

The cost of the damage caused by the recent storms has been calculated **as/at** over £5 million.

The new tax system would be calculated **on** the value of property owned by an individual.

[+ question word] At some stage we need to calculate **when** the project will be finished.

[+ that] He's calculated **that** it would take him two years to save up enough for a car.

- He's written a piece of software which calculates your tax returns for you.
- Calculate the result to two decimal places.
- I'll just calculate the total.
- I'm trying to calculate how long the project will take to complete.
- The computer will calculate your position with pinpoint accuracy.

I put the dish of food on the floor, and before you could say Jack Robinson, the dog had eaten it.

The standard of care at our local hospital is excellent.

Mira's going to be very weak for a long time after the operation, so she'll need a lot of care.

NurseTake **good** care of that girl of yours, Patrick - she's very special.

Don't worry about me, I can take care of myself (= I do not need anyone else to protect me).

ries are responsible for the children **in** their care.

She painted the window frames **with** great care so that no paint got onto the glass.

You need to **take** a bit more care **with** your spelling.

The roads are icy, so drive **with** care.

Take care on these busy roads (= drive with attention so that you do not have an accident).

[+ to infinitive] **Take** care not **to** (= make certain that you do not) spill your coffee.

[+ that] **Take** care (= make certain) **that** you don't fall.

The parcel had a label on it saying "**Handle with** care".

Would you like me to carry your bag for you?

She carried her tired child upstairs to bed.

These books are too heavy for me to carry.

We only had a small suitcase, so we were able to carry it **onto** the plane.

Robson injured his leg in the second half of the match and had to be carried **off**.

Thieves broke the shop window and carried **off** (= removed) jewellery worth thousands of pounds.

I managed to catch the glass before it hit the ground.

We saw the eagle swoop from the sky to catch its prey.

Our dog ran past me and out of the house before I could catch it.

He caught **hold** of my arm.

We placed saucepans on the floor to catch (= collect) the drops of water coming through the roof.

UK The batsman was caught (**out**) (= someone in the other team caught the ball when he hit it).

- We always celebrate our wedding anniversary with a bottle of champagne.
- The whole town came out to celebrate his return from the war.
- The people at the table behind us were celebrating someone's birthday.
- Crowds celebrated the dictator's deposition.
- How did you celebrate the Millennium?
 - I almost didn't recognize her - she'd changed so much.
 - That was 20 years ago and things have changed since then.
 - Nothing changes, does it - I've been away two years and the office still looks exactly the same.
 - People have changed their diets a lot over the past few years.
 - I'm going to change my hairstyle.
 - She had to choose **between** the two men in her life.
 - Danny, come here and choose your ice cream.
 - He chose a shirt **from** the many in his wardrobe.
 - [+ question word] It's difficult choosing **where** to live.
 - I've chosen a present **for** Luis.
 - [+ two objects] UK I've chosen Luis a present.
 - Yesterday the selectors chose Dales **as** the team's new captain.

- [+ obj + to infinitive] The firm's directors chose Emma **to** be the new production manager.
 - He was chopping wood in the yard.
 - Add some fresh parsley, finely chopped.
 - Chop (**up**) the onions and carrots roughly.
 - informal Laura had her hair chopped (= cut) yesterday.
 - The company claims (**that**) it is not responsible for the pollution in the river.
 - [+ to infinitive] He claims **to** have met the president, but I don't believe him.
 - All parties have claimed **success** in yesterday's elections.
 - An unknown terrorist group has claimed **responsibility** for this morning's bomb attack.
 - The plane climbed quickly **to** a height of 30,000 feet.
 - As it leaves the village, the road climbs steeply **up** the mountain.
 - The sun climbed higher in the sky.
 - We got so wet that our clothes clung **to** us.
 - They clung **together** in terror as the screams grew louder.
 - One little girl was clinging **onto** a cuddly toy.
 - She clung **to** the handrail as she walked down the slippery steps.
 - Are you coming **with** me?
 - There's a car coming!
 - Can you come **to** my party?
 - **Here** comes Adam.
 - She's come 500 km (= has travelled 500 km) to be here with us tonight.
 - If you're ever in Dublin, come **and** visit us.
 - We came **by** car.
 - Your father will come **for** (= to collect) you at four o'clock.
 - Come forward a bit and stand on the line.
 - I've come straight **from** the airport.
 - The door opened and a nurse came **into** the room.
 - [+ to infinitive] A man's coming **to** mend the boiler this afternoon.
 - As he came towards me, I could see he'd been crying.
 - He thought we'd been picking his apples and came **after** (= chased) us with a stick.
- Soldiers who obey orders to commit atrocities should be answerable for their crimes.
 - They were imprisoned for incitement to commit grievous bodily harm.
 - Fresh evidence has recently come to light which suggests that he didn't in fact commit the murder.
 - She tried to commit suicide by slashing her wrists.

- Many people in public life have committed adultery.
- We can now communicate instantly **with** people on the other side of the world.
- Unable to speak a word of the language, he communicated **with** (= using) his hands.
- Has the news been communicated **to** the staff yet?
- As an actor he could communicate a whole range of emotions.
- If you compare house prices in the two areas, it's quite amazing how different they are.
- That seems expensive - have you compared prices in other shops?
- Compare some recent work **with** your older stuff and you'll see how much you've improved.
- This road is quite busy compared **to/with** ours.
- Children seem to learn more interesting things compared **to/with** when we were at school.
- If you compare the two books side by side, it is clear that the author of the second has plagiarized (from the first).
- The number of people who applied for the course was 120 compared with an initial estimate of between 50 and 100.
- I thought myself very sophisticated compared with my relatives in the country.
- This matter really isn't very important if you compare it to the other problems we've got to deal with.
- The judges compared all the cakes in the cake competition for taste, texture, colour and general appearance.
- It's difficult for a small shop to compete **against/with** the big supermarkets.
- Both girls compete **for** their father's attention.
- figurative Turn the music down - I'm not competing **against/with** that noise (= I can't/won't try to speak louder than that music)!
- Lots of people have complained **about** the noise.
- You're always complaining!
- [+ that_] He complained **that** his boss was useless and he had too much work.
- Complete the sentence with one of the adjectives provided.
- He only needs two more cards to complete the set.
- All she needed to complete her happiness was a baby.

- At the last minute, we roped in a couple of spectators to complete the team.
- I need two more vases to complete the collection.
- The baby completed our family.
- Some heavy curtains completed the furnishings in the living room.
- Her family completed the list of guests.
- We're now going to turn to an issue that concerns us all - racism.
- His attitude concerns me.
- The poor state of the fire escapes concerned me greatly.
- It concerned them that no doctor was available.
- Does it concern you that your children are out after dark?
- Please confirm your reservation in writing by Friday.
- All bookings must be confirmed in writing.
- Can you confirm the numbers you are expecting for dinner?
- I'm just ringing to confirm your hotel booking.
- The child's parents or guardians must give their consent before she has the operation.
- The agreement was terminated by mutual consent.
- The airline requires children travelling alone to have a notarized letter of consent from one or both parents.
- Her father's blessing represented a bestowal of consent upon her marriage.
- She gave her consent to the sale of the painting.
- Would you consider fostering a child?
- The council is considering banning vehicles from the town centre to relieve congestion.
- "Have you decided what to do?" "No, I'm still considering the various possibilities."
- I considered applying to university, but I eventually decided to go to the local poly.
- Have you ever considered a career in the police force?

- The crowd consisted mostly of college kids and office workers.
- Her responsibilities consist of answering the phone and greeting visitors.
- If you have any problems, consult the FAQs on our website.
- If any of these symptoms occur while you are taking the medicine, consult your doctor immediately.
- If the pain persists, consult a doctor.
- They consulted the village elders.
- I'll have to consult my colleagues about the proposed changes.
- Raw vegetables contain more potassium than cooked ones.
- These biscuits contain oats.
- The cupboard contained all kinds of strange things.
- The following programme contains scenes that may be disturbing to some viewers.
- The letter contains a number of typing errors.
- The repair work on the south-bound lane of the motorway will continue until June.
- Please resume your seats, as the performance will continue in two minutes.
- I'd like to continue this discussion but we're all out of time.
- Football's popularity continues to grow.
- The story continues over the page.
- Agricultural companies have failed to convince consumers that GM foods are safe.
- His doctor tried to convince him that he wasn't really ill and that it was all in the mind.
- Autosuggestion is the power of mind over matter - if you convince yourself that you are cured, you will be.
- It took a lot of persuasion to convince the committee of the advantages of the new scheme.
- Sometimes my imagination runs away with me and I convince myself that they are having an affair.

- Don't cook vegetables for too long - they'll lose all their goodness.
- Wrap the chicken in foil and cook it for two hours.
- Vicky cooks really well but she's rather messy.
- Do you prefer cooking with electricity or gas?
- I'm a terrible cook - nothing I try to make turns out the way it's supposed to.

- When you buy a new computer, you usually get software included **at** no extra cost (= for no additional money).
- In most families, two salaries are essential to **cover** the cost of (= pay for) raising a family.
- The supermarket chain announced that it was **cutting** the cost (= reducing the price) of all its fresh and frozen meat.
- It's difficult for most people to deal with the **rising** cost **of** (= increasing price of) healthcare.
- I was able to buy the damaged goods **at** cost (= for only the amount of money needed to produce or get the goods, without any extra money added for profit).

• **costs** [plural]

- Let's count **out loud** (= speak the words) from one to ten.
- The teachers counted the students as they got on to the bus.
- Count your money carefully to make sure it's all there.
- [+ question word_] We need to count **who's** here, so we can make sure that no one's missing.
- There'll be eight for dinner, counting (= including) ourselves.
- We're still waiting for the votes to be counted (up).

- The baby was crawling around on the kitchen floor.
- With a wriggle, she managed to crawl through the gap.
- The children crawled through an opening space in the fence.
- We were crawling along in dense traffic at 10 miles per hour.
- Every day buses crawl up the mountainside packed with visitors.
- She watched the line in front of her crawl slowly towards the two voting machines.
- The merger of these two companies would create the world's biggest accounting firm.
- The design company is planning to join up with a shoe manufacturer and create a new range of footwear.

- A large mirror in a room can create the illusion of space.
- As a parent you try to create a stable home environment for your children to grow up in.
- The prime minister claims that he wants to create a classless society.
- She turned off the light and crept **through** the door.
- Someone was creeping **around** outside my window.
- The spider crept up the wall.
- The traffic was creeping **along** at a snail's pace.
- If I criticize him, he gets aggressive and starts shouting.
- He was under attack for daring to criticize the prime minister.
- It doesn't do to criticize your parents.
- She grudgingly admitted that she had been wrong to criticize him.
- I've been slogging my guts out these past few weeks and all he can do is criticize.
- Her lower lip trembled as if she was about to cry.
- The little boy fell over and started to cry.
- He'd been crying and his face was all blotchy.
- What's the matter? Why are you crying?
- When we gave her the bad news, she broke down and cried.
- to cut a slice of bread
- I cut myself/my hand **on** that glass/**with** that knife.
- Cut the meat **up** into small pieces.
- This knife doesn't cut very well.
- Where did you **have** your hair **cut**?
- [+ obj + adj_] Firefighters had to cut the trapped driver **loose/free** (= cut the metal to allow the driver to get out of the car) using special equipment.
- He fell off the swing and cut his head **open** (= got a deep cut in his head).
- He cut the cake **in/into** six (pieces) and gave each child a slice.