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da • ta / 'deɪtə ; 'dætə / **noun**

(used as a plural noun in technical English, when the singular is **datum**)

1 [**uncountable** , **plural**] facts or information, especially when examined and used to find out things or to make decisions

This data was collected from 69 countries.

the analysis/interpretation of the data

raw data (= that has not been analyzed)

demographical/historical/personal data

(technical) These data show that many cancers are detected during medical checkups.

collocations at **scientific**

2 [**uncountable**] information that is stored by a computer

data retrieval (= ways of storing or finding information on a computer)

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de • bate / dɪ'beɪt / **noun, verb**

noun

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

debate (on/about/over something)

1 an argument or discussion expressing different opinions

a **heated/wide-ranging/lively debate**

the current debate about taxes

There had been much debate on the issue of childcare.

Whether he deserves what has happened to him is **open to debate/a matter of/for debate** (= cannot be certain or decided yet) .

The theater's future is a subject of considerable debate.

2 a formal discussion of an issue at a public meeting or in government. In a debate , two or more speakers express opposing views and then there is often a vote on the issue

a debate on abortion

The senator opened the debate (= was the first to speak) .

The motion **under debate** (= being discussed) was put to a vote.

After a long debate, Congress approved the proposal.

collocations at **politics**

THESAURUS

discussion

conversation dialogue talk debate consultation chat gossip

These are all words for an occasion when people talk about something.

discussion a detailed conversation about something that is considered to be important: Discussions are still taking place between the two countries.

conversation a talk, usually a private or informal one, involving two people or a small group; the activity of talking in this way: a telephone conversation

dialogue conversations in a book, play, or movie: The novel has long descriptions and not much dialogue. A **dialogue** is also a formal discussion between two groups, especially when they are trying to solve a problem or end a dispute: The leaders engaged in a constructive dialogue about climate change.

talk a conversation or discussion, often one about a problem or something important for the people involved: I had a long talk with my boss about my career prospects.

debate a formal discussion of an issue at a public meeting or in Congress. In a debate, two or more speakers express opposing views and then there is often a vote on the issue: a debate over prison reform

consultation a formal discussion between groups of people before a decision is made about something: The proposal was based on extensive consultations with leading scientists.

chat a friendly, informal conversation; informal talking: Could I have a quick chat with you?

gossip talk about other people and their private lives, that is often unkind or not true: Office gossip can be nasty and cruel.

PATTERNS

(a) discussion/conversation/dialogue/talk/debate/consultation/chat/gossip **about** something

a discussion/conversation/dialogue/debate/consultation **on** something

in (close) discussion/conversation/dialogue/debate/consultation **with** someone

to **have** a discussion/conversation/dialogue/talk/debate/consultation/chat **with** someone

to **hold** a discussion/conversation/debate/consultation

verb

1 [**transitive** , **intransitive**] to discuss something, especially formally, before making a decision or finding a solution

discuss

debate (something) Politicians will be debating the bill later this week.

The question of the origin of the universe is still **hotly debated** (= strongly argued about) by scientists.

debate whether, what, etc.... The committee will debate whether to lower the age of club membership to 16.

THESAURUS

talk

discuss speak communicate debate consult

These words all mean to share news, information, ideas, or feelings with another person or other people, especially by talking with them.

talk to speak in order to give information, express feelings, or share ideas: We talked on the phone for over an hour.

discuss (somewhat formal) to talk and share ideas on a subject or problem with other people, especially in order to decide something: Have you discussed the problem with anyone? You cannot say "discuss about something": ~~I'm not prepared to discuss about this on the phone.~~

speak to talk to someone about something; to have a conversation with someone: I've spoken to the manager about it. ◇ "Can I speak with Susan?" "Speaking." (= at the beginning of a telephone conversation)

TALK OR SPEAK?

Speak can suggest a more formal level of communication than **talk** . You **speak** to or with someone about something to try to achieve a particular goal or to tell them to do something. You **talk** to or with someone in order to be friendly or to ask their advice: Have you talked to your parents about the problems you're having? ◇ I've spoken to Ed about it and he's promised not to let it happen again.

communicate (somewhat formal) to exchange information or ideas with someone: We only communicate by e-mail. ◇ Dolphins use sound to communicate with each other. **Communicate** is often used when the speaker wants to draw attention to the means of communication used.

debate to discuss something, especially formally, before making a decision or finding a solution: Politicians will be debating the bill later this week.

consult (somewhat formal) to discuss something with someone in order to get their permission for something, or to help you make a decision: You shouldn't have changed your plans without consulting me.

PATTERNS

to talk/discuss something/speak/communicate/debate/consult **with** someone

to talk/speak **to** someone

to talk to someone/speak to someone/consult someone **about** something

2 [**intransitive** , **transitive**] to think carefully about something before making a decision

debate (with yourself) She debated with herself for a while, and then picked up the phone.

debate whether, what, etc.... We're debating whether or not to go skiing this winter.

debate doing something For a moment he debated going after her.

de • bat • ing noun [**uncountable**]

a debating club at a school

a period of ten years, especially a period such as 1910–1919 or 1990–1999

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de • cline / dI'klaIn / **noun, verb**

noun

[**countable** , usually **singular** , **uncountable**]

decline (in something) | decline (of something)

a continuous decrease in the number, value, quality, etc. of something

a **rapid/sharp/gradual decline**

urban/economic decline

The company reported a small decline in its profits.

An increase in cars on the roads has resulted in the decline of public transport.

The town **fell into (a) decline** (= started to be less busy, important, etc.) after the mine closed.

The steel industry in the United States has been **in decline** since the 1970s.

verb

1 [**intransitive**] to become smaller, fewer, weaker, etc.

Support for the candidate continues to decline.

The number of tourists going to the resort declined by 10% last year.

Her health was declining rapidly.

2 [**intransitive** , **transitive**] (formal) to refuse politely to accept or to do something

refuse 1

I offered to give them a ride but they declined.

decline something to decline an offer/invitation

She declined a second glass of wine and called a taxi.

decline to do something Their spokesman declined to comment on the allegations.

3 [**intransitive** , **transitive**] **decline (something)** (grammar) if a noun, an adjective, or a pronoun **declines** , it has different forms according to whether it is the subject or the object of a verb, whether it is in the singular or plural, etc. When you **decline** a noun, etc., you list these forms.

compare **conjugate**

someone's declining years

(literary)

the last years of someone's life

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de • duce / dI'dus / **verb** (formal)

to form an opinion about something based on the information or evidence that is available

infer

deduce something (from something) We can deduce a lot from what people choose to buy.

deduce (from something) that, what, how, etc.... Can we deduce from your silence that you do not approve?

see also **deduction**

de • duc • i • ble / dI'dusəbl / **adjective**

The answer is deducible from the evidence available.

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in • fer / In'fər / **verb**

(**-rr-**)

1 to reach an opinion or decide that something is true on the basis of information that is available

deduce

infer something (from something) Much of the meaning must be inferred from the context.

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Readers are left to infer the killer's motives.

infer that... It is reasonable to infer that the government knew about these deals.

2 infer (that)... | **infer something** (non-standard) to suggest indirectly that something is true

Are you inferring (that) I'm not capable of doing the job?

WHICH WORD?

infer imply

Infer and **imply** have opposite meanings. The two words can describe the same event, but from different points of view. If a speaker or writer **implies** something, they suggest it without saying it directly: The article implied that the pilot was responsible for the accident. If you **infer** something from what a speaker or writer says, you come to the conclusion that this is what he or she means: I inferred from the article that the pilot was responsible for the accident.

Infer is now often used with the same meaning as **imply**. However, many people consider that a sentence such as Are you inferring that I'm a liar? is incorrect, although it is fairly common in speech.

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de • duc • tion / dɪˈdʌkʃn / **noun**

1 [**uncountable** , **countable**] the process of using information you have in order to understand a particular situation or to find the answer to a problem

He arrived at the solution by a simple process of deduction.

If my deductions are correct, I can tell you who the killer was.

We can examine the bones of dinosaurs and make deductions about how they lived.

see also **deduce** , compare **induction**

2 [**uncountable** , **countable**] the process of taking an amount of something, especially money, away from a total; the amount that is taken away

deductions from your pay for taxes, etc.

tax deductions

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de • fine / dɪˈfaɪn / **verb**

1 to say or explain what the meaning of a word or phrase is

define something The term "mental illness" is difficult to define.

define something as something Life imprisonment is defined as 60 years under state law.

2 to describe or show something accurately

define something We need to define the task ahead very clearly.

The difficulty of a problem was **defined in terms of** how long it took to complete.

define what, how, etc. ... It is difficult to define what makes him so popular.

3 define something to show clearly a line, shape, or edge

The mountain was **sharply defined** against the sky.

de • fin • a • ble / dɪˈfaɪnəbl / **adjective**

LANGUAGE BANK

define

defining terms

It is important to clarify what is meant by climate change.

Climate change **can / may be defined as** "the long-term fluctuations in temperature, precipitation, wind, and other aspects of the earth's climate."

A generally accepted definition of global warming **is** the gradual increase in the overall temperature of the earth's atmosphere due to the greenhouse effect.

The greenhouse effect **is defined** by the author **as** the process by which heat from the sun is trapped in the earth's atmosphere, causing the temperature of the earth to rise.

The author **uses the term** "climate change" **to refer to** any significant change in measures of climate lasting for an extended period.

The term “carbon footprint” **refers to** the amount of carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere as a result of the activities of an individual or organization.

Scientists suggest that increased carbon dioxide in the atmosphere will result in an increase in global temperatures, and **the term** “global warming” **is used** to describe this phenomenon.

⇒ Language Bank at **first**

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def • i • nite / 'dɛfənət / **adjective, noun**

adjective

1 definite (that...) sure or certain; unlikely to change

Can you give me a definite answer by tomorrow?

Is it definite that he's leaving?

I heard rumors, but nothing definite.

a definite offer of a job

That's definite then?

They have very definite ideas on how to bring up children.

THESAURUS

certain

bound sure definite guaranteed

These are all words describing something that will definitely happen or is definitely true.

certain that you can rely on to happen or be true: It's certain that they will agree. ◇ They are certain to agree.

bound [not before noun] certain to happen, or to do or be something. **Bound** is used only in the phrase bound to do/be, etc. : There are bound to be changes when the new system is introduced. ◇ You've done so much work—you're bound to pass the exam.

sure certain to happen or be true; that can be trusted or relied on: She's sure to be picked for the team. ◇ It's sure to rain. ◇ Don't worry—it's a **sure thing** .

definite certain to happen; that is not going to change: Our plans are not definite yet.

guaranteed certain to have a particular result: That method is guaranteed to take much longer.

PATTERNS

certain/sure **of** something

certain/bound/sure/guaranteed **to do something**

certain/definite **that...**

I **couldn't say for** certain/sure.

2 easily or clearly seen or understood; obvious

clear

The look on her face was a definite sign that something was wrong.

There was a definite feeling that things were getting worse.

3 [not before noun] **definite (about something)** | **definite (that...)** (of a person) sure that something is true or that something is going to happen and stating it to other people
I'm definite about this.

noun

[**singular**]

(informal)

something that you are certain about or that you know will happen; someone who is sure to do something
“Is Sarah coming to the party?” “Yes, she's a definite.”

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dem • on • strate / 'dɛmən,streɪt / **verb**

1 [transitive] to show something clearly by giving proof or evidence

demonstrate that... These results demonstrate convincingly that our campaign is working.

demonstrate something (to someone) Let me demonstrate to you some of the difficulties we are facing.

demonstrate how, what, etc.... His sudden departure had demonstrated how unreliable he was.

demonstrate someone/something to be something The theories were demonstrated to be false.

it is demonstrated that... It has been demonstrated that this drug is effective.

language bank at **evidence**

2 [transitive] demonstrate something to show by your actions that you have a particular quality, feeling or opinion

display

You need to demonstrate more self-control.

We want to demonstrate our commitment to human rights.

3 [transitive] to show and explain how something works or how to do something

demonstrate something (to someone) Her job involves demonstrating new educational software.

demonstrate (to someone) how, what, etc.... Let me demonstrate to you how it works.

4 [intransitive] to take part in a public meeting or march, usually as a protest or to show support for something

protest

demonstrate (against something) students demonstrating against the war

demonstrate (in favor/support of something) They are demonstrating in favor of free higher education.

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de • note / dɪ'noʊt / **verb** (formal)

1 denote something | denote that... to be a sign of something

indicate

A very high temperature often denotes a serious illness.

2 denote something | denote what, when, etc.... to mean something

represent

In this example "X" denotes the time taken and "Y" denotes the distance covered.

The red sign denotes danger.

Here "family" denotes mother, father, and children.

compare **connote**

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de • ny

WORD FAMILY

deny verb

denial noun

undeniable adjective

undeniably adverb

/ dɪ'naɪ / verb

(**de • nies** , **de • ny • ing** , **de • nied** , **de • nied**)

1 to say that something is not true

deny something to deny a claim/a charge/an accusation

to flatly/categorically/vehemently deny (= deny strongly) the rumors

The spokesman refused either to confirm or deny the reports.

deny (that)... She denied (that) there had been any cover-up.

There's no denying (the fact) **that** quicker action could have saved them.

it is denied that... It can't be denied that we need to devote more resources to this problem.

deny doing something He denies attempting to murder his wife.

2 deny something to refuse to admit or accept something

She denied all knowledge of the incident.

The department denies responsibility for what occurred.

3 (formal) to refuse to allow someone to have something that they want or ask for

deny someone something They were denied access to the information.

deny something to someone Access to the information was denied to them.

4 deny yourself (something) (formal) to refuse to let yourself have something that you would like to have, especially for moral or religious reasons

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de • press / dI'prɛs / **verb**

1 to make someone sad and without enthusiasm or hope

depress someone Wet weather always depresses me.

it depresses someone to do something It depresses me to see so many teenagers smoking.

2 depress something to make trade, business, etc. less active

The recession has depressed the housing market.

3 depress something to make the value of prices or wages lower

to **depress wages/prices**

4 depress something (formal) to press or push something down, especially part of a machine to depress the gas pedal (= when driving) .

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

de • rive / dI'raɪv / **verb**

de'rive from something | **be de' rived from something** to come or develop from something

The word "politics" is derived from a Greek word meaning "city."

de'rive something from something

1 (formal) to get something from something

He derived great pleasure from painting.

2 (technical) to obtain a substance from something

The new drug is derived from fish oil.

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de • sign / dI'zaɪn / **noun, verb**

noun

ARRANGEMENT

1 [**uncountable** , **countable**] the general arrangement of the different parts of something that is made, such as a building, book, machine, etc.

The basic design of the car is very similar to that of earlier models.

special new design features

The machine's unique design prevents it from overheating.

The magazine will appear in a new design from next month.

DRAWING/PLAN/MODEL

2 [**uncountable**] the art or process of deciding how something will look, work, etc. by drawing plans, making models, etc.

a course in art and design

a design studio

computer-aided design

the design and development of new products

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see also **interior design**

3 [**countable**] **design (for something)** a drawing or plan from which something may be made
designs for aircraft
new and original designs

PATTERN

4 [**countable**] an arrangement of lines and shapes as a decoration

pattern

floral/abstract/geometric designs

The tiles come in a huge range of colors and designs.

INTENTION

5 [**uncountable** , **countable**] a plan or an intention

It happened—whether **by accident or design** —that the two of them were left alone after all the others had gone.

It is all part of his **grand design** .

have designs on someone

(formal or humorous)

to want to start a sexual relationship with someone

He was quite aware of her marital designs on him.

have designs on something

(formal)

to be planning to get something for yourself, often in a way that other people do not approve of
Rumors spread that the Duke had designs on the crown (= wanted to make himself king) .

verb

DRAW PLANS

1 to decide how something will look, work, etc., especially by drawing plans or making models

design something to design a car/a dress/an office

a badly designed kitchen

He designed and built his own house.

design something for someone/something They asked me to design a poster for the campaign.

design someone something Could you design us a poster?

PLAN SOMETHING

2 design something to think of and plan a system, a way of doing something, etc.

The teacher had to design a brand-new syllabus for the class.

FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE

3 [**usually passive**] to make, plan, or intend something for a particular purpose or use

design something (for something) The method is specifically designed for use in small groups.

design something (as something) This course is primarily designed as an introduction to the subject.

design something to do something The program is designed to help people who have been out of work for a long time.

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de • spite / dI'spaIt / **preposition**

1 used to show that something happened or is true although something else might have happened to prevent it

in spite of

Her voice was shaking despite all her efforts to control it.

Despite applying for hundreds of jobs, he is still out of work.

She was good at physics **despite the fact that** she found it boring.

language bank at **however**

2 despite yourself used to show that someone did not intend to do the thing mentioned

in spite of

He had to laugh despite himself.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

de • tect / dɪˈtɛkt / **verb**

detect something

to discover or notice something, especially something that is not easy to see, hear, etc.

The tests are designed to detect the disease early.

an instrument that can detect small amounts of radiation

Do I detect a note of criticism?

THESAURUS

notice

note detect observe witness

These words all mean to see something, especially when you pay careful attention to it.

notice to see, hear, or become aware of someone or something; to pay attention to someone or something:

The first thing I noticed about the room was the smell.

note (somewhat formal) to notice or pay careful attention to something: Please note (that) the office will be closed on Monday.

This word is very common in business English: Note that the prices do not include sales tax.

detect to discover or notice something, especially something that is not easy to see, hear, etc.: The tests are designed to detect the disease early.

observe (formal) to see or notice someone or something: Let me know if you observe any changes in his behavior. ♦ The police observed a van leaving the parking lot.

witness (somewhat formal) to see something happen: Police have asked anyone who witnessed the robbery to contact them.

PATTERNS

to notice/note/detect/observe **that/how/what/where/who...**

to notice/observe/witness **something happen/someone do something**

de • tect • a • ble / dɪˈtɛktəbl / **adjective**

The noise is barely detectable by the human ear.

undetectable

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

de • vi • ate / ˈdɪvi,eɪt / **verb**

[intransitive]

deviate (from something)

to be different from something; to do something in a different way from what is usual or expected

The bus had to deviate from its usual route because of a road closure.

He never deviated from his original plan.

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de • vice / dɪˈvaɪs / **noun**

1 an object or a piece of equipment that has been designed to do a particular job

a water-saving device

This device enables deaf people to communicate by typing messages instead of speaking.

electronic labor-saving devices around the home

2 a bomb or weapon that will explode

A powerful device exploded outside the station.

the world's first atomic device

3 a method of doing something that produces a particular result or effect

Sending advertising by e-mail is very successful as a marketing device.

4 a plan or trick that is used to get something that someone wants

The report was a device used to hide rather than reveal problems.

leave someone to their own devices

to leave someone alone to do as they wish, and not tell them what to do

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de • vote / dɪ'voʊt / **verb**

de'vote yourself to someone/something to give most of your time, energy, attention, etc. to someone or something

She devoted herself to her career.

de'vote something to something to give an amount of time, attention, etc. to something

I could only devote two hours a day to the work.

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dif • fer • en • ti • ate / ,dɪfə'reɪnʃi,eɪt / **verb**

1 [**intransitive** , **transitive**] to recognize or show that two things are not the same

distinguish

differentiate (between) A and B It's difficult to differentiate between the two varieties.

differentiate A (from B) I can't differentiate one variety from another.

2 [**transitive**] **differentiate something (from something)** to be the particular thing that shows that things or people are not the same

distinguish

The male's yellow beak differentiates it from the female.

3 [**intransitive**] **differentiate between A and B** to treat people or things in a different way, especially in an unfair way

discriminate

dif • fer • en • ti • a • tion / ,dɪfə'reɪnʃi'eɪʃn / **noun** [**uncountable**]

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di • men • sion / dɪ'mɛnʃn / **noun**

1 a measurement in space, for example the height, width, or length of something

We measured the dimensions of the kitchen.

computer design tools that work in three dimensions

see also **the fourth dimension**

2 [usually **plural**] the size and extent of a situation

a problem of considerable dimensions

3 an aspect, or way of looking at or thinking about something

Her job added a new dimension to her life.

the social dimension of unemployment

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

di • min • ish / dɪ'mɪnɪʃ / **verb**

1 [intransitive , transitive] diminish (something) to become or to make something become smaller, weaker, etc.

decrease

The world's resources are rapidly diminishing.

His influence has diminished with time.

Our efforts were producing **diminishing returns** (= we achieved less although we spent more time or money)

2 [transitive] diminish someone/something to make someone or something seem less important than they really are

belittle

I don't wish to diminish the importance of their contribution.

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dis • crete / dI'skrit / **adjective** (formal or technical)

independent of other things of the same type

separate

The organisms can be divided into discrete categories.

dis • crete • ly **adverb**

dis • crete • ness **noun** [uncountable]

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

dis • crim • i • nate / dI'skrImθ,neIt / **verb**

1 [intransitive , transitive] to recognize that there is a difference between people or things; to show a difference between people or things

differentiate , distinguish

discriminate (between A and B) The computer program was unable to discriminate between letters and numbers.

discriminate something When do babies learn to discriminate voices?

discriminate A from B A number of features discriminate this species from others.

2 [intransitive] to treat one person or group worse/better than another in an unfair way

discriminate (against someone) | discriminate (in favor of someone) practices that discriminate against women and in favor of men

discriminate (on the grounds of something) It is illegal to discriminate on grounds of race, sex, or religion.

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dis • place / dIs'pleIs / **verb**

[often passive]

1 displace someone/something to take the place of someone or something

replace

Gradually factory workers have been displaced by machines.

(technical) The ship displaces 58,000 tons (= as a way of measuring its size) .

2 displace someone to force people to move away from their home to another place

Around 10,000 people have been displaced by the fighting.

3 displace something to move something from its usual position

Check for roof tiles that have been displaced by the wind.

4 displace someone to remove someone from a job or position

displaced workers

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dis • play / dɪˈspleɪ / **verb, noun**

verb

1 [transitive] display something (to someone) to put something in a place where people can see it easily; to show something to people

exhibit

The exhibition gives local artists an opportunity to display their work.

She displayed her bruises for all to see.

2 [transitive] display something to show signs of something, especially a quality or feeling

I have rarely seen her display any sign of emotion.

These statistics display a definite trend.

3 [transitive] display something (of a computer, etc.) to show information

The screen will display the username in the top right-hand corner.

This column displays the title of the mail message.

4 [intransitive] (technical) (of male birds and animals) to show a special pattern of behavior that is intended to attract a female bird or animal

noun

1 an arrangement of things in a public place to inform or entertain people or advertise something for sale
a beautiful floral display outside the Town Hall

a window display

a display cabinet

2 an act of performing a skill or of showing something happening, in order to entertain

a fireworks display

a breathtaking display of acrobatics

3 an occasion when you show a particular quality, feeling, or ability by the way that you behave

a display of affection/strength/wealth

4 the words, pictures, etc. shown on a computer screen

a high resolution color display

see also **liquid crystal display** , **VDT**

on display put in a place where people can look at it

on show

Designs for the new sports complex are on display in the library.

to put something on **temporary/permanent display**

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dis • pose / dɪˈspoʊz / **verb** (formal)

1 + adverb/prep. to arrange things or people in a particular way or position

2 dispose someone to/toward something | dispose someone to do something to make someone behave in a particular way

a drug that disposes the patient toward sleep

di'spose of someone/something

1 to get rid of someone or something that you do not want or cannot keep

the difficulties of disposing of nuclear waste

to dispose of stolen property

2 to deal with a problem, question, or threat successfully

That seems to have disposed of most of their arguments.

3 to defeat or kill someone

It took her a mere 20 minutes to dispose of her opponent.

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dis • tinct / dɪ'stɪŋkt / **adjective**

1 easily or clearly heard, seen, felt, etc.

There was a distinct smell of gas.

His voice was quiet but every word was distinct.

2 clearly different or of a different kind

The results of the survey fell into two distinct groups.

distinct from something Jamaican reggae music is quite distinct from North American jazz or blues.

rural areas, **as distinct from** major cities

3 [only before noun] used to emphasize that you think an idea or situation definitely exists and is important

definite

Being tall gave Tony a distinct advantage.

I had the distinct impression I was being watched.

A strike is now a distinct possibility.

dis • tinct • ly **adverb**

I distinctly heard someone calling me.

a distinctly Australian accent

He could remember everything very distinctly.

dis • tinct • ness **noun** [uncountable]

AWL COLLOCATIONS

distinct

distinct adjective

clearly different or of a different kind

sufficiently | **clearly** | **fundamentally** , **radically** | **wholly**

Mexican culture is sufficiently distinct in ethnic, religious, and linguistic terms to retain its individuality.

functionally | **structurally** | **geographically** | **culturally** | **analytically** , **logically**

Single-subject research will likely be the best way to extend our research into culturally distinct populations.

remain | **become** | **appear**

These factors suggest that Dominicans probably will remain distinct from the American population as a whole into the twenty-first century.

~ **from one another** , ~ **from each other**

Overall, the two extreme groups were found to be distinct from each other in nearly every characteristic considered.

~ **from something**

Art that is appreciated for its beauty is distinct from art that produces items for practical use, such as furniture.

distinction noun

a clear difference or contrast, especially between two things that are similar or related

clear , **sharp** | **subtle** | **crucial** , **fundamental** , **important** | **conceptual**

However, subtle distinctions can generally be made between these species.

blur | **clarify** | **collapse** , **elide**

Both books elide distinctions between nature and human society.

draw , **make**

The authors note that respondents make a sharp distinction between religion and spirituality.

distinctive adjective

having a quality or characteristic that makes something different and easily noticed

highly , **particularly** , **truly** | **sufficiently** | **individually** | **culturally**

We marked each bird with an individually distinctive combination of colored leg bands.

feature , **characteristic**

The most distinctive feature of these costumes is the striped, fringed skirt, woven from flax.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

dis • tort / dɪ'stɔrt / **verb**

These definition have collected by Shakib. Kurdistan of Iran. September 2nd 2016

1 distort something to change the shape, appearance, or sound of something so that it is strange or not clear
a fairground mirror that distorts your shape

The loudspeaker seemed to distort his voice.

2 distort something to twist or change facts, ideas, etc. so that they are no longer correct or true

Newspapers are often guilty of distorting the truth.

The article gave a distorted picture of his childhood.

dis • tor • tion / dɪ'stɔːʃn / **noun** [**countable** , **uncountable**]

modern alloys that are resistant to wear and distortion

a distortion of the facts

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

dis • trib • ute / dɪ'strɪbyʊt ; dɪ'strɪbyət / **verb**

1 to give things to a large number of people; to share something between a number of people

distribute something The newspaper is distributed free.

distribute something to someone/something The organization distributed food to the earthquake victims.

distribute something among someone/something The money was distributed among schools in the area.

2 distribute something to send goods to stores and businesses so that they can be sold

Who distributes our products in the U.K.?

3 [often passive] **distribute something** to spread something, or different parts of something, over an area

Make sure that your weight is evenly distributed.

Cases of the disease are widely distributed through Europe.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

di • verse / dɪ'vɜːs ; daɪ'vɜːs / **adjective**

very different from each other and of various kinds

people from diverse cultures

My interests are very diverse.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

doc • u • ment **noun, verb**

noun / 'dɒkyəmənt /

1 an official paper or book that gives information about something, or that can be used as evidence or proof of something

legal documents

travel documents

Copies of the relevant documents must be filed in court.

One of the documents leaked to the press was a memorandum written by the chief of police.

2 a computer file that contains text that has a name that identifies it

Save the document before closing.

verb / 'dɒkyə,mɛnt /

1 document something to record the details of something

Causes of the disease have been well documented.

The results are documented in Chapter 3.

2 document something to prove or support something with documents

documented evidence

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

do • main / doʊ'meɪn ; də'meɪn / **noun**

1 an area of knowledge or activity; especially one that someone is responsible for

The care of older people is being placed firmly within the domain of the family.

Physics used to be very much a male domain.

see also **public domain**

2 lands owned or ruled by a particular person, government, etc., especially in the past

The Spice Islands were within the Spanish domains.

3 (computing) a set of Web sites on the Internet which end with the same group of letters, for example “.com ” or “.org ”

4 (mathematics) the range of possible values of a particular **variable**

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

do • mes • tic / də'mɛstɪk / **adjective, noun**

adjective

1 [usually before noun] of or inside a particular country; not foreign or international

domestic affairs/politics

domestic flights (= to and from places within a country)

Output consists of both exports and sales on the domestic market.

foreign

2 [only before noun] used in the home; connected with the home or family

domestic appliances

domestic chores

the growing problem of **domestic violence** (= violence between members of the same family)

domestic service (= the work of a servant in a large house)

domestic help (= help with the work in a house; the person or people who do this work)

3 liking home life; enjoying or good at cooking, cleaning the house, etc.

I'm not a very domestic sort of person.

4 (of animals) kept on farms or as pets; not wild

do • mes • ti • cally / də'mɛstɪkli / **adverb**

domestically produced goods

noun (also **domestic 'worker**)

(old-fashioned)

a servant who works in someone's house, doing the cleaning and other jobs

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

dom • i • nate / 'dɒmɪneɪt / **verb**

1 [transitive , intransitive] **dominate (someone/something)** to control or have a lot of influence over someone or something, especially in an unpleasant way

As a child he was dominated by his father.

He tended to dominate the conversation.

She always says a lot in meetings, but she doesn't dominate.

2 [transitive] **dominate something** to be the most important or noticeable feature of something

The train crash dominated the news.

3 [transitive] **dominate something** to be the largest, highest, or most obvious thing in a place

The cathedral dominates the city.

4 [transitive , intransitive] **dominate (something)** (sports) to play much better than your opponent in a game

He dominated in the first game of the chess match.

dom • i • na • tion / ,dɒmɪ'neɪʃn / **noun** [uncountable]

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political domination
companies fighting for domination of the software market

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

draft / dræft / **noun, adjective, verb**

noun

1 [**countable**] a rough written version of something that is not yet in its final form

I've made a **rough draft** of the letter.

This is only the first draft of my speech.

the **final draft** (= the final version)

The legislation is still in **draft form** .

a **draft constitution/treaty/agreement**

2 [**countable**] (finance) a written order to a bank to pay money to someone

Payment must be made **by bank draft** drawn on a U.S. bank.

3 **the draft** [**singular**] (also formal **con • scrip • tion**) the practice of ordering people by law to serve in the armed forces

4 [**singular**] a process of picking players for professional sports teams from college or other teams

He was the fourth player chosen in the 2007 draft, but the first of his class to reach the major leagues.

5 [**countable**] a flow of cool air in a room

Can you shut the door? There's a draft in here.

A cold draft of air blew in from the open window.

I was sitting **in a draft** .

She shivered in the icy draft.

6 [**countable**] (formal) one continuous action of swallowing liquid; the amount swallowed

He took a deep draft of his beer.

7 [**countable**] (old use or literary) medicine in a liquid form

a sleeping draft (= one that makes you sleep)

on draft (of beer) taken from a **barrel** (= a large container)

This beer is not available on draft (= it is available only in bottles or cans) .

adjective

1 [usually before noun] served from a large container (= a **barrel**) rather than in a bottle

draft beer

2 [only before noun] used for pulling heavy loads

a draft horse

verb

1 **draft something** to write the first rough version of something such as a letter, speech, or book

to **draft a constitution/contract/bill**

I'll draft a letter for you.

2 **draft someone + adverb/prep.** to choose people and send them somewhere for a special task

Extra police are being drafted into controlling the crowds.

3 [usually passive] **draft someone** to make someone join the armed forces

enlist , conscript

They were drafted into the army.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

dra • ma / 'drʌmə / **noun**

1 [**countable**] a play for the theater, television, or radio

a **costume/historical, etc. drama**

2 [**uncountable**] plays considered as a form of literature

classical/Elizabethan/modern, etc. drama

a drama critic

drama school

a drama student

I studied English and Drama at college.

3 [**countable**] an exciting event

A powerful human drama was unfolding before our eyes.

4 [**uncountable**] the fact of being exciting

You couldn't help being thrilled by the drama of the situation.

make a drama out of something

to make a small problem or event seem more important or serious than it really is

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

du • ra • tion / dʊ'reɪʃn / **noun**

[**uncountable**]

(formal)

the length of time that something lasts or continues

The school was used as a hospital for the duration of the war.

a contract of three years' duration

for the duration (informal) until the end of a particular situation

dynamic Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

dy • nam • ic / daɪ'næmɪk / **noun, adjective**

noun

1 **dynamics** [**plural**] the way in which people or things behave and react to each other in a particular situation

the dynamics of political change

group dynamics (= the way in which members of a group react to each other)

Market dynamics are working in the company's favor.

2 **dynamics** [**uncountable**] the science of the forces involved in movement

fluid dynamics

compare **static**

3 [**singular**] (formal) a force that produces change, action, or effects

4 **dynamics** [**plural**] (music) changes in volume in music

They play all the notes in the right place and have a scrupulous regard for the tempos and dynamics.

adjective

1 (approving) (of a person) having a lot of energy and a strong personality

a dynamic personality

2 (of a process) always changing and making progress

static

3 (physics) (of a force or power) producing movement

static

4 (linguistics) (of verbs) describing an action rather than a state. **Dynamic** verbs (for example **eat** , **grow** , **knock** , **die**) can be used in the progressive tenses.

compare **stative**

dy • nam • i • cally / daɪ'næmɪkli / **adverb**

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

stat • ic / 'stætɪk / **adjective, noun**

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adjective

1 not moving, changing, or developing

The balance sheet provides a static picture of the financial position at a point in time.

Prices on the stock market, which have been static, are now rising again.

a static population level

2 (physics) (of a force) acting as a weight but not producing movement

static pressure

dynamic**noun**

[**uncountable**]

1 noise or other effects that disturb radio or television signals and are caused by particular conditions in the atmosphere

2 (also **static elec'tricity**) electricity that gathers on or in an object that is not a **conductor** of electricity
My hair gets full of static when I brush it.

3 **statics** the science that deals with the forces that balance each other to keep objects in a state of rest
compare **dynamic**

4 (informal) angry or critical comments or behavior

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

e • con • o • my / I'kɒnəmi / **noun**

(pl. **e • con • o • mies**)

1 often **the economy** [**countable**] the relationship between production, trade, and the supply of money in a particular country or region

The economy is in a recession.

the world economy

a market economy (= one in which the price is fixed according to both cost and demand)

see also **consumer economy**

2 [**countable**] a country, when you are thinking about its economic system

Ireland was one of the fastest-growing economies in Western Europe in the 1990s.

3 [**countable** , **uncountable**] the use of the time, money, etc. that is available in a way that avoids waste
We need to make substantial economies.

It's a **false economy** to buy cheap clothes (= it seems cheaper but it is not really since they do not last very long) .

She writes with a great economy of words (= using only the necessary words) .

Buy the large **economy pack!** (= the one that gives you better value for money)

to fly **economy (class)** (= by the cheapest class of air travel)

an economy fare (= the cheapest)

TOPIC COLLOCATIONS**The Economy****managing the economy**

handle/run/manage the economy

boost investment/spending/employment/growth

stimulate demand/the economy/industry

cut/reduce investment/spending/borrowing

reduce/curb/control/keep down inflation

create/fuel growth/demand/a boom/a bubble

encourage/foster/promote/stimulate/stifle innovation/competition

encourage/work with/compete with the private sector

increase/boost/promote U.S./agricultural exports

ban/restrict/block cheap/foreign imports

the economy **grows/expands/shrinks/contracts/slows (down)/recovers/improves/is booming**

enjoy an economic/housing/property boom

economic problems

push up/drive up prices/costs/inflation
damage/hurt/destroy industry/the economy
cause/lead to/go into/avoid/escape recession
experience/suffer a recession/downturn
fight/combat inflation/deflation/unemployment
cause/create inflation/poverty/unemployment
create/burst a housing/stock market bubble
cause/trigger a stock market crash/the collapse of the banking system
face/be plunged into a financial/an economic crisis
be caught in/experience cycles of boom and bust

public finance

cut/reduce/slash/increase/double the defense/education budget
increase/boost/slash/cut public spending
increase/raise/cut/lower/reduce taxes
raise/cut/lower/reduce interest rates
ease/loosen/tighten monetary policy
balance the (state/federal) budget
achieve/maintain a balanced budget
run a (\$4 trillion) budget deficit/surplus

⇒ more collocations at **politics , voting**

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

ed • it / 'ɛdət / **verb**

1 [**transitive , intransitive**] **edit (something)** to prepare a piece of writing, a book, etc. to be published by correcting the mistakes, making improvements to it, etc.

I know that this rough draft will need to be edited.

This is the edited version of my speech (= some parts have been taken out) .

2 [**transitive**] **edit something** to prepare a book to be published by collecting together and arranging pieces of writing by one or more authors

He's editing a book of essays by Gore Vidal.

3 [**transitive , intransitive**] **edit (something)** (computing) to make changes to text or data on a screen
 You can download the file and edit it on your computer.

4 [**transitive**] **edit something** when someone **edits** a movie, television program, etc. they take what has been filmed or recorded and decide which parts to include and in which order

They're showing the **edited highlights** of last month's game.

5 [**transitive**] **edit something** to be responsible for planning and publishing a newspaper, magazine, etc. (= to be the editor)

She used to edit a women's magazine.

ed • it **noun**

I had time to do a quick edit of my essay before handing it in.

'edit something ' out (of something) to remove words, phrases, or scenes from a book, program, etc. before it is published or shown

cut out

Anything offensive will be edited out at a later stage.

They edited out references to her father in the interview.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

el • e • ment / 'ɛləmənt / **noun**

PART/AMOUNT

1 [countable] element (in/of something) a necessary or typical part of something

Cost was **a key element** in our decision.

The story has all the elements of a soap opera.

Customer relations is an important element of the job.

2 [countable , usually singular] element of surprise, risk, truth, etc. a small amount of a quality or feeling

We need to preserve the element of surprise.

There appears to be an element of truth in his story.

GROUP OF PEOPLE

3 [countable , usually plural] a group of people who form a part of a larger group or society

moderate/radical elements within the party

unruly elements in the school

CHEMISTRY

4 [countable] a simple chemical substance that consists of atoms of only one type and cannot be split by chemical means into a simpler substance. Gold, **oxygen** , and **carbon** are all elements .

compare **compound**

EARTH/AIR/FIRE/WATER

5 [countable] one of the four substances: earth, air, fire, and water, that people used to believe everything else was made of

WEATHER

6 the elements [plural] the weather, especially bad weather

Are we going to brave the elements and go for a walk?

to be exposed to the elements

BASIC PRINCIPLES

7 elements [plural] the basic principles of a subject that you have to learn first

basics

He taught me the elements of map-reading.

ENVIRONMENT

8 [countable , usually singular] a natural or suitable environment, especially for an animal

Water is a fish's natural element.

ELECTRICAL PART

9 [countable] the part of a piece of electrical equipment that gives out heat

The broiler needs a new element.

in your element

doing what you are good at and enjoy

She's really in her element at parties.

out of your element

in a situation that you are not used to and that makes you feel uncomfortable

I feel out of my element talking about politics.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

e • lim • i • nate / I'liːməˌneɪt / **verb**

1 to remove or get rid of something or someone

eliminate something/someone Credit cards eliminate the need to carry a lot of cash.

eliminate something/someone from something The police have eliminated two suspects from their investigation.

This diet claims to eliminate toxins from the body.

2 eliminate someone (from something) [usually passive] to defeat a person or a team so that they no longer take part in a competition, etc.

knock out

Her team was eliminated in the early stages of the competition.

She was eliminated from the tournament in the first round.

3 eliminate someone (formal) to kill someone, especially an enemy or opponent

Most of the regime's left-wing opponents were eliminated.

e • lim • i • na • tion / ɪˌlɪməˈneɪʃn / **noun** [**uncountable** , **countable**]
the **elimination of disease/poverty/crime**

There were three eliminations in the first round of the competition.

the elimination of toxins from the body

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

e • merge / ɪˈmɜrdʒ / **verb**

1 [**intransitive**] to come out of a dark or hidden place

emerge (from something) The swimmer emerged from the lake.

She finally emerged from her room at noon.

He emerged from the shadows.

emerge (into something) We emerged into bright sunlight.

2 [**intransitive** , **transitive**] (of facts, ideas, etc.) to become known

transpire

No new evidence emerged during the investigation.

it emerges that... It emerged that the company was going to be sold.

3 [**intransitive**] to start to exist; to appear or become known

After the election, protest groups began to emerge.

emerge as something He emerged as a key figure in the campaign

4 [**intransitive**] **emerge (from something)** to survive a difficult situation or experience

She emerged from the scandal with her reputation intact.

e • mer • gence / ɪˈmɜrdʒəns / **noun** [**uncountable**]

the emergence of new technologies

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

em • pha • sis / ˈɛmfəʊsɪs / **noun**

(pl. **em • pha • ses** / ˈɛmfəʊsɪz /)

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

1 special importance that is given to something

stress

emphasis (on/upon something) The emphasis is very much on learning the spoken language.

to **put/lay/place emphasis** on something

Increased emphasis is now being placed on corporate image.

We provide all types of information, **with an emphasis on** legal advice.

There has been **a shift of emphasis** from manufacturing to service industries.

The course has a vocational emphasis.

The examples we will look at have quite different emphases.

2 the extra force given to a word or phrase when spoken, especially in order to show that it is important; a way of writing a word (for example drawing a line underneath it) to show that it is important

stress

"I can assure you," she added with emphasis, "the figures are correct."

LANGUAGE BANK

emphasis

highlighting an important point

This case **emphasizes** / **highlights** the importance of honest communication between managers and employees.

Effective communication skills are **essential** / **crucial** / **vital** .

It should be noted that this study considers only verbal communication. Non-verbal communication is not dealt with here.

It is important to remember that / An important point to remember is that non-verbal communication plays a key role in getting your message across.

Communication is not only about the words you use but also your body language and, **especially / above all**, how effectively you listen.

I would like to **draw attention to** the role of listening in effective communication.

Choose your words carefully: **in particular**, avoid confusing and ambiguous language.

Finally, and perhaps **most importantly**, you must learn to listen as well as to speak.

⇒ note at **essential**

⇒ Language Bank at **vital**

AWL COLLOCATIONS

emphasis

emphasis noun

special importance or attention that is given to something

considerable, great, heavy, strong | particular, special | renewed | increased

There is a strong emphasis on math and science at the school.

The scientific career of Descartes, with special emphasis on his physics, is presented in Shea (1991).

place, put, lay

The new information-based economy placed greater emphasis on new technical knowledge.

shift

By 1915, the emphasis shifted from farming to ranching.

emphasize verb

strongly, rightly | consistently | continually, repeatedly

He consistently emphasizes this theme throughout his work.

be important to, seem to, serve to, tend to

It is important to emphasize the differences between this and the preceding analysis.

the importance of something, a/the need for something

Aristotle frequently emphasizes the importance of pleasure to human life.

The work concludes by emphasizing a need for further research.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

em • pir • i • cal / Im'pIrIkəl / **adjective**

[usually before noun]

based on experiments or experience rather than ideas or theories

empirical evidence/knowledge/research

an **empirical study**

theoretical

em • pir • i • cally / Im'pIrIkli / **adverb**

Such claims need to be tested empirically.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

en • a • ble / I'neIbl / **verb**

1 enable someone to do something to make it possible for someone to do something

allow

The software enables you to create your own DVDs.

a new program to enable older people to get a college degree

2 to make it possible for something to happen or exist by creating the necessary conditions

allow

enable something to do something Insulin enables the body to use and store sugar.

enable something a new subway line to enable easier access to the stadium

language bank at **process 1**

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

en • coun • ter / In'kaʊntər / **verb, noun**

verb

1 encounter something to experience something, especially something unpleasant or difficult, while you are trying to do something else

meet with , run into

We encountered a number of difficulties in the first week.

I had never encountered such resistance before.

2 encounter someone/something (formal) to meet someone, or discover or experience something, especially someone or something new, unusual, or unexpected

come across

She was the most remarkable woman he had ever encountered.

noun

1 a meeting, especially one that is sudden, unexpected, or violent

encounter (with someone/something) Three of them were killed in the subsequent encounter with the police.

encounter (between A and B) The story describes the extraordinary encounter between a man and a dolphin.

a chance encounter

I've had a number of **close encounters** (= situations that could have been dangerous) with bad drivers.

Flaubert was her first encounter with French literature.

2 a sports competition against a particular player or team

She has beaten her opponent in all of their previous encounters.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

en • er • gy / 'ɛnədʒi / **noun**

1 [uncountable] the ability to put effort and enthusiasm into an activity, work, etc.

It's a waste of time and energy.

She's always **full of energy** .

nervous energy (= energy produced by feeling nervous)

2 energies [plural] the physical and mental effort that you use to do something

She put all her energies into her work.

creative/destructive energies

3 [uncountable] a source of power, such as fuel, used for driving machines, providing heat, etc.

solar/nuclear energy

It is important to conserve energy.

an energy crisis (= for example when fuel is not freely available)

The \$500 million program is centered around energy efficiency and renewable power sources.

collocations at **environment**

4 [uncountable] (physics) the ability of matter or **radiation** to work because of its mass, movement, electric charge, etc.

kinetic/potential, etc. energy

5 [uncountable] a force that some people believe is present in a place and can affect your mood or thoughts

Let's use the **positive energy** in the room to help relax our minds and bodies.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

en • force / In'fɔrs / **verb**

1 to make sure that people obey a particular law or rule

enforce something It's the job of the police to enforce the law.

The legislation will be difficult to enforce.

United Nations troops enforced a ceasefire in the area.

enforce something on/against someone/something to enforce a ban on smoking

2 enforce something (on someone) to make something happen or force someone to do something

You can't enforce cooperation between the players.

en • force • a • ble / In'fɔrsəbl / **adjective**

A gambling debt is not legally enforceable.

en • force • ment **noun** [**uncountable**]

strict enforcement of regulations

law enforcement officers

en • forc • er **noun**

They will be tough enforcers of the law.

Oxford Advanced American Dictionary

en • hance / In'hæns / **verb**

enhance something

to increase or further improve the good quality, value, or status of someone or something

This is an opportunity to enhance the reputation of the company.

the skilled use of makeup to enhance your best features

en • hanced **adjective**

enhanced efficiency

en • hance • ment **noun** [**uncountable** , **countable**]

equipment for the enhancement of sound quality

software enhancements