, ways of working, beliefs, etc. that affects large numbers of people

a **cultural/social/scientific, etc. revolution**

revolution in something A revolution in information technology is taking place.

see also **Industrial Revolution**

3 [**countable** , **uncountable**] **revolution (around/on something)** a complete **circular** movement around a point, especially of one planet around another

the revolution of the earth around the sun

see also **revolve**

4 (also informal **rev**) [**countable**] a **circular** movement made by something fixed to a central point, for example in a car engine

rotating at 300 **revolutions per minute**

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

rig • id / 'rɪdʒəd / **adjective**

1 (often disapproving) (of rules, methods, etc.) very strict and difficult to change

inflexible

The curriculum was too narrow and too rigid.

His rigid adherence to the rules made him unpopular.

2 (of a person) not willing to change their ideas or behavior

inflexible

rigid attitudes

3 (of an object or substance) stiff and difficult to move or bend

a rigid support for the tent

She sat upright, her body **rigid with fear** .

ri • gid • i • ty / rɪ'dʒɪdətɪ / **noun** [**uncountable** , **countable**]

the rigidity of the law on this issue

the rigidity of the metal bar

rig • id • ly / 'rɪdʒədli / **adverb**

The speed limit must be rigidly enforced.

She stared rigidly ahead.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

role / roʊl / **noun**

1 the function or position that someone has or is expected to have in an organization, in society, or in a relationship

the role of the teacher in the classroom

She refused to take on the traditional woman's role.

In many marriages there has been a complete **role reversal** (= change of roles) with the man staying at home and the woman going out to work.

2 an actor's part in a play, movie, etc.

It is one of the greatest roles she has played.

Who is in the **lead role** ? (= the most important one)

3 the degree to which someone or something is involved in a situation or an activity and the effect that they have on it

the role of diet in preventing disease

The media plays a **major role** in influencing people's opinions.

a **key/vital role**

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

route / rut ; raʊt / **noun, verb**

noun

1 a way that you follow to get from one place to another

Which is the best route to take?

Drivers are advised to find an alternative route.

a coastal route

route (from A to B) the quickest route from Florence to Rome

an **escape route**

see also **en route**

2 a fixed way along which a bus, train, etc. regularly travels or goods are regularly sent

The house is not on a **bus route** .

shipping routes

a **bike route** (= a path that is only for **cyclists**)

3 route (to something) a particular way of achieving something
the route to success

There are a number of routes to qualifying as a social worker.

4 (abbr. **Rte.**) used before the number of a main road in the U.S.

Route 66

verb

(**route • ing**, **route • ed**, **route • ed**)

route someone/something (+ adverb/prep.)

to send someone or something by a particular route

Satellites route data all over the globe.

The flight to Sydney is routed via Tokyo.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

sce • nar • i • o / sɛ'nɛrɪˌoʊ / **noun**

(pl. **sce • nar • i • os**)

1 a description of how things might happen in the future

Let me suggest a **possible scenario**.

The **worst-case scenario** (= the worst possible thing that could happen) would be for the factory to be closed down.

a **nightmare scenario**

2 a written outline of what happens in a movie or play

synopsis

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

sched • ule / 'skɛdʒʊl ; 'skɛdʒəl / **noun, verb**

noun

1 [**countable**, **uncountable**] a plan that lists all the work or other activities that you have to do and when you must do each thing

I have a hectic schedule for the next few days.

We're working on a **tight schedule** (= we have a lot of things to do in a short time).

Filming began **on schedule** (= at the planned time).

The new bridge has been finished two years **ahead of schedule**.

The tunnel project has already fallen **behind schedule**.

We are trying desperately to keep to our schedule.

note at **agenda**

2 [**countable**] a list showing the times at which something is due to arrive or leave

a bus/train schedule

a schedule of our weekend walking tours

3 [**countable**] a list showing the times of each class in school

Each semester there is a new course schedule.

I haven't printed out my class schedule yet.

4 [**countable**] a list of the television and radio programs that are on a particular channel and the times that they start

The channel's schedules are filled with old movies and repeats.

Channel 4 has published its spring schedules.

5 [**countable**] a written list of things, for example prices, rates, or conditions

tax schedules

verb

to arrange for something to happen at a particular time

schedule something (for something) The meeting is scheduled for Friday afternoon.

One of the scheduled events is a talk on alternative medicine.

We'll be stopping here for longer than scheduled.

schedule someone/something to do something I'm scheduled to arrive in LA at 5 o'clock.

sched • ul • er / 'skedʒulər / **noun**

The President's schedulers allowed 90 minutes for TV interviews.

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scheme / skim / **noun, verb**

1 noun a plan for getting money or some other advantage for yourself, especially one that involves cheating other people

an elaborate scheme to avoid taxes

2 a system for organizing or arranging things

a classification scheme for libraries

see also **color scheme**

the/someone's scheme of things

the way things seem to be organized; the way someone wants everything to be organized

My personal problems are not really important in the **overall scheme of things** .

I don't think marriage figures in his scheme of things.

verb

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

(disapproving)

to make secret plans to do something that will help yourself and possibly harm others

plot

scheme (against someone) She seemed to feel that we were all scheming against her.

scheme to do something His colleagues, meanwhile, were busily scheming to get rid of him.

scheme something Her enemies were scheming her downfall.

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scope / skoʊp / **noun, verb**

noun

[**uncountable**]

1 the opportunity or ability to do or achieve something

potential

scope (for something) There's still plenty of scope for improvement.

Her job offers very **little scope** for promotion.

scope (for someone) (to do something) The extra money will give us the scope to improve our facilities.

First try to do something that is **within your scope** .

2 the range of things that a subject, an organization, an activity, etc. deals with

Our powers are limited **in scope** .

This subject lies **beyond the scope of** our investigation.

The police are broadening the scope of their investigation.

These issues were **outside the scope** of the article.

3 -scope (in nouns) an instrument for looking through or watching something with

microscope

telescope

verb

1 scope something (informal) to look at or examine something thoroughly

His eyes scoped the room, trying to spot her in the crowd.

2 scope something (out) to examine something carefully before you start work on it so that you know the size of the task

The information helped us scope the project.

They had already scoped out project needs and costs.

scope something 'out to look at something carefully in order to see what it is like

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sec • tion / 'sɛkʃn / **noun, verb**

noun

PART/PIECE

1 [countable] any of the parts into which something is divided

That section of the road is still closed.

The library has a large biology section.

the tail section of the plane

2 [countable] a separate part of a structure from which the whole can be put together

The kit comes in sections that you assemble yourself.

OF DOCUMENT/BOOK

3 [countable] a separate part of a document, book, etc.

These issues will be discussed more fully in the next section.

the sports section of the newspaper

The report has a section on accidents at work.

Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (= the 7th part of a legal document)

GROUP OF PEOPLE

4 [countable] a separate group within a larger group of people

an issue that will affect large sections of the population

the brass section of an orchestra

see also **rhythm section**

OF ORGANIZATION

5 [countable] a department in an organization, institution, etc.

division

He's the director of the finance section.

the section of the company dealing with customer services

DISTRICT

6 [countable] a district of a town, city, or county

the Dorchester section of Boston

one of the city's most affluent sections

MEASUREMENT

7 [countable] a measure of land, equal to one square mile

DIAGRAM

8 [countable] a drawing or diagram of something as it would look if it were cut from top to bottom or from one side to the other

The illustration shows a section through a leaf.

The architect drew the house **in section** .

see also **cross section**

MEDICAL

9 [countable , uncountable] (medical) the act of cutting or separating something in an operation

The surgeon performed a section (= made a cut) on the vein.

10 [countable] (informal) = **cesarean**

11 [countable] (medical , biology) a very thin, flat piece cut from body **tissue** to be looked at under a **microscope**

to examine a section from the kidney

verb

MEDICAL/BIOLOGY

1 section something (medical) to divide body **tissue** by cutting

2 section something (biology) to cut animal or plant **tissue** into thin slices in order to look at it under a **microscope**

section something 'off to separate an area from a larger one
Parts of the town had been sectioned off.