

	<p>earn ► verb [with obj.] 1 obtain (money) in return for labour or services: <i>he earns his living as a lorry driver</i> [with two objs] <i>earn yourself a few pounds</i>. ■ [with two objs] (of an activity) cause (someone) to obtain (money): <i>this latest win earned them \$50,000 in prize money</i>. ■ (of capital invested) gain (money) as interest or profit.</p> <p>2 gain deservedly in return for one's behaviour or achievements: <i>through the years she has earned affection and esteem</i>.</p> <p>– PHRASES earn one's corn:^{Brit. informal} put in a lot of effort to show that one deserves one's wages. earn one's keep work in return for food and accommodation. ■ be worth the time or money spent on one.</p> <p>– PHRASAL VERBS earn something out (of an author, book, recording artist, etc.) generate sufficient income through sales to equal the amount paid in an advance or royalty.</p> <p>– ORIGIN Old English <i>earnian</i>, of West Germanic origin, from a base shared by Old English <i>esne</i> 'labourer'.</p>	Common pattern (indicated within the example)
Phrasal verb		Label (showing regional distribution)
Pronunciation (for selected words)	<p>Earp /ə:p/, Wyatt (Berry Stapp) (1848–1929), American gambler and marshal. He is famous for the gunfight at the OK Corral (1881), in which Wyatt with his brothers and his friend Doc Holliday fought the Clanton brothers at Tombstone, Arizona.</p>	Encyclopedic entry (biography)
Label (showing currency)	<p>ebullient /ɪˈbʌljənt, -ˈbʊl-/ ► adjective 1 cheerful and full of energy: <i>she sounded ebullient and happy</i>. 2:^{archaic} (of liquid or matter) boiling or agitated as if boiling: <i>misted and ebullient seas</i>.</p> <p>– DERIVATIVES ebulliently adverb.</p> <p>– ORIGIN late 16th cent. (in the sense 'boiling'): from Latin <i>ebullient-</i> 'boiling up', from the verb <i>ebullire</i>, from <i>e-</i> (variant of <i>ex-</i>) 'out' + <i>bullire</i> 'to boil'.</p>	
Word history		
	<p>ecdysis /ˈekdɪsɪs, ekˈdaɪsɪs/ ► noun [mass noun]^{Zoology} the process of shedding the old skin (in reptiles) or casting off the outer cuticle (in insects and other arthropods).</p> <p>– DERIVATIVES ecdysial /ekˈdɪziəl/ adjective.</p> <p>– ORIGIN mid 19th cent.: from Greek <i>ekdusis</i>, from <i>ekduein</i> 'put off', from <i>ek-</i> 'out, off' + <i>duein</i> 'put'.</p>	Subject label
Technical information	<p>echidna /ɪˈkɪdnə/ ► noun a spiny insectivorous egg-laying mammal with a long snout and claws, native to Australia and New Guinea. Also called: SPINY ANTEATER. ● Family Tachyglossidae, order Monotremata: two genera and species.</p> <p>– ORIGIN mid 19th cent.: modern Latin, from Greek <i>ekhidna</i> 'viper', also the name of a mythical creature which gave birth to the Hydra; compare with <i>ekhinos</i> 'sea urchin, hedgehog'.</p>	Alternative name
Encyclopedic entry (place name)	<p>Ecuador /ˈɛkwədɔː/, Spanish /ekwaˈðaoɾ/ an equatorial republic in South America, on the Pacific coast; pop. 14,573,100 (est. 2009); languages, Spanish (official), Quechua; capital, Quito.</p> <div> <p>Ranges and plateaux of the Andes separate the coastal plain from the tropical forests of the Amazon basin. Formerly part of the Inca empire, Ecuador was conquered by the Spanish in 1534 and remained part of Spain's American empire until, after the first uprising against Spanish rule in 1809, independence was gained in 1822.</p> </div> <p>– DERIVATIVES Ecuadorian (also Ecuadorean) adjective & noun.</p>	Additional information (in separate block)