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*Using the BBI: A workbook with exercises* is available at: [http://dx.doi.org/10.1075/z.bbi.workbook](http://dx.doi.org/10.1075/z.bbi.workbook)
To use language you must be able to combine words with other words to form phrases and to combine words into grammatical patterns to form clauses and sentences. Traditionally, the combination of words with words has been called collocation and its result has been called phraseology. Traditionally, the combination of words into grammatical patterns has been called colligation or complementation or construction (though in BBI it is called collocation, too) and its result has been called valency. A dictionary that provides both phraseology and valency is a dictionary of word combinations; or, in the terminology of Igor Melchuk, whose work has inspired us, a combinatory or combinatorial dictionary. BBI is a combinatory dictionary.

Consider the sentence 〈I badly want to go there.〉. It offers you the phraseological information that the verb want can be intensified by the word badly. It offers you also the valency information that the verb want can take the pattern to + infinitive.

BBI offers such information about many types of word. It tells you that since collocates with ever 〈I married her and we’ve been happy ever since.〉 and with long (a custom long since abandoned). It tells you that reveal, revelation, and let on can all take the pattern that + clause 〈Don’t ¬reveal/let on¬ that you know the answer, or your revelation that you know the answer may disturb everyone.〉 (where the occasional symbols ¬…/…¬ couple let on (two words) with reveal (one word) as alternatives). And so on. And so forth.

BBI offers that information by means of Codes (see our Introduction), Exemplification, and Discussion (as in Usage Notes).

In BBI 3, examples may be repeated at more than one word to show a particularly close or memorable relation between the words exemplified. Thus we offer the example 〈shock and awe〉 at both awe and shock. And the famous phrase (“With malice toward none; with charity for all” — Abraham Lincoln, Second Inaugural Address,” 1865) appears as an example at both charity and malice. That shows also how BBI 3 offers examples of real English attributed to their real authors. Such authentic attributed examples help to motivate language-learners — as they would most certainly motivate me!
Moreover, in BBI 3, examples may be transformed to exhibit the relation between the words exemplified. Thus we offer:

- **vex** v. ...It **vexes** me greatly to read such things in the newspapers ...
- **vexation** n. ...my great **vexation** to read such things in the newspapers ...
- **vexed** adj. ...I’m very **vexed** to read such things in the newspapers ...
- **vexing** adj. ...It is very **vexing** to read such things in the newspapers ...

Furthermore, in BBI 3, examples may be combined to create mini-dialogues. Thus at **account** v. we offer ⟨…“how do you **account** for the accident?” “it can be partly **accounted** for by the bad weather.”⟩

The repetition, transformation, and combination of examples help to knit the many entries of BBI together and to enable people to adjust their use of words appropriately to contexts.

The Usage Notes in BBI 3 allow a freer and more discursive explanation of language problems. Thus the Usage Note at **thanks** not only offers the most typical responses to **thanks** and **thank you** but also assesses those responses for their currency (is a response used throughout the English-speaking world or only in a part of it?) and contemporaneity (is a response up to date or old-fashioned?).

For a work to help people to use a cosmopolitan language it is essential to specify where possible the range of acceptability of the items entered in the work. Thus at **thanks** our Usage Note specifies that the response “You’re welcome” is nowadays Common English (despite its probable American origin) whereas the response “Don’t mention it” is somewhat old-fashioned British English. Similarly, at **omit** we say that though the collocation in the example ⟨she **omitted** his name from the list.⟩ is Common English, the colligation in the example ⟨he **omitted** to explain why he had been late.⟩ is chiefly British English rather than American English. In fact, the treatment of American-British differences in BBI 3 is one of its most important features.

Whence come the entries in BBI 3? They are several thousand of the items that Morton Benson, Evelyn Benson, and I have found of most value in using our native language, English, and in seeking equivalents for when using other languages.

Whence come the collocations and colligations offered in BBI 3 about those entries? From the authors’ intuition, supported by their reading of and listening to contemporary English and by consultation with such valued colleagues as Ms Janet Whitcut and Dr John Kahn. Nowadays, our task is eased not only by the availability of corpuses of contemporary English (such as the British National Corpus) but also by the amazing resource of the Internet itself, which enables us to search in it for a word and find superb examples of that word in context. Nor should it be forgotten that an important source of new information in BBI 3 is, paradoxically, BBI 2, now that the computer allows material from an entry in BBI 2 to be added to other entries in BBI 3 where such material is appropriate.

But the items that occur to us or that we find are passed through the filter of standard lists of complementation patterns in such works as *A Comprehensive Grammar of the English Language* by Randolph Quirk et al. and of collocations (as in the lists
of Lexical Functions prepared by Igor Melchuk et al. for use in explanatory and combinatorial dictionaries of various languages). So what users of BBI get is the product of native-speaker intuition expanded by our exposure to authentic English and then refined through the standard grids for phraseology and valency developed by outstanding scholars.

The result is BBI. It was “highly recommended” by the English-Speaking Union in 1987. We hope that its present incarnation, 20 to 25% larger, will bring it into the 21st Century and provide the sort of information about English that its authors would like to have about the other languages we want to learn!
Preface to the

*BBI Dictionary of English Word Combinations*

Revised edition of the

*BBI Combinatory Dictionary of English*

In this revised edition we have expanded and updated the First Edition (1986) and the New Printing (1993) of the BBI, both of which were very favorably received. In selecting new material, we have made use of a variety of sources, such as: (1) critical appraisals from over 50 reviews in numerous journals; (2) additions to the bilingual versions of the BBI, specifically the Maruzen edition (Tokyo, 1993) and the *Longman Dictionary of English Collocations* (Hong Kong, 1995); (3) comments and suggestions of users of the BBI from around the globe, not all of whom can be mentioned here. We would, however, like to acknowledge the contributions of the following three scholars who have made a special effort to send in material: Mrs. Leatrice Lock Fung of Honolulu (Hawaii), Professor Mohamed H. Heliel of Alexandria University (Egypt), and Professor Zai Ming Li of Fuzhou University (People’s Republic of China).

The Revised Edition includes items that were missed in the First Edition. Examples of collocations that were added are: *to access data, a blank cassette, a borderline case, a cellular phone, to come on strong, a computer virus, corporate downsizing, a credit note* (in British English), *cultural diversity, a digital clock, to downsize the workforce, to gather speed, a laptop computer, legally binding, to level an accusation at, to nominate a candidate, to overshoot the runway, to program a VCR, to put a spin on something, to remove graffiti, to run a spell check, a security camera, to send a fax, to sound the all clear, twenty-twenty vision, to wave goodbye* etc.

In addition, a special effort has been made to identify and incorporate collocations that have entered the English language in recent years since the interlinking of computers. Thus, collocations such as *to browse the web, to create a home page, to cruise the World Wide Web, to go online, to send E-Mail, to surf the Internet, to visit a web site, welcome to cyberspace!* etc., have been included. We wish to express our sincere gratitude to Professor John F. Fritz, specialist in computers at the Allegheny University School of Nursing in Philadelphia, who assisted us in gathering these examples.

As in the First Edition, we have adhered to the principle of citing examples in clear, natural, normal English and have excluded collocations that are strictly technical. Once again, we will be grateful for comments and suggestions from users of this *Dictionary.*

M.B., E.B., R.I.
A Practical Guide to the BBI

Background

Learners of English as a foreign or second language, like learners of any language, have traditionally devoted themselves to mastering words — their pronunciation, forms, and meanings. However, if they wish to acquire active mastery of English, that is, if they wish to be able to express themselves fluently and accurately in speech and writing, they must learn to cope with the combination of words into phrases, sentences, and texts.

Students must learn how words combine or ‘collocate’ with each other. In any language, certain words regularly combine with certain other words or grammatical constructions. These recurrent, semi-fixed combinations, or collocations, can be divided into two groups: grammatical collocations and lexical collocations. Grammatical collocations consist of a dominant word — noun, adjective/participle, verb — and a preposition or a grammatical construction. Lexical collocations, on the other hand, do not have a dominant word; they have structures such as the following: verb + noun, adjective + noun, noun + verb, noun + noun, adverb + adjective, adverb + verb.

The BBI is a specialized dictionary designed to help learners of English find collocations quickly and easily. The BBI consistently pays attention to differences between American English and British English.

How to Find Grammatical Collocations in the BBI

Typical grammatical collocations in English are: (with prepositions) admiration (for), acceptable (to), amazed (at), (by) accident, to adhere (to), eager (for); (with grammatical constructions) eager (to do something), eagerness (to do something), to want (someone to do something), to become (someone or something). In such collocations the noun or the adjective or the verb is the dominant word. The BBI lists grammatical collocations under the dominant word.

Thus, in order to express in English the collocation Feindseligkeit gegenüber, the German speaker must find in the BBI the equivalent of the dominant word, that is, the noun Feindseligkeit. Learners of English may already know the dominant word; if not, the word can be found easily in any bilingual dictionary. The user of the BBI would then look up the entry for the noun hostility and find corresponding English collocations such as hostility to and hostility towards, both of which correspond to the German Feindseligkeit gegenüber.
The French speaker wishing to express in English the collocation curieux de (as in curieux de quelque chose) would look up the entry for the adjective curious and see that one says in English curious about (as in curious about something).

Spanish speakers seeking the translation of los vimos entrar would find at the entry for the verb see that one says in English either we saw them enter or we saw them entering.

How to Find Lexical Collocations in the BBI

Typical lexical collocations in English are: to put up resistance, to override a veto, a formidable challenge, a dog barks, a herd of cattle, deeply absorbed, to argue heatedly.

In order to find lexical collocations in the BBI, follow this step-by-step procedure: if there is a noun in the collocation, look under the noun; if there are two nouns, look under the second; if there is no noun, look under the adjective; if there is no noun or adjective, look under the verb.

Consequently, in order to find the English for poner la mesa a Spanish speaker would look up the entry for the noun table and find that in American English one usually says to set the table and that in British English one usually says to lay the table. Or, the same speaker would find for prender fuego a the corresponding English collocation to set fire to in the entry for the noun fire. The speaker of Italian who wishes to say in English sfondare la porta will find at the entry for door the collocations to break down the door and to force the door.

In order to render eingefleischter Junggeselle as confirmed bachelor and der Hund bellt as the dog barks, the German speaker would look up the entries for the nouns bachelor and dog.

French speakers would find that un troupeau de moutons is in English a flock of sheep by looking up the entry for the noun sheep, and that un troupeau de bétail is a herd of cattle by looking up the noun cattle.

Spanish speakers learn that they can express bien caliente in English as piping hot by consulting the entry for the adjective hot.

Speakers of Russian can find for krepko spat’ the English equivalent to sleep soundly by looking under the entry for the verb sleep.

For more detail, see the Introduction to this Dictionary and Using the BBI: A workbook with exercises (http://dx.doi.org/10.1075/z.bbi.workbook).
## Abbreviations

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The letters A to S denote the verb patterns, explained in the Introduction, Grammatical Collocations, section G8.
How Entries are Structured in the BBI
A Visual Guide

appointment n. "agreement to meet" 1. a follow-up; outpatient ~ 2. to have; keep; give, make, schedule an ~ (with) (the hospital gave me a follow-up outpatient ~ with their cardiologist) 3. to break; cancel; miss an ~ 4. by ~ (she sees patients by ~ only) 5. an ~ to + inf. (she had an ~ to see the dean) ["selection"] 6. to confirm; make an ~ 7. to block an ~ 8. an ~ to (we announced her ~ to the committee) ["position"] 9. an ~ as to offer an ~ (we offered her an ~ as treasurer) 11. to have, hold; receive an ~ 12. an interim; permanent; temporary ~ 13. a political ~ ["designation"] 14. by ~ to Her Majesty

Definition (of noun in square brackets, other typeface and double quotation marks), referring to 1. – 5.

Definition, referring to 6. – 8.

Definition, referring to 9. – 13.

Definition, referring to 14.

clock 1 n. 1. to regulate, set; wind (up) a ~ 2. to advance a ~; or: to put, set, turn a ~ ahead/forward ((by) one hour) 3. to put, set, turn a ~ back ((by) one hour) 4. a digital; cuckoo; electric; grandfather; wall ~ (by/according to my digital ~, it’s ten thirty) 5. a time ~ (to punch a time ~ when starting or finishing work) 6. a biological ~ (her biological ~ keep ticking away) 7. a ~ is fast; right; slow 8. a ~ gains time; goes, runs; keeps time; loses time; runs down; says the time, shows the time, tells the time (BE), tells time (AE); stops; ticks 9. a ~ strikes the hour 10. the dial; face; hands of a ~ 11. (misc.) to watch the ~ ("to wait impatiently for the end of the working day"); to work (around the ~ ("to work without rest"); to work against the ~ ("to strive to meet a deadline"); the ~ ran out ("the allotted time expired"); to stop the ~ ("to suspend play in a game so that the clock stops running") (see also alarm clock)

Definition (of noun in square brackets, other typeface and double quotation marks), referring to 1. – 5.

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1. – 10. = Lexical collocations

11. = Idioms with paraprases in double quotation marks

concerned adj. 1. deeply, gravely, greatly; very ~ 2. ~ about, for, over; with (~ about safety) 3. (esp. BE) ~ to + inf. (~ to know your decision) 4. ~ that + clause (she is ~ that there is still so much illiteracy; we are ~ that they might have missed the train) 5. (misc.) as far as I’m ~ USAGE NOTE: The phrases concerned about, concerned over, and, less frequently, concerned for mean “worried about” (concerned about your safety). The phrase concerned with means “interested in” (concerned with establishing the truth).

2. – 4. = Grammatical collocations

USAGE NOTE providing additional information
How Entries are Structured in the BBI

**meat** *n.* 1. to barbecue; braise; broil (AE), grill; cook; cure; fry; marinate; roast; sear; stew ~ 2. to carve, cut; slice ~ 3. dark; red; white ~ 4. fatty; lean ~ 5. raw; tender; tough ~ 6. halal; kosher ~ 7. canned (AE), tinned (BE); fresh; frozen ~ 8. boned; chopped (AE), ground (AE), minced (BE); soup ~ 9. ~ goes bad, spoils 10. a cut; joint; piece; slice of ~ (I'd like a couple of slices of your best cut of ~, please) 11. (misc.) ~ off the bone; ~ on the bone

**excited** *adj.* 1. ~ about, at, by, over (she got ~ about the news that they were coming) 2. ~ to + inf. (she was ~ to learn that they were coming) 3. ~ that + clause (she was ~ that they were coming)

**come out** *v.* 1. (d; intr.) to ~ against ("to oppose") (to ~ against a proposal) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ for, in favor of ("to support") (to ~ for a proposal) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ for ("to try out for") (are you ~ing out for the team?) 4. (d; intr.) to ~ with ("to make known; to publish") (to ~ with a new book; to ~ with the truth) 5. (L) it came out that he had cheated 6. (P; intr.) ("to end up, result") to ~ on top ("to be victorious") 7. (§) the pictures came out fine 8. (misc.) to ~ in spots ("to be covered with spots as a result of illness"); they came out from behind the bushes; she meant it as a compliment, but it came out as an insult; she finally came out openly as a liberal
Introduction

General

In English, as in other languages, there are many fixed, identifiable, non-idiomatic phrases and constructions. Such groups of words are called recurrent combinations, fixed combinations, or collocations. Collocations fall into two major groups: grammatical collocations and lexical collocations.

Grammatical Collocations

Background

A grammatical collocation is a phrase consisting of a dominant word (noun, adjective, verb) and a preposition or grammatical structure such as an infinitive or clause. For example, Noam Chomsky in his Aspects of the Theory of Syntax (page 191) points out that decide on a boat, meaning ‘choose (to buy) a boat’ contains the collocation decide on (in his terminology: close construction), whereas decide on a boat, meaning ‘make a decision while on a boat’ is a free combination (in his terminology: loose association).

Any native speaker of English feels that the components of decide on ‘choose’ and of other fixed phrases such as account for, accuse (somebody) of, adapt to, agonize over, aim at, etc. ‘collocate’ with each other. The native speaker will reject violations of collocability such as *decide at a boat, *account over a loss, *accuse somebody on a crime, *adapt towards new conditions, etc.

Free combinations, on the other hand, consist of elements that are joined in accordance with the general rules of English syntax and freely allow substitution. For example, in English a verb may be followed by adverbials (of time, place, and manner). The resultant number of possible combinations is limitless: they decided — after lunch, at three o’clock, during recess, immediately, in the library, on the boat, quickly, reluctantly, unhesitatingly, with a heavy heart, etc.

Collocations should be included in dictionaries; free combinations, on the other hand, should generally not be included. (The inclusion of free combinations is sometimes essential to illustrate a sense of a polysemous entry in a general-purpose dictionary.)

We will now describe eight major types of grammatical collocations; all of these are included in this Dictionary. The types are designated by G1, G2, etc.

G1

G1 collocations consist of noun + preposition combinations. We do not normally include noun + of combinations. A very large number of English nouns can be used
with *of*, especially to denote the concepts of ‘direct object’, ‘subject’, or ‘possession’. Thus, we include the combination *blockade against*, but not *blockade of*. The phrase *the blockade of enemy ports* is a regular transformation of *to blockade enemy ports*. We include *apathy towards*, but not *apathy of*. A phrase such as *the apathy of the electorate* is predictable on the basis of the known functions of the preposition *of*.

We also do not include noun + *by* combinations. The phrase *the blockade of enemy ports by our navy* is a predictable and regular transformation of the sentence: *our navy blockaded the enemy ports*. In addition, as already indicated, we will not include free combinations, such as *apathy among (the members of our party), apathy in (France)*, etc.

To save space, we usually do not include such derived prepositions as *concerning, regarding, in regard to, with regard to*. Note that the prepositions just listed are usually synonymous with *about*. Thus, an *argument about* is synonymous with an *argument concerning, an argument regarding*, etc.

**G2**

G2 collocations consist of nouns followed by *to* + infinitive. There are five syntactic patterns in which this construction is most frequently encountered; these patterns are the following:

1. It was a *pleasure* (*a problem, a struggle*) to do it.
2. They had the *foresight* (*instructions, an obligation, permission, the right*) to do it.
3. They felt a *compulsion* (*an impulse, a need*) to do it.
4. They made an *attempt* (*an effort, a promise, a vow*) to do it.
5. He was a *fool* (*a genius, an idiot*) to do it.

Some nouns can also be used with a verb form in *-ing*: *it’s a pleasure to work there = it’s a pleasure working there = working there is a pleasure (= to work there is a pleasure)*. Such nouns usually occur in the first syntactic pattern listed above. The use of the *-ing* form is shown in the entries.

We do not include nouns if they are followed by infinitives normally associated with the whole sentence rather than with the noun. Such infinitives express purpose; the phrase *in order* may be inserted between the noun and the infinitive with no change of meaning: *they sold their house (in order) to cut down on expenses, he mowed his lawn (in order) to impress his new neighbors, she closed the window (in order) to keep the flies out*, etc.

Nor do we include nouns that occur in phrases such as *a procedure to follow, a book to read, a place to eat, a way to do it*, etc. In such constructions, the infinitive can be replaced by a relative clause: *a procedure that is to be followed, a book that should be read, a place at which one can (should) eat, a way in which one may (should) do it*. The *BBI* does not include colloquial phrases often found in advertisements: *the dictionary to end all dictionaries, a computer to satisfy all needs*, etc.

Lastly, we usually do not include nouns preceded by a descriptive adjective: *an interesting book to read, a difficult person to understand, a clever thing to say*, etc.
Note that in addition to nouns, some adjectives (G6) and some verbs (Pattern E) are followed by to + infinitive.

**G3**

We include here nouns that can be followed by a that clause: we reached an agreement that she would represent us in court; he took an oath that he would do his duty. The *Dictionary* does not include nouns followed by relative clauses introduced by that, i.e., when that can be replaced by which: we reached an agreement that would go into effect in a month; he took the same oath that his predecessor had taken. Nor does it include nouns that can be followed by a clause only when they are objects of a preposition: it was by chance that we met; it was with (considerable) pride that he presented his findings.

Some nouns can be followed by a clause with the present subjunctive in formal English: it was his desire that his estate be divided equally. See the comments on the use of the subjunctive G8L. The use of the subjunctive is indicated in the entries for such nouns.

G3 nouns expressing emotion (astonishment, surprise) may take a ‘putative’ should: she expressed surprise that he should be thinking of changing jobs.

**G4**

G4 collocations consist of preposition + noun combinations. Examples are: by accident, in advance, to somebody’s advantage, on somebody’s advice, under somebody’s aegis, in agony, on (the) alert, at anchor, etc.

**G5**

G5 collocations are adjective + preposition combinations that occur in the predicate or as set-off attributives (verbless clauses): they were angry at everyone — angry at everyone, they stayed home — my friends, angry at everyone, stayed home.

Some adjectives must be followed by a prepositional phrase: they were fond of children. One does not normally say: *they were fond. In the sense ‘craving’ the adjective hungry is always followed by for in the predicate: they were hungry for news. The sentence they were hungry would have a different meaning. In a similar manner the adjective deaf in the sense ‘unwilling to listen’ is always followed by to: they were deaf to our pleas for help. Adjectives that are consistently used with a preposition in at least one sense are marked ‘cannot stand alone’ in the entries.

Derived prepositions such as concerning, regarding, in regard to, with regard to, are not included in the entries. Note that the prepositions just listed are usually synonymous with about.

In general, we do not include past participles (formed from transitive verbs) followed by the preposition by: this construction is regular and predictable. Thus, this *Dictionary* does not give such phrases as abandoned by, absolved by, etc.
We include adjective + of constructions when the subject of the construction is animate (usually human): they are afraid (ashamed, confident, critical, demanding, envious, etc.) of him. See G6 for a discussion of adjective + of constructions used with a ‘dummy’ it subject.

G6

G6 collocations consist of predicate adjectives and a following to + infinitive. Adjectives occur in two basic constructions with infinitives.

1. it was necessary to work

In this construction, the it is a ‘dummy’ or ‘empty’ subject; it has no antecedent. Prepositional phrases with for can be inserted into this construction with many adjectives: it was necessary for him to work. If the verb is transitive, a direct object is, of course, added: it was necessary to supervise them closely. Some adjectives can be used with a prepositional phrase beginning with of: it was stupid to go — it was stupid of them to go. (Sometimes, both of and for are possible: it was stupid of them to go; it was stupid for them to go.)

Most adjectives that appear in adjective + of constructions (with the ‘dummy’ it subject) followed by to + infinitive can also be used in sentences without the infinitive. An example is: it was stupid of them to go — it was stupid of them (or: that was stupid of them). The possibility of dropping the to + infinitive is usually not indicated in the Dictionary.

2. she (the girl) is ready to go; it (the machine) was designed to operate at high altitudes

In this construction, the subject is ‘real’ and usually animate. Some adjectives, however, normally occur in this construction with an inanimate subject: calculated, designed, etc. (See the example provided above with designed.) Several adjectives can occur in this construction with either an animate or an inanimate subject; an example is bound: she was bound to find out — it (‘the accident’) was bound to happen. Other adjectives of this type are destined, known, liable, likely, etc.

Several adjectives can be used in both constructions: it was supposed to rain — she was supposed to work today. Some adjectives have the same meaning in both constructions: it was difficult to convince him — he was difficult to convince. Other adjectives of this type are easy, hard, impossible, and tough.

It should be noted that a large number of adjectives, when used with adverbs such as too and enough, can be followed by an infinitive: he was too absorbed to notice; she was alert enough to see it. These are not included in the Dictionary. The Dictionary does not include past participles that can be followed by a to + infinitive phrase of purpose: the text was proofread (in order) to eliminate errors. Nor does the Dictionary include past participles that are used in passive constructions: she was appointed (chosen, designated, elected, etc.) to serve as our delegate. Such constructions represent, in fact, the passive transformation of verb pattern H. (See below).
The Dictionary does, however, include many other past participles: he was amazed (amused, annoyed, appalled, astonished, etc.) to see the results of our research.

G6 collocations are normally illustrated in the Dictionary by examples. The examples will show in which construction (or constructions) each adjective is used. Note that many adjectives used with it and of can also be used with he/she: it was stupid of him/her to go — he/she was stupid to go.

Some G6 adjectives are normally not used without a following infinitive (or prepositional phrase), especially with an animate subject. We usually do not say *he is destined, *he is easy, *he is likely, etc., but rather he is destined to go far, he is easy to get along with, he is not likely to be late, etc. G6 adjectives of this type are marked ‘cannot stand alone’ in the entries.

A few G6 adjectives (usually used with the ‘dummy’ it) can also be followed by a verb form in -ing: it’s nice to work here = it’s nice working here. The use of the -ing form is shown in the entries.

Note that in addition to adjectives, some nouns (G2) and some verbs (pattern E), are followed by to + infinitive.

G7

G7 adjectives (many of which are also in G6) can be followed by a that clause: she was afraid that she would fail the examination; it was nice that he was able to come home for the holidays. Several adjectives are followed by the present subjunctive in formal English: it was imperative that I be there at three o’clock; it is necessary that he be replaced immediately. See the comments on the use of the present subjunctive in G8L.

G8

G8 collocations consist of nineteen English verb patterns, designated by the capital letters A to S. A description of each verb pattern follows.

A. Pattern A verbs allow the dative movement transformation, that is, allow the shift of an indirect object (usu. animate) to a position before the direct object, with deletion of to when both objects are nouns and when the direct object is a noun: he sent the book to his brother — he sent his brother the book and he sent the book to him — he sent him the book. However, when both objects are pronouns, this transformation is common only in BE: he sent it to him — he sent him it (marginal in AE). BE also allows he sent it him.

B. Pattern B verbs are transitive; when they have an indirect object, they do not allow the dative movement transformation, i.e., the shift of the indirect object (usu. animate) to a position before the direct object with the deletion of to. Thus, we have they described the book to her, they mentioned the book to her, they returned the book to her, but not *they described her the book, etc. Compare the A pattern verb send, which does allow the transformation: they sent him the book. Verbs denoting types of noise fit pattern B: he screamed something to her. Other such verbs are: babble, bark, bellow, growl, etc.
In a few rare cases, AE and BE usage differs. An example is the verb *recommend*, which in AE belongs to pattern B and in BE to pattern A. Such differences are indicated in the *Dictionary.*

C. In pattern C, transitive verbs used with the preposition *for* allow the *dative movement transformation*, i.e., allow the deletion of *for* and the shift of the indirect object (usu. animate) to a position before the direct object: *she bought a shirt for her husband* — *she bought her husband a shirt, she bought a shirt for him* — *she bought him a shirt.*

   It must be emphasized that the *Dictionary* gives only those verbs that occur most frequently in the various meanings of *make — create.* For example, in regard to culinary operations, the *Dictionary* includes the verbs *bake, boil, brew, broil, chop, cook, fry, grill, grind, peel, scramble, slice,* and *toast* (as in: *bake me a cake, boil him an egg, brew her some tea, broil us a few steaks,* etc.). However, the *Dictionary* does not include less frequently used verbs that can be used in the same constructions. Examples are: *barbecue, braise, brown, devil, fricassee, oven bake, pan broil, pan fry, parboil, poach, sauté, scallop, shirr, steam, stew,* etc.

D. In this pattern, the verb forms a collocation with a specific preposition (+ object). Free combinations such as *to walk in the park* are excluded. In addition, combinations of the type *verb + by* or *with* are excluded when the latter denote ‘means’ or ‘instrument’: *they came by train, we cut bread with a knife,* etc.

   Collocations consisting of a verb + *as* (+ object) are included in the *Dictionary: to act as, to interpret as, to serve as, to treat as,* etc.

   Some D-pattern verbs are normally *not* used without a prepositional phrase. For example, one does not say: *we will adhere,* *they based their conclusions,* *our committee consists,* etc. Well formed sentences are: *we will adhere to the plan, they based their conclusions on the available facts, our committee consists of six members,* etc.

   When a verb (or a certain sense of a verb) is normally followed by a prepositional phrase, its pattern is designated by the small letter *d.*

   The *Dictionary* does include compound verbs followed by prepositions: *break in on, catch up to,* etc. Note that *out of* is treated as a compound preposition.

   Transitive D-pattern verbs used with *to* and B-pattern verbs produce identical constructions. We assign to B those verbs that are normally used with an animate indirect object, and to D — verbs normally occurring with inanimate indirect objects. Compare B: *we described the meeting to them* and D: *we invited them to the meeting.*

E. In this pattern, verbs are followed by *to + infinitive.* Examples of this construction are: *they began to speak, she continued to write, he decided to come, we offered to help,* etc. Verbs are not included if they are normally used in phrases of purpose, that is, if *in order* can be inserted with no change of meaning: *they were drilling (in order) to improve their pronunciation, he was running (in order) to catch a train, she stopped (in order) to chat,* etc.

F. This pattern includes the small number of verbs that are followed by an infinitive without *to: we must work.* These verbs, with the exception of *dare, help* (esp. AE), and
need, are called modals. The verbal phrases had better and would rather also fit this pattern: he had better (would rather) go.

G. In this pattern, verbs are followed by a second verb in -ing. Typical examples of this construction are: they enjoy watching television, he kept talking, we miss going to work every day, the house needs painting, she quit smoking, he regrets living so far from his family, etc.

Note that some pattern G verbs are also in pattern E. Thus, we have approximately synonymous constructions: he began reading — he began to read, she continued speaking — she continued to speak.

Several verbs, however, that appear in both G and E have a different meaning in each construction. The sentence he remembered to tell them means that ‘he intended to tell them and told them’; he remembered telling them means that ‘he remembered the act of telling them’. In a similar manner, the construction he forgot to tell them means that ‘he intended to tell them, but forgot to do so’; he forgot (about) telling them means that ‘he forgot that he (had) told them’.

Note also the difference between the pattern G construction she stopped chatting ‘she terminated her chat’ and she stopped to chat. The latter construction contains an infinitive phrase of purpose similar to that in she dropped in (in order) to chat, she telephoned her friend (in order) to chat, etc.

H. In this pattern, transitive verbs are followed by an object and to + infinitive. Typical examples of this construction are: she asked me to come; they challenged us to fight; we forced them to leave; he invited me to participate; she permitted the children to watch television.

Many of the verbs in this pattern can take the infinitive to be after the direct object: we advised them to be careful, she asked us to be punctual, the director authorized us to be in the laboratory, etc. For verbs that are normally used only with to be after the direct object, see pattern M.

Most H-pattern verbs can be passivized: I was asked to come, we were authorized to use the laboratory, etc. Some, however, cannot be: beseech, bring, cable, cause, commit, get, have, intend, like, prefer, telegraph, telephone, thank, trouble, want, wire, wish, and write.

I. In this pattern, transitive verbs are followed by a direct object and an infinitive without to. Examples of this construction are: she heard them leave, we let the children go to the park, they saw her drive up to the house, he watched them unload the car, etc. Some of these verbs are also used in pattern J.

The use of I-pattern verbs in the passive occurs occasionally: we felt the earth move — the earth was felt to move; they made us get up — we were made to get up. Note the appearance of to + infinitive in the passive construction. In some instances, the -ing form seems more natural when the verb is passivized: she was seen driving up to the house. Most I-pattern verbs cannot be passivized: we had them fix our roof, she helped us move the furniture, they let the children go home, I watched them unload the car, etc.
J. In this pattern, verbs are followed by an object and a verb form in -ing. Typical examples of this construction are: *I caught them stealing apples, we found the children sleeping on the floor, he kept me waiting two hours,* etc. Note that some verbs in this list are also used in pattern I. Thus, we have approximately synonymous constructions: *she heard them leaving — she heard them leave, he felt his heart beating — he felt his heart beat, we watched them dancing — we watched them dance,* etc.

J-pattern verbs can usually be passivized: *they were caught stealing apples, the children were found sleeping on the floor, I was kept waiting two hours,* etc.

K. In this pattern, verbs can be followed by a possessive (pronoun or noun) and a gerund, i.e., a verbal noun. Typical examples of this construction are: *please excuse my waking you so early, this fact justifies Bob’s coming late.* Some of these constructions are very close to those in pattern J, which consist of verb + direct object + present participle. Note the following constructions that are virtually synonymous: *I cannot imagine them stealing apples — I cannot imagine their stealing apples; they remembered Bill making that mistake — they remembered Bill’s making that mistake,* etc.

The possessive construction is awkward when two objects are joined by a conjunction. Thus, the construction *I can’t imagine Bill (or Bill’s) and Mary’s doing that* is far less likely to occur than the pattern J construction *I can’t imagine Bill and Mary doing that.*

Native speakers of English often have individual preferences for one construction and may not find the other construction acceptable. Some speakers tend to avoid the possessive construction, which is considered to be bookish. Thus, instead of *we excused his coming late,* many will say *we excused him for coming late;* instead of *we anticipated his refusing,* they prefer *we anticipated his refusal,* etc. In this Dictionary we have attempted to include only the most frequently occurring verbs that can be followed by a possessive.

L. In this pattern, verbs can be followed by a noun clause beginning with the conjunction that. Examples are: *they admitted that they were wrong, she believed that her sister would come, he denied that he had taken the money, we hoped that the weather would be nice.* In colloquial English the *that* may be omitted: *they admitted they were wrong, she believed her sister would come,* etc.

Some verbs always take a noun or pronoun object before the *that* clause: *she assured me that she would arrive on time, they convinced us that we should invest our money at once, he informed his students that the examination had been canceled.* Such verbs are marked ‘must have an object’ in the entries. Other verbs can be used with or without a nominal object: *he bet that it would rain — he bet me that it would rain; we cabled that we would arrive on Tuesday — we cabled them that we would arrive on Tuesday; she promised that she would come — she promised her brother that she would come; we showed that we were good workers — we showed everyone that we were good workers,* etc. Such verbs are marked ‘may have an object’ in the entries. Most of the objects in the sentences just cited seem to be direct objects, i.e., cannot be preceded by *to.* Note however that the (especially AE) construction *he wrote me that*
he would come next month has the CE variant he wrote to me that he would come next month. Certain verbs in pattern L (often belonging also to pattern B) may be followed by a prepositional phrase with to: he swore that he would stop drinking — he swore to us that he would stop drinking. Such verbs are marked ‘to’ in the entries.

Some verbs in pattern L allow the insertion of the fact with little or no change in meaning: he acknowledged (admitted, confirmed, forgot, mentioned, etc.) that he was guilty or the fact that he was guilty.

Verbs denoting types of noise fit pattern L: growl, grumble, grunt, mumble, etc.

Several verbs, in ‘correct’ or formal English, are followed by a verb in the present subjunctive in the that clause. Examples are: he demanded that I be there tomorrow at ten o’clock, we moved that the resolution be accepted, the officer ordered that the soldier report to his unit immediately, she proposed that our class hold a reunion, they suggested that the firm appoint a new personnel manager. In BE the modal should is normally used (also in AE as a variant): they suggested that the firm should appoint a new personnel manager. The verbs used with a following subjunctive in formal English are marked subj. in the entries. The variant with should is also shown in the entries.

Some L-pattern verbs can be followed by a clause either with the subjunctive or with the indicative; there is a difference in meaning. Compare: I suggest that she be/should be there at two o’clock — the facts suggest that she is there.

A few L-pattern verbs regularly have ‘dummy’ it as their subject: it appears that they will not come. Other verbs of this type are: follow, seem, transpire, turn out, etc.

M. In this pattern, transitive verbs can be followed by a direct object, the infinitive to be, and either an adjective, or a past participle, or a noun/pronoun. In most instances, the same verb can be followed by any of these three forms. Examples of this construction are: we consider her to be very capable — we consider her to be well trained — we consider her to be a competent engineer; the court declared the law to be unconstitutional — the court declared the law to be superseded by more recent legislation — the court declared the law to be a violation of the Constitution; we found the roads to be excellent — we found the roads to be cleared of snow — we found the roads to be a serious problem for the state treasury.

Note that this pattern includes verbs that normally take to be after the direct object. For verbs that combine freely with infinitives other than to be, see pattern H.

N. In this pattern, transitive verbs can be followed by a direct object and an adjective or a past participle or a noun/pronoun. Here are several examples of this construction with an adjective: she dyed her hair red, we found them interesting, he made his meaning clear, the police set the prisoner free. Verbs used with adjectives in this construction are marked ‘used with an adjective’ in the entries.

Examples with a past participle are: the soldiers found the village destroyed, she had her tonsils removed, we heard the aria sung in Italian. Verbs used with past participles are marked ‘used with a past participle’ in the entries.

Examples with a noun/pronoun are: we appointed (designated, elected, made, named) Bob secretary, her friends call her Becky, they ordained him priest. Verbs
used with nouns/pronouns are marked ‘used with a noun’ in the entries. Many of these verbs are also used in pattern H (appoint, designate, elect, name). Approximately synonymous constructions of the following types can thus be formed: we appointed (designated, etc.) him secretary; or: we appointed him to serve as secretary; or: we appointed him to be secretary.

Some pattern N verbs are also used in pattern M. Note the following synonymous constructions: we consider her (to be) a competent engineer; the court declared the law (to be) unconstitutional; we found the roads (to be) cleared of snow; we proved him (to be) guilty, etc.

Finally, it should be noted that some N-pattern verbs are used only with certain adjectives or with a certain adjective. For example, with the verb paint, we can say to paint the walls blue/green/white, etc. With the verb shoot, we can only say to shoot somebody dead.

O. In this pattern, transitive verbs can take two objects, neither of which can normally be used in a prepositional phrase with to or for. Examples of sentences with such double objects are: the teacher asked the pupil a question, we bet her ten pounds, the police fined him fifty dollars, God will forgive them their sins, she tipped the waiter five dollars, etc. Note the superficial similarity of the constructions we bet him ten pounds and we sent him ten pounds. (See pattern A.) Only the second construction allows the transformation we sent ten pounds to him.

Pattern O is also very close structurally to pattern N (which has a noun/pronoun following the direct object: they called him a fool). The latter construction has one direct object (him), followed by a predicate (object) complement (a fool).

Some pattern O verbs can be used with either of their objects alone: the teacher asked the pupil — the teacher asked a question. Such verbs are marked ‘can be used with one object’ in the entries.

Verbs pertaining to gambling such as bet, lay, and wager are noteworthy in being able to take in effect three objects — a person, an amount, and a clause denoting the point of the bet: we bet him ten pounds that it would rain. Bet can be used with any of the three objects alone; lay seems to require the first and the second; wager can be used with either the second or the third alone.

O-pattern verbs can usually be passivized; in most instances, at least one object can become the subject of the passive construction. Examples are: no questions were asked, ten pounds were bet, he was fined fifty dollars, they will be forgiven, the waiter was tipped five dollars.

P. In this pattern, intransitive, reflexive, and transitive verbs must be followed by an adverbial. The adverbial may be an adverb, a prepositional phrase, a noun phrase, or a clause. For example, we cannot normally say in English *he carried himself. An adverbial is required to form a complete sentence: he carried himself well; or: he carried himself with dignity. In a similar manner, without adverbials the following sentences are not complete: *Tuesday comes, *we fared, *the meeting will last, *my brother is living (= ‘dwelling’), *a strange man was lurking, *I nosed the car, *she put pressure
(cf.: she exerted pressure, which is acceptable), *the boys sneaked, *they tramped, *the trunk weighs, etc. Acceptable sentences can be formed only if an appropriate adverbial is added: Tuesday comes after Monday, we fared well, the meeting will last two hours, my brother is living in Utah, a strange man was lurking where we least expected him, I nosed the car (out) into the street, she put pressure on them, the boys sneaked into the auditorium, they tramped through the woods, the trunk weighs thirty pounds.

Note that some polysemous verbs cited above may have senses that do not require an adverbial: they are coming, is he still living? a shot-putter puts the shot, etc.

Some adverbials of duration may resemble direct objects: the meeting will last all day, this job took two hours, etc. In fact, these verbs are intransitive; we can say, for example, the meeting will last long. We must also mention here sentences with verbs of measurement, such as the trunk weighs thirty pounds. We treat thirty pounds as an adverbial complement rather than as a direct object, thus distinguishing this sense of weigh (which we consider to be intransitive) from the sense used in the sentence she weighed the trunk (which we consider to be transitive).

Some verbs are invariably followed by a particle: hang around, well up, etc. Such forms can be considered compound verbs (phrasal verbs) and should be given in dictionaries as separate entries. They are not included in this pattern.

In this Dictionary we have attempted to give only the most commonly used verbs and senses that have obligatory adverbials. We have not included all verbs that are followed by a way-phrase and an obligatory adverbial: we elbowed (fought, jostled, made, pushed, worked, etc.) our way through the crowd, they bribed their way to success, the Tatar cavalry burned its way through Eastern Europe, etc. The number of such verbs is very large.

Q. In this pattern, verbs can be followed by an interrogative word: how, what, when, where, which, who, why; to these we add whether (which often alternates in clauses with if). These interrogative forms are often called wh-words. Note: verbs that can be followed only by what are not included. An example is the verb want; we can say he wants what I want, but not *he wants how I want.

The verbs entered in the Dictionary can be followed by a wh-word and usually by either a to + infinitive construction or by a clause: he asked how to do it, she could not decide whether or not to begin, she knew when to keep quiet — he asked how he should do it, she could not decide whether (if) she should begin, she knew when it was best to keep quiet.

Although most pattern Q verbs do not take a noun/pronoun object before the wh-construction, several must have an object: we told them what to do, they informed us where applications were being accepted, etc. Such verbs are marked ‘must have an object’ in the entries. A few verbs can be used with or without an object: she asked why we had come — she asked us why we had come. Such verbs are marked ‘may have an object’ in the entries.

R. In this pattern, transitive verbs (often expressing emotion) are preceded by the dummy it and are followed by to + infinitive or by that + clause or by either. The
construction (or constructions) in which each verb usually seems to occur is shown in the entries. Examples are: *it behooves/behoes you to study more; it puzzled me that they never answered the telephone; it surprised me to learn of her decision and it surprised me that our offer was rejected.*

S. In this pattern, a small number of intransitive verbs are followed by a predicate noun or by a predicate adjective: *she became an engineer; he was a teacher; he became smug; she was enthusiastic.* The verb *make*, used intransitively, belongs here: *he’ll make a good teacher.*

A somewhat larger group of intransitive verbs can be followed only by a predicate adjective; these verbs are coded with the small letter *s*. Examples are: *she looks fine; the flowers smell nice; the food tastes good.*

**Special Note on Transitivity**

Verbs are always transitive in the following patterns: A, B, C, H, I, J, K, M, N, O, and R. In four other patterns verbs are consistently intransitive: E, F, G, and S. In the fifteen patterns just listed, verbs are not marked for transitivity. In patterns D, d, and P, verbs of both types occur and are marked as *tr.* or *intr.* In patterns L and Q, verbs can be followed by a clause, and consequently, can be considered to be transitive with a few exceptions such as *appear, emerge, feel, seem.* If another object must be used, the verb is marked ‘must have an object’. If another object may be used, the verb is marked ‘may have an object’.

**Survey of Verb Patterns**

In this survey the following special symbols are used: *s* = subject; *v* = verb; *o* = object (direct or indirect); *c* = complement; *a* = adverbial (when obligatory); *v-ing* = verb form in *-ing.*

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Note that collocational types G2 and G3 (for nouns) and G6 and G7 (for adjectives) are closely related grammatically to some of the verb patterns given above.
Lexical Collocations

Background

Lexical collocations, in contrast to grammatical collocations, normally do not contain prepositions, infinitives, or clauses. Typical lexical collocations consist of nouns, adjectives, verbs, and adverbs. An example of an adjective + noun collocation is *warmest regards*, as in *I send warmest regards*. Typical violations of lexical collocability are *I send hot regards* and *I send hearty regards*.

Many lexical collocations in English consist of a verb and noun, such as *bring in an acquittal, file an affidavit, put on airs*, etc. The various types of lexical collocations included in the Combinatory Dictionary will be described below.

The Combinatory Dictionary does not include free lexical combinations. Free lexical combinations are those in which the two elements do not repeatedly co-occur; the elements are not bound specifically to each other; they occur with other lexical items freely. Thus, a construction such as *condemn murder* is a free combination. The verb *condemn* occurs with an unlimited number of nouns: *they condemned — the abduction, abortion, abuse of power, the acquittal*, etc. In a similar manner, *murder* combines freely with hundreds of verbs: *abhors, accept, acclaim, advocate*, etc.

On the other hand, *commit murder* is a collocation. The verb *commit* is limited in use to a small number of nouns, meaning ‘crime’, ‘wrongdoing’; it collocates specifically with *murder*.

We will now describe seven major types of lexical collocations; all of these are included in the Dictionary. The types are designated by L1, L2, L3, etc. The Dictionary attempts to give only those lexical collocations that are in common use.

**L1**

L1 collocations consist of a verb (usually transitive) and a noun/pronoun (or prepositional phrase). Most L1 collocations consist of a verb denoting creation and/or activation and a noun/pronoun. We call such fixed lexical combinations CA collocations. Here are examples of collocations with verbs denoting creation: *come to an agreement, make an impression, compose music, set a record, reach a verdict, inflict a wound*. Here are examples of collocations that express the concept of activation: *set an alarm, fly a kite, launch a missile, punch a time clock, spin a top, wind a watch*.

In some instances, the same noun collocates with one verb (or verbs) to denote creation and with another verb (or verbs) to denote activation: *establish a principle (= creation) — apply a principle (= activation); draw up a will (= creation) — execute a will (= activation)*.

In many instances the meanings creation and activation are united in one verb: *call an alert, display bravery, hatch a conspiracy, impose an embargo, produce friction, inflict an injustice, offer opposition, pose a question, lay a smoke screen, put out a tracer, commit treason, issue a warning*.
CA collocations are arbitrary and non-predictable. Non-native speakers cannot cope with them; they must have a guide. They have no way of knowing that one says in English make an estimate (but not *make an estimation), commit treason (but not *commit treachery). In English one says commit fraud and perpetrate fraud. However, only the collocation commit suicide is possible; one does not say *perpetrate suicide.

Even the native speaker may need at times to refer to a list of CA collocations. Many may not know which verbs collocate with such nouns as the following: acquittal, afterburners, authority, barrage, bench warrant, Caesarean section, circuit breaker, cloture, copyright, counsel, coup de grâce, coup d’État, etc. A native speaker of AE, who says to take up a collection, will not know which verb collocates with the colloquial BE synonym of CE collection, namely whip-round (have). Speakers of BE prefer to have a bath; AE speakers invariably take a bath. CE speakers make a decision; BE speakers can also take a decision.

Many nouns collocate with verbs that refer to the actions of more than one participant. Such nouns will have different CA collocations according to which participant’s role is being described. Thus, a copyright office grants or registers a copyright, but an author or publisher holds or secures one.

CA collocations for polysemous nouns are extremely important. For example, the entry for the noun line has the following collocations: draw a line (on paper); form a line (= ‘line up’); drop smb. a line (= ‘write smb. a letter’). The entry for operation has: perform an operation (in a hospital); carry out (conduct) an operation (on the battlefield).

As indicated above, the Combinatory Dictionary does not include free combinations. Thus, we exclude many combinations with verbs such as build, cause, cook, grow, make, manufacture, prepare, etc. even though, strictly speaking, they convey the meanings of ‘creation’ or ‘activation’. Such verbs form an almost limitless number of combinations: build bridges (houses, roads), cause damage (deafness, a death), cook meat (potatoes, vegetables), etc.; such combinations seem to be predictable on the basis of the meaning of their component elements.

On the other hand, we have included in L1 many collocations even if they do not mean ‘creation’ or ‘activation’. Examples are: do the laundry, decline a noun, take one’s seat, carry a story, confirm a suspicion, resist temptation, conjugate a verb, etc.

L2 collocations consist of a verb meaning essentially eradication and/or nullification and a noun. Such fixed lexical combinations are called EN collocations. Typical examples are the following: reject an appeal, lift a blockade, break a code, reverse a decision, dispel fear, squander a fortune, demolish (raze, tear down) a house, repeal a law, revoke a license, annul a marriage, suspend martial law, scrub (cancel) a mission, withdraw an offer, countermand an order, renounce on a promise, crush (put down) resistance, break up a set (of china), rescind a tax, ease tension, quench one’s thirst, denounce (abrogate) a treaty, exterminate vermin, override a veto, etc.
The Combinatory Dictionary, does not include predictable free EN combinations. For example, the verb destroy can be used with a very large number of nouns denoting physical objects; these have not been entered. Examples are: to destroy — a barn, bridge, building, city, document, factory, harbor, house, laboratory, port, road, school, village, etc.

L3

L3 collocations consist of an adjective and a noun. One well known pair of examples is strong tea (not mighty tea) and weak tea (not feeble tea). In many instances, more than one adjective (or more than one form of the same adjective) can collocate with the same noun: warm, warmest (not hot); kind, kindest; best (not good) regards. Other examples of L3 collocations are: reckless abandon, a chronic alcoholic, a pitched battle, a formidable challenge, a crushing defeat, a rough estimate, an implacable foe, a sweeping generalization, etc.

As already indicated, the Dictionary attempts to give only the most commonly used lexical collocations. Many L3 collocations can be considered to be clichés. The Dictionary does not normally give collocations that are used solely in technical language. However, the Dictionary does give some technical collocations that will be of interest to students and teachers of English for Special Purposes.

In English, nouns are often used as adjectives. Nouns used attributively may enter into L3 collocations: house arrest, jet engine, land reform, aptitude test. These collocations are given at the entry for the second noun. However, if in a ‘fused’ compound the second noun does not have the same basic meaning as it has when used alone, the compound is not included as an L3 collocation. Examples of such Multi-Word Lexical Units (MLUS) are: bowling alley, sitting duck, long shot, stuffed shirt, etc. An MLU is listed as a separate headword if it enters into a collocation. For example, the colloquial MLU double take (‘delayed reaction’) is given as a headword since it is part of the collocation to do a double take.

In some instances, noun + noun collocations can be found more easily by the user of the Dictionary when they are listed at the entry for the first noun rather than at the entry for the second noun. For example, cabinet reshuffle is given at cabinet, drug pusher at drug, etc. Such collocations are listed in the entries under misc.

L4

L4 collocations consist of a noun and verb; the verb names an action characteristic of the person or thing designated by the noun: adjectives modify, alarms go off (ring, sound), bees buzz (sting, swarm), blizzards rage, blood circulates (clots, congeals, flows, runs), bombs explode (go off), etc. The Dictionary does not include predictable combinations such as bakers bake, boxers box, cooks cook, dancers dance, fencers fence, etc.
L5

L5 collocations indicate the *unit* that is associated with a noun. The structure of an L5 collocation is often *noun*₁ of *noun*₂. Such collocations may indicate:

a. the larger unit to which a single member belongs: *a colony (swarm) of bees, a herd of buffalo, a pack of dogs, a bouquet of flowers, a pride of lions, a school of whales,* etc.

b. the specific, concrete, small unit of something larger, more general: *a bit (piece, word) of advice, an article of clothing, an act of violence,* etc.

L6

L6 collocations consist of an adverb and an adjective. Examples are: *deeply absorbed, strictly accurate, closely (intimately) acquainted, hopelessly addicted, sound asleep, keenly (very much) aware,* etc.

L7

L7 collocations consist of a verb and an adverb. Examples are: *affect deeply, amuse thoroughly, anchor firmly, apologize humbly, appreciate sincerely, argue heatedly,* etc.

Arrangement of Entries

General

The *Dictionary* provides entries primarily for nouns, adjectives, and verbs. A few entries for adverbs and prepositions are also given. We will now describe the arrangement of each type of entry. Note that the following five principles apply to all entries.

1. Collocational types are indicated by illustrative phrases or sentences rather than by type designations. Verb entries are also coded.

2. Lexical collocations precede grammatical collocations.

3. Words characteristic of one variety of English are marked AE (for American English) or BE (for British English). For details concerning variety labeling, see the Style Guide, Collocational Strings, 9.

4. This *Dictionary* does not normally include idioms, i.e., frozen expressions in which the meaning of the whole does not reflect the meanings of the component parts: *to kill two birds with one stone* ‘to achieve two aims with one action’; *to be beside oneself* ‘to be in a state of great emotional confusion’. Some phrases, especially those expressing a simile, are transitional between collocations and idioms, that is, the meanings of the component parts are reflected partially in the meaning of the whole. The *Dictionary* does include important phrases of this type. For example, under *misc.* the entry for
bird has *as free as a bird*, the entry for feather has *as light as a feather*, the entry for sugar has *as sweet as sugar*, etc.

5. The Dictionary does include important fixed phrases that do not fit into any of the types of grammatical and lexical collocations described above. Thus, the entry for business gives *to mix business with pleasure*, the entry for eye gives *to feast one’s eyes on smt.*, etc. Such phrases are normally given under misc.

**Order of Entries**

Headwords, including compounds, are listed in strictly alphabetical order. Thus, the phrasal (compound) verb go along follows goal. Solid compounds precede those written as two words. For example, makeup n. precedes make up v. Homographs, i.e., words with the same spelling, are listed according to the alphabetical order of their part of speech. Their order is, consequently, adjective, adverb, noun, verb. For example, abandon I n. precedes abandon II v.

**Noun Entries**

Collocational types given in noun entries are customarily arranged in the following order: L1, L2, L3, L4, L5, G1, G2, G3, G4. Usually, each collocational type is given in a separate numbered item. However, in order to save space, two collocational types may be shown in the same item. For example, in the entry for allusion, we have *to make an allusion to*. This construction shows both L1 and G1.

**Adjective Entries**

Collocational types are arranged in the following order: L6, G5, G6, G7.

**Verb Entries**

L7 collocations are given first; they are followed by the verbal patterns of G8, namely A to S. Items showing G8 items are coded, that is, each collocation is marked by a letter designating the appropriate verbal pattern. G8 items are listed in the alphabetical order of their letter codes. When there are several D/d collocations, these are given in the alphabetical order of the collocating prepositions.

**Style Guide**

*The Swung Dash*

1. The swung dash (~) usually replaces the headword within the entry. The swung dash is repeated only when necessary.
2. In entries for compound (phrasal) verbs the swung dash represents both the verb and the particle only when they are used in the unseparated infinitive or imperative form and also in the simple present tense, unseparated, with no (third-person singular) ending. The entry for get away has an infinitive in the collocation to ~ from; the entry for reach out has an imperative in the illustrative phrase: ~ your hand to me. The entry for run short has the illustrative phrase they never ~ of money. In all other instances, the swung dash represents only the verb; the particle is shown separately. The entry take down has the illustrative phrase to ~ testimony down in shorthand. (Here the verb and particle are separated in the infinitive form.) The entry set apart has the phrase certain traits ~ them apart from the others. (Here in the simple present tense the verb and particle are separated.) The entry run around has the phrase he ~s around with a fast crowd. (Here the verb in the simple present tense has the third-person singular ending.)

3. The headword is used rather than the swung dash when irregular grammatical forms occur. Usually, these are irregular past tense forms of verbs. Occasionally noun plurals must be shown. For example, in the entry for prisoner of war we have to interrogate; repatriate prisoners of war; in goose we have geese cackle, honk.

Collocational Strings

1. When a headword collocates with various other words, the Dictionary usually lists the resultant collocations in strings. The presentation of collocations in strings not only saves an enormous amount of space, but it also allows the concentration of a great deal of material, facilitating the use of the Dictionary by its readers.

2. When collocations are listed in a string, a comma separates synonyms or near synonyms. Members of the collocational string are listed in alphabetical order. The entry for advice gives to give, offer ~. This string represents the synonymous collocations to give advice and to offer advice.

3. A semicolon separates non-synonymous collocations that are presented in a string. The entry for answerable has ~ for; to. This string represents the non-synonymous collocations answerable for and answerable to.

4. Both synonymous and non-synonymous collocations may be listed in one string. The entry for booth has an information; phone, telephone; polling, voting; projection ~. This string represents the collocation an information booth, the synonymous collocations a phone booth and a telephone booth, the synonymous collocations a polling booth and a voting booth, and the collocation a projection booth. Note that synonymous members of a string are grouped together, even though this upsets the overall alphabetical order. Note also that the article is not repeated in the string.

5. When the same noun collocates with different verbs and with different prepositions, the resultant collocations must be shown in different strings. Thus, under degree (‘academic title’) we have to award a ~ to; to confer a ~ on. Note that these collocations are synonymous; the semicolon between them separates different collocational strings.
rather than non-synonymous members of the same string. Another example is found in the entry damage (‘harm’), which gives to cause, do ~ to; to inflict ~ on. These two strings represent the three synonymous collocations to cause damage to, to do damage to, to inflict damage on.

6. Separate strings are required when differences in the use of articles or of number must be shown. Differences in the use of articles are indicated in business 5: a mail-order ~; show ~; the travel~. In atrocity 2 we see a string of adjectives for the singular: a dreadful, grisly, gruesome, heinous, horrible, horrid, monstrous, revolting, vile ~; in atrocity 3 we see the allocations normally used in the plural: death-camp; wartime atrocities.

7. As indicated above under Lexical Collocations, some nouns collocate with verbs that refer to the actions of more than one participant. Only verbs referring to the actions of the same participant may be listed in one string. Thus, the entry for copyright has one string for the actions of the copyright office (to grant, register a ~) and a different string for the actions of an author or publisher (to hold; secure a ~).

8. The examples given above show that normally each string has one swung dash. The sole exception occurs in strings that include a compound word, i.e., a word consisting of two (or more) roots spelled as one word. The last element of the compound is the same element with which the other members of the string collocate. In such instances, the member of the string preceding the compound must be followed by the swung dash. Under boat we have an assault~; flying ~; gunboat; lifeboat; mosquito ~.

9. Stylistic and variety labels referring to one member of the string normally follow that member. Under show I we have to catch (colloq.), see, take in a ~. The entry accountant has a certified public (AE), chartered (BE) ~. Note that the variety label CE is usually not used. Thus, the entry for different 2 has -from, than (AE), to (BE). This means that CE has different from, AE has different than, and BE has different to.

Definitions and Paraphrases

1. Definitions and paraphrases are enclosed in double quotation marks.

2. Definitions of nouns and adjectives in double quotation marks, other typeface, and square brackets refer to items that follow. Note the following example: accent n. [‘pronunciation’] to affect, assume, imitate, put on; cultivate an ~, etc. When ‘miscellaneous’ items are not covered by any previously given definition, they are listed at the end of the entry and are preceded by misc. in double quotation marks, other typeface, and square brackets. For an example, see the entry for account I.

3. Definitions of senses of verbs and paraphrases of illustrative phrases are given in double quotation marks and parentheses. Such definitions and paraphrases refer to the preceding item. An example of a paraphrase is provided in the entry aback. The collocation given is taken aback; the illustrative phrase is I was taken aback, which is paraphrased as I was startled.
4. When verb definitions refer to the headword, they stand immediately after the coding. For example, go II 11 has the coding (d; intr.), followed by the definition (“to pass”), the collocation to ~ by, and the illustrative phrase to ~ by smb.’s house. If, however, the meaning of the verb is clear only in combination with the following preposition, the definition follows not the coding, but the collocation. Thus, go 12 has the coding (d; intr.), the collocation to ~ by, the definition (“to follow”), and the illustrative phrase to ~ by the rules.

Illustrative Phrases

1. Illustrative phrases follow the collocation that they refer to; they are given in parentheses. The entry adherence 2 has the collocation ~ to followed by the illustrative phrase strict ~ to a plan.

2. When synonyms are indicated in an illustrative phrase, they are separated by a slash (/). The entry for state I 9 has the illustrative phrase: affairs/matters of ~.

3. Note that a collocation may be expanded so as to serve as an illustration. Under river 4 we have the L4 collocation a ~ flows expanded by the phrase (into the sea), enclosed in parentheses. Thus, river 4 has: a ~ flows (into the sea).

Usage Notes

Usage Notes in the BBI provide additional information about the appropriate use of headwords and their collocations. The views of purists concerning correct usage are sometimes given. Usage Notes may also include details about the differences between AE and BE; for additional information about these differences, see the Lexicographic Description of English. Note that the swung dash is not used in the Usage Notes.

Pronunciation

In general, the BBI Dictionary does not indicate pronunciation. In a few instances, however, phonemic transcription is provided in order to differentiate homographs. Thus, bow I is transcribed as /bau/ and bow III as /bou/; use I is transcribed as /ju:s/ and use II as /ju:z/. For details concerning the simplified transcription used in the BBI, see the Lexicographic Description of English or the comparative table that follows.

It should be noted that in some English homographs the stress of adjectives and nouns on one hand, and that of verbs on the other, may be different. In such instances, the adjective or noun has the stress on the first syllable, and the verb has the stress on the second syllable. Entries given in the BBI for such homographs with stress differences include: absent, abstract, address, ally, annex, compress, conduct, conflict, contract, contrast, convert, defect, discourse, escort, excerpt, extract, impact, implant, increase, intrigue, object, overhaul, permit, present, produce, progress, prospect, protest, rebel,
rebound, recall (in AE), record, recount, refund, refuse, relay, remit (in BE), subject, suspect, transfer, transplant, transport, upset.

A few nouns have variant stresses, i.e., either on the first or on the second syllable. Examples are: address (“place of residence”), ally, intrigue, recall (in AE), remit (in BE; this noun is not used in AE). Several verbs have variant stresses. Examples are: ally (in AE), annex, transport (in AE). In the meaning “to summarize”, the verb abstract is stressed on the first syllable. Note that the noun upset is stressed on the first syllable, whereas both the adjective and the verb are stressed on the second syllable; the adjective is, in fact, a past participle form.
Comparative table of Simplified Transcription (ST) and IPA transcription

The ST column (as used in BBI) has GA as its basic variety. The IPA column has RP as its basic variety. Both columns show, whenever necessary, the forms of the other variety.

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*Some dictionaries indicate that in RP these vowels precede a ‘dropped-r’ and that in GA they precede an /r/.
aback adv. taken ~ (“startled”) (I was taken ~ at his angry words = It took me ~ when he spoke to me angrily)
abacuss n. 1. to operate, use an ~ 2. with an ~
abandon I n. 1. great, reckless, wild ~ 2. with ~
abandon II v. (D; tr.) to ~ to (they ~ed us to our fate)
abbreviate v. (D; tr.) to ~ to (Esquire can be ~d to Esq.)
ABC n. as easy as ~
abduction n. ~ from
abduct v. (D; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ a child from its home)
aberration n. a mental; sexual; statistical; momentary; temporary ~
abet v. (formal) (D; tr.) to ~ in (to ~ smb. in doing smt.; to aid and ~ smb. in doing smt.)
abeyance n. in; into ~ (to hold in ~; to fall into ~)
abhorr v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ for (she ~s him for smoking) 2. (G) she ~s smoking 3. (K) she ~s his smoking
abhorrence n. 1. to show ~ (she holds smoking in ~ = she regards smoking with ~)
abhorrent adj. (formal) 1. to find smt. ~ (she finds smoking ~)
absent I v. (D; refl.) to ~ from (to ~ oneself from smth.)
absent II v. (D; tr.) to ~ from (she was ~ from school)
abstain v. (D; tr.) from ~ (from ~ alcohol)
abstinence n. 1. to practice ~ 2. complete, total ~ 3. to set ~ doing smt.
abstemious adj. (D; tr.) to ~ from, of (he was ~d from sin) 2. to seek ~
abstention n. ~ from (~ from alcohol)
abscond v. (D; tr.) to ~ from, of (he was ~d from sin) 2. to seek ~
absolve v. (D; tr.) to ~ from, of (he was ~d from sin)
absorb v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ from, of (he was ~d from sin) 2. to seek ~
absorbent adj. highly, very ~
abound v. (formal) (d; intr.) to ~ in, with (this country ~s in / with opportunities = opportunities abound in this country)
about I adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ ready] 1. ~ to + inf. (the performance is ~ to begin) ~ willing] (colloq.) (esp. AE) 2. not ~ to + inf. (we are not ~ to stop now; we are not ~ to be taken in by their campaign promises) ~ misc] 3. to set ~ doing smt.
about II prep. 1. to be quick ~ it (“do it quickly”) 2. how/what ~ us? what ~ your promise? how ~ (having) a drink? (see also what 1)
about-face n. ~ sudden change in attitude~ 1. to do an ~ 2. a complete, dramatic; sudden, unexpected ~ 3. a ~ on (the government did a sudden dramatic ~ on foreign policy)
about-turn n. (BE) see about-face
above adv., prep. way; well; up ~
abrasions n. multiple ~
abreast adj. (usu. does not stand alone) ~ of (to be, keep, stay ~ of the news; to keep smb. ~ of the latest developments)
abroad adv. 1. from ~ (he had to return from ~) 2. to go; live; study; travel; work ~
abscond v. (D; intr.) to ~ from, of (with ~ed from the country with the funds)
absence n. 1. an excused; unexcused ~ 2. a prolonged ~ 3. ~ from (an unexcused ~ from school) 4. during, in smb.’s ~ in the ~ of smt. (in the ~ of concrete evidence, we had to drop the charges) (see also conspicuous)
absent I adj. ~ from (she was ~ from school)
absent II v. (D; refl.) to ~ from (to ~ oneself from a meeting)
absentia n. in ~ (to be tried in ~)
absolution n. (rel.) 1. to give, grant, pronounce ~ from (to grant ~ from sin) 2. to seek ~
absolve v. (D; tr.) to ~ from, of (he was ~d from his promise)
absorb v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ drainage from a wound) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ a small firm into a large cartel)
absorbed adj. 1. deeply, completely, thoroughly, totally, utterly ~ 2. ~ by, with; in (she was ~ by/ with the problem; the children were ~ in their homework; ~ in thought)
absorbed adj. highly, very ~
abstain v. (D; intr.) to ~ from (to ~ from alcohol)
abstention n. ~ from (~ from alcohol)
abstinence n. 1. to practice ~ 2. complete, total ~ 3. ~ from (~ from alcohol)
abstract I n. in the ~
abstract II v. (technical) (D; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ iron from ore)
absurd adj. 1. patently; totally, utterly ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ for us) to leave such a large tip 3. ~ that + clause (it’s ~ that we have to/should have to leave such a large tip)
absurdity n. it was the height of ~ (for us) (to leave such a large tip)
 abundance n. 1. great ~ 2. an ~ of (there was a great ~ of opportunities here) 3. in ~ (we had opportunities in ~) 4. of ~ (a society of ~)
 abundant adj. (formal) in (~ in opportunities)
 abuse n. (“insulting language”) 1. to heap, shower ~ on, upon (he showered ~ on her); to hurl, shout ~ at; to shower smb. with (~ he showered her with ~) 2. to take ~ (she took a lot of ~ from him) 3. verbal ~ 4. a shower, stream, torrent of ~ (she took a torrent of ~ from him) 5. a term of ~ (“tough use”) 6. to take ~ (this car has taken a lot of ~) (“mistreatment”) 7. domestic; emotional; personal; physical; racial; sexual ~ 8. child; elder; spousal ~ 9. human-rights ~ (“improper use, misuse”) 10. alcohol, substance ~ (see also drug abuse)
 abusive adj. ~ to, toward (he became verbally ~ to his guests)
 abut v. (D; intr.) ~ against, on, upon
 abyss n. 1. a gaping, yawning ~ 2. on the brink, edge of an ~
 academy n. (formal) the groves, halls of ~
 academic adj. purely ~ (a purely ~ distinction of no practical significance)
 academy n. 1. a military; naval; police; riding ~ 2. an ~ for (an ~ for boys) 3. at an ~
 accede v. 1. (D; intr.) (“to agree”) ~ to (they ~d to our demands) 2. (D; intr.) (“to ascend”) ~ to the throne
 accelerator n. 1. to depress, put one’s foot on, step on ~ 2. to ease up on, let up on; take one’s foot off an ~
 accent n. (“pronunciation”) 1. to affect, assume, imitate, put on; cultivate; have an ~ 2. to speak with; without an ~ 3. to get rid of, lose an ~ 4. a broad; heavy, noticeable, pronounced, strong, thick; slight ~ 5. a foreign; phony; regional ~ 6. (misc.) a hint, trace of an ~ (to speak English without a trace of a foreign ~) (“stress”) 7. to place, put the ~ on (to place the ~ on a syllable) 8. (ling.) an acute; grave; pitch, tonic ~ (see also stress)
 accept v. 1. to ~ blindly; fully; generally, widely; readily; unreservedly, without reservations 2. to ~ gracefully, graciously; gratefully 3. to ~ grudgingly, reluctantly 4. (D; tr.) ~ to (they ~d us as their equals) 5. (D; tr.) ~ for (she was ~d for admission) 6. (D; tr.) ~ from (she ~d an award from a committee) 7. (formal) (BE) (L) people generally ~ that exercise is beneficial
 acceptable adj. 1. completely, entirely, fully; mutually; socially ~ 2. to (the conditions proved/were ~ to all concerned) 3. ~ to + inf. (is it socially ~ to behave like that?)
 acceptance n. 1. to gain, win; meet with ~ 2. to seek ~ 3. blind, unquestioning ~ (blind ~ of dogma) 4. general, universal, widespread; growing, increasing; public ~ (the theory met with universal ~) 5. grudging, reluctant ~ 6. a degree of ~ (the theory gradually met with a certain degree of grudging ~) 7. ~ of (her ~ of an award from a committee)
 accepted adj. 1. generally, widely ~ 2. that + clause (it is generally/widely ~ that exercise is beneficial)
 access I n. 1. to gain, get; have ~ 2. to seek ~ 3. to deny; refuse; give, grant ~ 4. direct; easy, free, unlimited, unrestricted; immediate, instant, quick, ready; limited, restricted ~ 5. (computers) random ~ 6. to (we gained/got ~ to the files; ~ to a building by/from/through/via the side entrance; provide wheelchair ~ to the auditorium)
 access II v. (D; tr.) ~ to (from ~ information from a computer)
 accessory (esp. BE) see accessory 1, 2
 accessibility n. ~ to (the professor’s ~ to all students)
 accessible adj. 1. directly; easily, readily; immediately ~ 2. ~ from; to (the stacks are ~ to the public from the main staircase; the director is friendly and ~ to everyone) 3. wheelchair ~ (we pride ourselves on our wheelchair-accessible auditorium!)
 accession n. 1. on smb.’s ~ (on his ~ to the throne he inherited vast estates) 2. ~ to (her ~ to power; his ~ to the throne) 3. a new ~ (as in a library)
 accessory n. (“accomplice”) 1. an ~ to (an ~ to a crime) 2. (legal) ~ an ~ before the fact; an ~ after the fact (“optional equipment”) 3. auto (AE); matching; skiing; smoking ~ries
 accident n. (“unexpected, typically unpleasant event”) (“catastrophe”) 1. to cause an ~ to have, meet with (they had an ~ during their trip) 3. to survive an ~ 4. to prevent ~ 5. an awful, bad, dreadful, frightful, horrible, horrific, nasty, serious, shocking, terrible, tragic; fatal; freak; unavoidable; unfortunate ~ 6. a minor, slight; near ~ 7. an automobile (AE), road, traffic; hit-and-run; railroad (AE), railway (BE), train ~ 8. a boating; hunting ~ 9. an industrial; nuclear ~ 10. an ~ happens, occurs (a bad ~ happened there) 11. in an ~ (he was involved in a hunting ~) 12. (misc.) (fig.) ~-prone; an ~ waiting to happen (that clumsy waiter is just an ~ waiting to happen!) (“chance”[“luck”] 13. pure, sheer ~ 14. ~ that + clause (it was pure ~ that we met; it was no ~ that we met) 15. by ~ (we discovered it by ~; it was by pure ~ that we met; did it happen by ~ or (by) design?, did it happen by ~ or on purpose?)
 acclaim I n. 1. to earn, receive, win ~ 2. critical ~ (the play opened to critical ~) 3. general, public ~ 4. international, universal, wide, worldwide; national ~ 5. ~ as; for; from; to (the play opened to ~ from the critics for her performance = when the play opened she won ~ from the critics for her performance = when the play opened she won ~ from the critics as a great actress)
 acclaim II v. 1. (D; tr.) ~ to (as the new medication has been ~d as a miracle drug) 2. (D; tr.) ~ for (she was ~d for her performance) 3. (N; used with a noun) the mob ~ed him emperor
acclamation n. by ~ (to elect smb. by ~)  
acclimate (AE) see aclimatisize  
acclimatize v. (D; intr., refl., tr.) to ~ to (we ~d  
quickly~/~d ourselves quickly to the jungle; we  
became ~d quickly to the new surroundings)  
accolade n.  1. to bestow an ~ on 2. to receive, win an  
~ (from) 3. the supreme, ultimate ~  
accommodate (D; intr., refl., tr.) to ~ to  
~ to (we ~d  
v.  
acclimatize (AE) see  
acclimatize  
accommodation I n. [*agreement*] [*adjustment*]  
1. to come to, make; reach, work out an ~ 2. to  
seek an ~ 3. an ~ between; about/on/to; to; with/to  
make a ~ to wartime conditions; to reach an ~  
with neighboring countries about/on/our common borders)  
accommodation II (BE) see accommodations  
accommodations n. (AE) [*place to live*] 1. to secure;  
seek ~ 2. deluxe; first-class ~ 3. hotel; living ~ 4.  
student; tourist; travel ~ 5. in ~ (live in student ~)  
accompaniment n. (AE) see  
accompanied  
accompany 1. (D; tr.) to ~ on (to ~ a singer on  
v.  
accompaniment  
acclimatize  
accommodation II (BE) see accommodations  
accommodations n. (AE) [*place to live*] 1. to secure;  
seek ~ 2. deluxe; first-class ~ 3. hotel; living ~ 4.  
student; tourist; travel ~ 5. in ~ (live in student ~)  
accomplishment n. 1. to make an ~ 2. an ~ to (a  
piano ~ to a song; this dressing makes a good ~  
to any salad) 3. to the ~ of (to the ~ of soft piano  
music)  
accompany v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ on (to ~ a singer on  
the piano) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ to (I will ~ her to the  
station)  
accomplice n. 1. an unwitting ~ 2. an ~ in; to (an ~  
in crime, an ~ to a criminal)  
accomplished adj. 1. highly; technically 2. ~ at,  
in (technically highly accomplished at the piano  
especially in 19th-Century music)  
accomplishment n. 1. see achievement 1 for adjective  
+ noun collocations 2. no mean ~ 3. an ~ to +  
inf. (it was a real ~ (for us) to defeat them) 4. of ~  
(a man, woman of many ~s)  
accord I n. 1. to come to, reach sign an ~ 2. an ~  
breaks down 3. complete, full ~ 4. a peace ~ 5. an ~  
with smb. about/on smt. (we reached an ~ with  
the neighboring country about our common border  
but the ~ eventually broke down) 6. an ~ that +  
clause (they came to an ~ that profits would be  
shared equally) 7. in ~ (with) (we are in complete  
~ (with each other); our information is not entirely  
in ~ with his report) 8. (formal) of one’s own ~ (he  
participated of his own ~)  
accord II v. (formal) 1. to ~ completely, entirely,  
fully 2. (A) we ~d a hero’s welcome to him; or;  
we ~ed him a hero’s welcome 3. (d; intr.) to ~  
with (our information does not entirely ~ with his  
report)  
accordance n. in ~ with (we have acted in ~ with  
your instructions)  
account I n. [*description*] [*report*] 1. to give, render  
an ~ 2. an accurate, factual, true; blow-by-blow,  
detailed, full, graphic; clear; eyewitness; first-  
hand; running; satisfactory; verbatim ~ (she gave  
a detailed ~ of the incident) 3. a glowing; lively,  
vivid ~ 4. a biased, one-sided; unsatisfactory ~ 5. a  
brief ~ 6. newspaper, press ~s (according to press  
~s) 7. in an ~ (she gave a detailed description  
of the incident in her ~ of it) 8. by all ~s (by all ~s  
she is a good pianist) [*explanation*] 9. to call smb.  
to ~ (for) (he was called to ~ for the missing funds)  
[“consideration”] 10. to take ~ of smt.; to take smt.  
into ~ [*arrangement with a bank*] 11. to open an ~  
(at, in, with) (I opened an ~ at/with that bank) 12.  
to close, settle an ~ 13. to have, keep an ~ (I keep  
an ~ in that bank) 14. to overdraft an ~ 15. to au-  
dit; credit; debit an ~ 16. a bank; building-society  
(BE); checking (AE), current (BE); deposit (BE),  
savings; money-market; individual retirement  
(AE) ~ 17. an active; blocked; inactive ~ 18. a  
joint; numbered ~ 19. an overdraft ~ 20. in an ~  
(the funds were in her ~) [*business arrangement*]  
[“record of a business arrangement”] 21. to open an  
~ (with a store) 22. to close an ~ 23. to have an ~  
(with) 24. to charge, debit; credit smb.’s ~ 25. to  
charge smt. to one’s/smb.’s ~ 26. to pay smt. on  
~ 27. a charge (AE), credit (BE); expense ~ (see also  
expense account) [*dispute*] 28. to settle an ~ (I  
have an ~ to settle with him) [*sake*] 29. on smb.’s  
~ (do not refuse on my ~) 30. on ~ of (he did it  
on ~ of me) [*showing*] [*performance*] 31. to give  
a good ~ of oneself [*misc.*] 32. on no ~ (“under no  
circumstances”); of no ~ (“of no importance”) (see  
also accounts)  
account II v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ for (“to explain”) (he  
could not ~ satisfactorily for the missing funds;  
“how do you ~ for the accident?” “it can be partly  
~ed for by the bad weather”) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ for  
(“to cause the destruction of”) (the enemy’s guns  
~ed for three of our planes) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ for  
(“to explain”) (she has to ~ to her supervisor for  
time spent in travel) 4. (BE) (N; used with an  
adjective, noun) (“to consider”) we ~ed her guilty;  
she was ~ed a prodigy  
accountable adj. 1. directly; strictly ~ 2. for; to  
(we are ~ to our parents for our actions; she is ~ to  
her supervisor for time spent in travel) 3. (misc.) to  
hold smb. ~ for smt.  
accountant n. a certified public (AE), chartered  
(BE) ~  
accounting n. 1. to give, render an ~ 2. a strict ~  
3. cost ~  
accounts n. [*books, ledgers*] 1. to keep ~ [*record of transactions*] 2. ~ payable; receivable [*disputes*] 3.  
to settle, square ~ (with)  
accredit v. (D; tr.) 1. to ~ to (our envoy was ~d  
to their new government) 2. (misc.) a fully ~d  
university  
accreditation n. 1. to receive (full) ~ [*disputes*] 2. to deny ~ (our envoy was denied ~ to their new government)  
accrue v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ to from 2. (D; intr.) to ~ to  
(the interest ~d to our account)  
accuracy n. 1. deadly; historical; pinpoint; reason-  
able; scientific; strict; total ~ in
accurate adj. 1. completely, deadly; fairly, pretty, reasonably; historically; strictly ~ 2. ~ in 3. ~ to + inf. (it would be ~ to say that he is lazy)

accusation n. 1. to bring, make an ~ against (he brought an ~ of theft against Smith; more usu. is: he accused Smith of theft) 2. to level an ~ against, at (he leveled an ~ of theft against Smith) 3. to answer; face an ~ (of) (Smith faced an ~ of theft) 4. to drop, retract, withdraw an ~ 5. to deny, reject; refuse an ~ 6. a damaging, grave; baseless, false, groundless, scurrilous, unfounded, unjust; sweep- ing; veiled ~ 7. an ~ against; of (an ~ of theft) 8. an ~ that + clause (Smith denied the ~ that he was guilty of theft)

accuse v. (D; tr.) to ~ of (he ~d Smith of theft)

accused adj. 1. falsely ~ 2. to stand ~ (of) (Smith ~d of theft)

accurate adj.

accustomed (cannot stand alone) ~ to (~ to hard work; ~ to walking long distances; we got ~ to the warm climate)

ace n. ["a serve that an opponent cannot touch"] (tennis) 1. to score an ~ ["expert combat pilot"] 2. an air, flying ~ ["misc"] 3. within an ~ of ("very close to"); an ~ in the hole ("a concealed advantage, a trump card") (to have an ~ in the hole; to play one’s ~s in the hole)

ache I n. 1. a deep; dull; sharp; nagging, steady; slight (~ he felt a dull ~ in his shoulder) (see back- ache, earache, headache, stomachache, tooth- ache) 2. an ~ gets worse, intensifies; subsides, wears off. 3. (misc.) ~s and pains

ache II v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for revenge) 2. (E) he is ~ing to get even 3. (misc.) to ~ all over

achievement n. 1. a brilliant, crowning, dazzling, epic, glorious, great, lasting, magnificent, major, memorable, monumental, notable, outstanding, phenomenal, remarkable, signal, staggering, superb, wonderful ~ 2. no mean ~ 3. an ~ in (outstand- ing ~s in science) 4. an ~ to + inf. (it was no mean ~ (for us) to finish on time!) 5. an ~ that + clause (it was a staggering ~ that we finished on time!)

acid n. 1. corrosive, strong ~ 2. acetic; boric; car- bolic; citric; hydrochloric; sulfuric ~ 3. ~ burns (a hole); corrodes 4. (misc.) (slang) to drop/take ~ (LSD) (see also acid test at test I n.)

acknowledge v. 1. to ~ belatedly; frankly, openly, readily; gracefully; grudgingly; officially, public- licly; generally, universally (is it universally ~d that men and women need each other?) 2. (B) the author ~d her debt to her research assistants 3. (D; tr.) to ~ as (she ~d him as her heir) 4. (G) she ~d being indebted to her research assistants 5. (K) she ~d my having been the first to think of it 6. (L; to) she ~d (to us) that she was indebted to her research assistants 7. (rare) (M) they ~d us to be the winners of the contest 8. (formal and rare) (N; used with a past participle) she ~ed herself indebted to her research assistants

acknowledgment, acknowledgement n. 1. to make an ~ of 2. a belated, frank, open; grateful; public ~ 3. in ~ of

acme n. 1. to attain, reach the ~ of 2. at an ~ (at the ~ of their power)

acquaint v. 1. to ~ thoroughly 2. (d; refl., tr.) to ~ with (the lawyer ~d herself thoroughly with the facts of the case)

acquaintance n. ["familiarity"] 1. to have an ~ with (he has some ~ with statistics) 2. a slight, superfi- cial ~ 3. on ~ (on closer ~ he proved to be a nice person) 4. an ~ with ["casual friendship"] 5. to make smb.’s ~ 6. to keep up; renew; strike up an ~ with 7. (BE) to scrape ~ with ~ 8. a casual, nodding, passing, slight ~ (to have a nodding ~ with smb.) ["friend"] 9. a casual; intimate; old; personal ~ 10. (misc.) of smb.’s ~ (I introduced her to a lawyer of my ~); friends and ~s

acquaintanceship n. 1. to strike up an ~ with 2. a casual; close, intimate ~ 3. an ~ with

acquainted adj. 1. casually; closely, intimately, thoroughly; personally ~ 2. with (he got/became ~ with the situation; are you ~ with him?; I introduced her to a lawyer I was ~ with)

acquiesce v. (D; intr.) to ~ in, to (they ~d in the decision)

acquiescence n. 1. complete, total ~ 2. ~ in, to (~ in a decision)

acquisition n. 1. to make an ~ 2. (BE) an ~ for/to (he is a valuable ~ for our firm) 3. (misc.) language ~ and language learning

acquit v. 1. (D; tr.) ("to exonerate") to ~ of (the jury ~ted her of all charges) 2. (P; refl.) ("to be- have") she ~ed herself well; he ~ed himself like a veteran

acquittal n. (legal) 1. to bring in, return an ~ (the jury brought in an ~) 2. to win an ~ (the lawyer won an ~ for her client)

acrimony n. bitter, sharp ~

acrobatics n. 1. to perform ~ 2. (fig.) mental; verbal; vocal ~

acronym n. 1. to form an ~ 2. ~ for

across adv. ~ from

act I n. ["action"] 1. to commit; consummate; perform ~ 2. a barbaric, barbarous; despicable, hostile; terroristic; unfriendly ~ 3. a criminal, illegal, illicit ~ 4. a desperate; foolish, irresponsible, rash; im- pulsive ~ 5. a courageous; heroic, noble; justified ~ (she performed an heroic ~) 6. a friendly, humane, kind; thoughtful ~ 7. an ~ against (that was an ~ against company policy) 8. an ~ of (an ~ of faith; he committed an ~ of folly) 9. in the ~ (Coleridge was interrupted in the ~ of writing Kubla Khan; criminals caught in the ~) ["performance"] 10. a circus; nightclub; variety (BE), vaudeville (AE) ~ 11. (misc.) to put on an ~ ("to pretend"); to do a
balancing ~ (“to maneuver skillfully”) "[legislation]"
12. by ~ of (Congress) "[misc]"
13. to get into the ~ ("to participate"); to get one’s ~ together ("to begin to work effectively"); to do a disappearing ~ ("to vanish from the scene"); a tough ~ to follow ("smb. or smt. difficult to emulate or to equal")
(see also riot act)

act II n. 1. to ~ impulsively; irresponsibly, rashly; responsibly 2. (d.; intr.) ("to perform") to ~ against (to ~ against one’s own client) 3. (d.; intr.) ("to serve") to ~ as (she ~ed as our interpreter) 4. (d.; intr.) to ~ for ("to replace"); and, esp. BE, "to represent as one’s lawyer") 5. (d.; intr.) ("to behave") to ~ like (the soldier ~ed like a real hero) 6. (D.; intr.) ("to take action") to ~ on, upon (to ~ on smb.’s advice; to ~ on a request) 7. (d.; intr.) ("to take action") to ~ out of (they ~ed out of fear) 8. (d.; intr.) ("to behave") to ~ towards (how did they ~ towards you?) 9. (P.; intr.) ("to behave") the soldier ~ed bravely; to ~ guiltily 10. (s.) (esp. AE) ("to behave") to ~ guilty 11. (misc.) they ~ed as if they were pleased = (colloq.) (esp. AE) they ~ed like they were pleased; we saw what had to be done ~ and ~ed accordingly

action n. ("activity") "[act]" 1. to initiate; take ~; to go, swing into ~ (we took immediate ~) 2. to put smt. into ~ (we put our plan into ~) 3. to prod, spur smb. into ~. 4. to do, perform ~ (the judge dismissed the ~); to escape enemy fire") 18. enemy ~; a delaying, off ~ 17. to take evasive ~ ("to maneuver in order to avoid enemy fire") 22. to dismiss to bring, institute, take ~ against smb. for smt. (he ~ed a case against his neighbor) 23. a civil ; class ; divorce ; legal ; libel ~ (see also
addendum)

add on (D.; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ a garage on to / onto a ~)

addict n. 1. chronically, hopelessly ~ 2. ~ to (~ to drugs)

addiction n. 1. chronic, hopeless ~ 2. drug ~ 3. (an) ~ to (~ to drugs)

addictive adj. highly ~

addition n. ("adding of numbers") 1. to do ~ ("part added") 2. to make an ~ 3. a welcome ~ 4. an ~ to (an ~ to the family; an ~ to a report) 5. in ~ (in ~, she brought some fresh fruit) 6. in ~ to (in ~ to his salary, he earns a lot from royalties)

add on v. (D.; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ a garage on to / onto a house = to ~ on a garage to a house)

address I n. ("speech") 1. to deliver, give an ~ (deliver an ~ to the nation) 2. an eloquent, moving, passionate, stirring ~ 3. a commencement;
inaugural; farewell; keynote ~ 4. in an ~ 5. an ~ about, concerning ["place of residence"] ["place for receiving mail"] 6. to change one’s ~ 7. a business; E-mail; forwarding; home; mailing; permanent; return; temporary; (BE) term-time; web-site ~ (let me give you my fax number and my E-mail ~) 8. at an ~ (at what ~ does she live?)

address II v. 1. (B) she ~ed her remarks to us; I ~ed the letter to him 2. (d; tr.) to ~ as (you should ~ him as “sir”) 3. (d; tr.) to ~ (~ her mail to this post-office box) 4. (misc.) ~ smb. by name; ~ smb. directly 5. (d; refl.) (“to deal with”) ~ to to (the candidates did not ~ themselves to the issues; the book ~es itself to the problem of poverty) USAGE NOTE: While this reflexive form in the meaning of “~ to deal with” is used as shown in the examples, nowadays the transitive form is more typical ~ “the candidates did not address the issues” and “the book addresses the problem of poverty”.

add up v. (d; intr.) ~ to (~ it all ~s up to a hoax; the figures ~ to fifty)

adept adj. ~ at, in (~ at solving crossword puzzles)

adequate adj. 1. barely, hardly ~ 2. ~ for (the food was not ~ for all of us) 3. ~ to (she was not ~ to the task) 4. ~ to + inf. (it would be ~ to list just the basic objections; the supply is not ~ to meet the demand)

adhere v. 1. to ~ closely, doggedly, strictly, stubbornly, tenaciously 2. (d; intr.) to ~ to (to ~ to a plan that must be strictly ~d to)

adherence n. 1. close, strict ~ 2. ~ to (strict ~ a plan)

adieu n. to bid smb. ~ = to bid ~ to smb.

adjacent adj. 1. immediately ~ 2. ~ (immediately ~ to our building)

adjective n. 1. to compare an ~ 2. an attributive; demonstrative; descriptive; gradable; non-gradable; possessive; predicate, predicative ~ 3. ~s modify nouns

adjourn v. 1. (D; intr.) (“to stop”) ~ to for (to ~ for lunch = ~ to have lunch) 2. (d; intr.) (“to move”) (to ~ to the living room for brandy)

adjudge v. (formal) (M and N; used with an adjective) the court ~d him (to be) guilty; the project was ~d (to be) impractical

adjunct n. an ~ to (an adverb is often ~ to a verb)

adjure v. (formal) (H) to ~ smb. to tell the truth

adjutant n. see general II

administration n. ["management"] 1. business; public ~ ["government"] 2. a centralized; civil; colonial; decentralized; federal ~ ["body of administrators"] 3. a college, university; hospital; school ~ USAGE NOTE: Consider such phrases as the “Clinton Administration” and the “Thatcher Administration” = the government headed by Clinton/Thatcher.

administrator n. a civil; health; hospital; nursing; school; university ~

admiral n. 1. a rear; vice ~; a fleet ~ = an ~ of the fleet (GB) 2. (misc.) the rank of ~

admiration n. 1. to arouse; win; command ~ 2. to express; feel; show ~ 3. (a) blind; deep, great, sincere, strong, undying; grudging; mutual; secret; ungrudging; universal ~ 4. ~ for (he felt great ~ for them/their achievements) 5. in, with ~ (to look at smb. with ~) 6. (misc.) (humorous) a mutual ~ society

admire v. 1. ~ greatly, very much 2. (D; tr.) to ~ as (we ~d her as a devoted teacher) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ for (we ~ her for her devotion to teaching) 4. (K) they all ~d his behaving in that manner

admitter n. 1. to attract win; have ~s 2. an ardent, devoted, enthusiastic, fervent, great, sincere; secret ~ 3. (misc.) friends and ~s (devoted circles of friends and ~)

admission n. ["access"] 1. to apply for; gain; seek ~ 2. to deny; refuse; grant ~ 3. free, open; restricted, selective ~; rolling (esp. AE) ~s 4. ~ to (she applied for ~ to the university) ["confession"] 5. to make an ~ of (he made an ~ of guilt) 6. a damaging ~ 7. a grudging ~ 8. an ~ that + clause (his ~ that he had been at the scene of the crime led to his conviction) 9. by, on smb.’s own ~ ["admission charge"] 10. general ~

admit v. 1. ~ frankly, freely, openly, publicly, readily 2. ~ grudgingly, privately 3. (B) ("to confess") the accused ~d his guilt to the police 4. (D; tr.) ("to allow entry") ~ into, to (the manager ~d him to the theater; she was ~d to the university) 5. (formal) (d; intr.) ("to tolerate") ~ of (the situation ~s of no delay) 6. (formal) (d; intr.) ("to confess") ~ to (he ~d to his complicity in the crime; the boy ~d to stealing the money; he ~d to having been bored by the opera) 7. (G) ("to confess") the employee ~d stealing the money; he ~d having been bored by the opera 8. (L; to) ("to confess") they ~ privately that their plan has failed but deny it publicly; the clerk ~d (to the police) that he had stolen the money; I must ~ I was bored by the opera 9. (N) children under the age of five are ~ed free

admittance n. 1. to gain ~ 2. to deny ~ (to he was denied ~ to the concert)

admonish v. (formal) 1. (D; tr.) to ~ for (the teacher ~d the child for coming late to school) 2. (H) to ~ smb. to do smt.

ado n. 1. to make much ~ about, over 2. without further, much ~
adopt. v. (D; tr.) to ~ as (they ~ed the child as their heir)

adoption n. to give up, put up for ~ (to put a child up for ~)

adore v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ for (we ~ them for their generosity) 2. (G) she ~s visiting museums 3. (misc.) I ~ it when you look at me like that

adorn v. (D; tr.) to ~ with (the table was ~ed with flowers = flowers ~ed the table)

adrenaline, adrenalin n. the ~ was flowing

advertise II v. 1. (A) we ~d a month's salary to him ; v. (BE) see advertisement

adversity n. to face (up to) ; meet with ; overcome

adverse (formal) ~ to (~ to our interests)

advisable adj. 1. strongly ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (it was not ~ that she not remain / should not remain silent) 3. ~ to + clause ; subj. (it was that she not remain / should not remain / didn’t remain (BE) silent)

advise v. 1. to ~ strongly 2. (D; tr.) to ~ about, on 3. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ against (to ~ smb. against a course of action) 4. (formal) (d; tr.) to ~ of (to ~ smb. of the facts) 5. (G) who ~d remaining silent? 6. (H)
she ~d us not to say anything. (K) who ~d his remaining silent? 8. (L; may take subj.; must have an object in AE) she ~d (us) that we remain/should remain silent. 9. (Q; must have an object) he ~d us what to do; they ~d us where to go.

advised adj. ill; well ~ to + inf. (you would be well ~ to remain silent)
advisement n. (often legal) to take smb. under ~
adviser, advisor n. 1. an academic; careers (BE);
spiritual ~ 2. an economic; financial; foreign-
policy; legal; military; political ~ 3. a senior; technical ~ 4. an ~ on; to (an ~ on foreign policy to the president)
advisory adj. 1. merely, only, strictly ~ 2. to (play the devil’s ~)
advocate I n. an aggressive, strong; ardent ~ (of)
advocate II n. a client; patient; consumer ~ 3. (the devil’s ~) (to)
afford v. 1. to ~ strongly 2. (formal) (esp. BE) (E) he ~ed not to
afflict v. 1. to suffer an ~ 2. a personal; shocking ~ 3. an ~ with (~ with)
affects n. 1. to gain, win smb.’s ~ 2. to alienate
smb.’s ~ 3. (misc.) the object of smb.’s ~ (“the object of my ~ can change my complexion from white to rosy red” – popular song)
affidavit n. (legal) 1. to file, submit; sign an ~
associate v. (D; intr., refl., tr.) to ~ with, to (~ oneself with a national movement; they are ~d with a national movement; to become ~d with)
affiliation n. 1. to form, have an ~ 2. business; party, political ~s 3. an ~ to, with
affinity n. 1. to demonstrate, show (~)
affection v. a) to (~ strongly 2. (formal) (esp. BE) (E) he ~ed not to
affectionate adj. to, towards, with (~ with children)
affectionate n. 1. an aggressive, strong; ardent ~ (of)
affirm v. (L; to) the ministry ~ed (to us) that the
affirmation n. ~ that + clause (I believed the minister’s ~ to (us) that the visit had been postponed)
affirmative n. to answer, reply in the ~
affect v. 1. to demonstrate, display, show; return ~ to 2. to feel; have ~ 3. to gain, win smb.’s ~ (she won the children’s ~) 4. abiding; deep, great, strong, warm; genuine, real; mutual ~ 5. little ~ 6. for (to feel ~ for smb.) 7. with ~ 8. (misc.) a token of smb.’s ~
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That is an unnecessary blend of “I’m afraid you’re wrong” with “I’m sorry to say you’re wrong.” Do not use it.

**after I**
- **adv.** 1. immediately; long; shortly; soon; well ~ 2. the day; morning ~ 3. forever ~
- **after II**
  - **prep.** the police were ~ them

**afterburners**
- **n.** to activate, go to ~ (our interceptors had to go to ~)

**aftereffects**
- **n.** to feel the ~ (of)

**afterglow**
- **n.** to bask in the ~ (of)

**afternoon**
- **n.**
  - 1. immediately; long; shortly, soon; adv.

**afterthought**
- **n.**
  - 1. to leave an ~
  - 2. a bitter, unpleasant ~

**aftertaste**
- **n.**
  - 1. to apply, put on; use ~
  - 2. the ~ of the police were ~

**aftermath**
- **n.**
  - 1. a grim; immediate ~
  - 2. an ~ of, an ~ working on the report

**afterward**
- **n.** to apply, put on; use ~

**aftertaste**
- **n.** 1. to leave an ~
- 2. a bitter, unpleasant ~

**afterthought**
- **n.** as an ~
  - (the most important detail came out almost as an ~)

**afterward**
- **(AE), afterwards**

**agape**
- **adj.** (formal) "[gaping]" ~ with (~ with astonishment)

**age**
- **n.** ["stage of life"]
  - 1. to live to, reach an ~
  - 2. an advanced, great, venerable ~

**agency**
- **n.** 1. an adoption; health-care; home-health (AE); welfare ~ 2. a private; public; voluntary ~
  - 3. an advertising; detective; employment; escort; ticket; travel ~ 4. an aid; government; intelligence; law-enforcement; regulatory; watchdog ~

**agenda**
- **n.** 1. to draw up, make up, put together; set an ~ 2. to place, put smt. on the ~ (to put an item on the ~)
  - 3. a hidden ~ (~ a secret plan) ~ 4. an item on the ~

**agent**
- **n.** ["representative"]
  - 1. an estate (BE), real-estate (AE); insurance ~ 2. a literary; press ~
  - 3. a purchasing; shipping ~

**agitation**
- **n.**
  - 1. to endure, experience, feel, go through ~
  - 2. a hidden ~ (~ a secret plan)

**agglomeration**
- **n.** personal; territorial ~

**aggregate**
- **n.**
  - 1. to draw up, make up, put together; set

**agile**
- **adj.** all ~

**agitation**
- **n.**
  - 1. to endure, experience, feel, go through ~

**agitate**
- **v.**
  - 1. to ~ strongly
  - 2. (D; intr.) to ~ against

**agitation**
- **n.**
  - 1. a hidden ~ (~ a secret plan)

**agent**
- **n.** 1. a political ~

**aglow**
- **adv.** ~ with (~ with happiness)

**ago**
- **adv.** 1. ~ that + clause (it was five years ~ that we met) 2. (misc.) ages (and ages) ~

**agog**
- **adj.** 1. ~ 2. ~ over; with (she was all ~ over her new granddaughter) ~ 3. ~ + inf. (they were all ~ to hear the news)

**agonize**
- **v.** (D; intr.) ~ about, over (to ~ over a decision)

**agony**
- **n.** 1. to endure, experience, feel, go through ~
  - 2. to prolong the ~ ~ acute, deep, great, indescribable, untold; unbearable; mortal ~ 4. in ~ (in great ~)

**agree**
- **v.** 1. (~ to concur) ~ completely, entirely,
agreeable

agreement n. [‘contract, settlement, treaty’] 1. to arrive at, come to, conclude into, negotiate, reach an ~ to ~ (they were all ~ to our proposal; is that to you?)

agreeable adj. 1. mutually ~ 2. ~ to (they were all ~ to a plan. It can mean both ‘to agree on a common plan’ and ‘to agree to smb. else’s plan.’) In BE, one can say ‘Let’s all follow the agreed plan. In World English, that would be ‘Let’s all follow the agreed-on plan or Let’s all follow the plan agreed on/agreed to.

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aim I n. [‘purpose’] [‘goal’] 1. to achieve one’s; set oneself an ~ 2. a chief; immediate; long-range, long-term; short-term 3. an avowed; idealistic, lofty, worthy; unrealistic ~ 4. to ~; to ~ + inf. (it was our ~ to complete the work before the end of the month) 5. with an ~ (the project was launched with the ~ of retraining the unemployed) [‘aiming of a weapon’] 6. to take ~ at 7. careful; steady ~ (she took careful ~ at the intruder)

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daider n. 1. a home health ~ (AE) (BE has home help) 2. a military; presidential; senior ~ an ~ to AIDS n. 1. HIV / ~; full-blown ~ 2. to contract, develop, get; have ~ 3. a case of ~

aimment n. 1. a chronic; common; minor, slight; physical; serious ~ 2. a back; heart; kidney; skin; stomach ~ (for additional combinations, see disease, illness).

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air conditioning n. 1. central ~. 2. the ~ was on, was running

air raid n. to carry out, conduct an ~ against

aircraft n. 1. commercial; enemy; friendly; jet; military; private; unidentified ~. 2. (misc.) to shoot down enemy ~. 3. low-flying ~. strafed enemy lines; to ground all ~. (see also airplane)

airing n. "[public discussion]" 1. to give smt. an ~ (they gave our proposal a good ~ at the conference) "[ventilation]" 2. to give smt. an ~ (we gave the blankets a good ~)

airlift v. (D; tr.) to ~ from; to (the refugees were ~ed to safety from the flooded areas)

airline 1. a domestic; feeder; international, overseas; local ~. 2. an ~ flies (an ~ that flies mostly between New York and Puerto Rico)

airport n. 1. an international; local; military ~. 2. an ~ and graces

airs n. "[affected manners]" 1. to give oneself, put an ~ on ~. 2. (misc.) ~ and graces

air show n. to have, hold, put on, stage an ~

air space n. to enter; respect; violate a country’s ~

air superiority n. 1. to establish; gain ~. 2. complete, overwhelming, total ~

aisle n. 1. to clear the ~s 2. in the ~ (don’t stand in the ~) 3. on the ~ (to sit on the ~) 4. (misc.) to roll in the ~ (to laugh heartily); across the ~ (AE) "(so as to co-operate in a bi-partisan way with smb. from another political party)" (unlike the other candidates, I’ve always been willing to reach across the ~ to win support for a good bill)

ajar adj. to leave ~ (she left the door ~)

akin adj. (formal) (usu. does not stand alone) ~ to (a feeling somewhat ~ to love)

alarm n. "[warning device]" ["warning"] 1. to activate; give, raise, set off, sound; set; trigger, trip an ~ (she set the ~ to go off at five) 2. to deactivate, turn off an ~. 3. an air-raid; burglary; fire; silent; smoke ~. 4. a false ~. 5. an ~ goes off, rings, sounds "[appréhension, fear]" 6. to express; feel ~. 7. to cause; spread ~ (the incident caused great ~). 8. ~ at, over (to express ~ at the danger of war) 9. ~ + clause (she expressed ~ that they would miss the train) 10. in, with ~

alarm clock n. 1. to set an ~ (she set the ~ to go off at five) 2. an ~ goes off, rings, sounds (the ~ went off at five)

alarming adj. 1. unduly ~. 2. ~ at, by (we were ~ at the news of the earthquake) USAGE NOTE: Currently alarming is also used in the meaning "provided with an alarm" ~ this room is alarmed.

alarming adj. 1. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ (for us) to think of the possible danger of war) 2. ~ that + clause (it was ~ (to us) that there was still a possible danger of war)

album n. 1. an autograph; family; photograph; stamp; wedding ~ 2. in an ~

cold n. 1. to distill, make ~. 2. to abstain from; consume, drink ~. 3. to reek of ~. 4. ethyl, grain; methyl, wood; pure, unadulterated; rubbing (AE; BE has surgical spirit) ~ 5. a unit; level of ~ (don’t consume more than the recommended number of units of ~ a week; the driver’s blood contained high levels of ~)

cold n. a chronic ~
cold n. acute; chronic ~

cold n. see beer

alert I adj. 1. to keep, stay ~ 2. ~ to (~ to danger)

alert II n. 1. to call an ~ 2. to place, put (troops) on ~ 3. to call off, cancel an ~. 4. (a) full; high; preliminary; red ~ (the troops were on full ~). 5. on (the ~) (for) (to be on the ~ for trouble) 6. (misc.) in a state of ~

alert III v. (D; tr.) to ~ to (we must ~ the public to the danger)

A-levels n. ["Advanced-level secondary-school examinations"] (in the UK except Scotland) 1. to do, sit, take one’s; to get, obtain; have ~ in one’s ~ (to do well in one’s French and German ~). 3. ~ in (to have ~ in French and German)
algebra n. to do ~

alias n. 1. to adopt, use an ~. 2. ~ for 3. under an ~
alibi n. 1. to give; have; provide an ~ (for) 2. to check out, confirm smb.’s ~. 3. to break, disprove an ~. 4. an airtight, cast-iron, foolproof, unassailable ~. 5. his ~ held up; collapsed

alien I adj. (formal) completely, totally, utterly ~ to (such ideas are totally ~ to us)
alien II n. 1. to deport; intern an ~ 2. an enemy; illegal; resident ~
nial n. (D; tr.) to ~ from (she was ~d from her family)

allegation n. ~ from (~ from one’s family)
alighted v. (D; intr.) to ~ from; on (to ~ from a vehicle; to ~ on a branch)

align v. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ along; with (the wheels must be correctly ~ed with the frame along both sides of the vehicle; he ~ed himself with the left wing of the party)
alignment n. in; into; out of (~ the wheels are out of ~ and must be brought back into ~)
alike adj. 1. very, very much ~. 2. ~ in (the sisters are very (much) ~ in all respects; “two households, both ~ in dignity” ~ Shakespeare, Romeo and Juliet) 3. (misc.) ~ as ~ two peas in a pod
alimony  n. (esp. AE) to award, grant; pay ~ (the judge awarded the ex-wife ~) USAGE NOTE: BE now prefers maintenance.
alive adj. 1. keenly; very much ~ (“is he still ~?” “yes, indeed: he’s (still) very much ~!”) 2. (cannot stand alone) ~ to (keenly ~ to the danger of becoming overconfident; ~ to the beauty of nature) 3. ~ with (the campus was ~ with students) 4. (misc.) ~ and kicking, ~ and well (“is he still ~?” “yes, indeed: he’s (still) ~ and kicking; in fact, he’s ~ and well and living in Argentina!”)
all I n. to give one’s ~
all II  pronoun, determiner 1. ~ in ~ (there were about 50 of them ~ in ~ ~ in ~, there were about 50 ot them) (see also all together at together; all told at told) 2. ~ of (we saw ~ of them) USAGE NOTE: The use of the preposition of is necessary when a pronoun follows – the dean saw all of them (“the dean saw them all”). When a noun follows, three constructions are possible the dean saw all of the students (on the list) = the dean saw all the students (on the list) = the dean saw all students (on the list).
all clear n. 1. to give, sound the ~ 2. the ~ sounded
allegation  n. ["assertion"] 1. to make; substantiate an ~ 2. to drop, retract, withdraw an ~ 3. to deny, reject; rebut, refute an ~ 4. a false; serious; slandering; unproved, unsubstantiated, unsupported; vague ~ 5. an ~ about; against; of (~s of theft were made against him) 6. an ~ that + clause (their ~ that he had stolen the money proved to be false)
allege  v. (L) it has been ~d that he stole the money = to acquire, develop; have an ~ to
allegiance  n. 1. to give; owe; pledge, swear ~ (“I pledge ~ to the Flag of the United States of America” – U.S. oath) 2. to change, switch one’s ~; to change, switch ~s (from; to) 3. to disavow, forsake one’s ~ 4. to true, unfailing, unswerving ~ 5. changing, shifting ~s 6. ~ to (~ to a cause)
alergic adj.  ~ to (~ to dust)
allegory  n. to acquire, develop; have an ~ to
alliance  n. 1. to enter into, forge, form; cement an ~ 2. to disband, dissolve an ~ 3. a broad; close; defense; military; political; uneasy; unholy ~ 4. an ~ against; between; of; with (to form an ~ with one’s neighbors against the common enemy = to form an ~ of neighbors against a common enemy) 5. an ~ to + inf. (an ~ to defend an area against any invader) 6. in ~ with
allied adj. ~ against; to, with (we were ~ with our neighbors against the common enemy)
alocate  v. 1. (B; more rarely – A) the dean ~d the funds to several students 2. (D; tr.) to ~ for (our committee ~d money for the memorial)
allocation  n. 1. to make an ~ 2. a budget ~ 3. an ~ for; to
allot  v. 1. (A) the city has ~ted us space 2. (D; tr.) to ~ for/to (to ~ funds for/to the arts)
allow  v. 1. (A; usu. without the preposition to) ("to permit") she did not ~ herself time for relaxation 2. (d; intr.) ("to provide") to ~ for (we ~d for their difference in age; you must ~ for shrinkage) 3. (D; tr.) ("to give") to ~ for (they ~d an hour for lunch) 4. (formal) (d; intr.) to ~ of ("to permit") (our financial situation ~s of no unnecessary expenditures) 5. (H) ("to permit") we ~d the children to go to the park 6. (formal) (L) ("to admit") I must ~ that he is capable 7. (O; can be used with one inanimate object) ("to permit") the doctors ~ two meals a day; the doctors ~ him two meals a day; she ~d herself one glass of wine USAGE NOTE: In some regional variations of English, the example I must allow that he is capable could become I’ll have to allow as how he knows his stuff.
allocation  n. ["taking into account"] 1. to make (an) ~ for (to make ~s ~s ~n ~ for inexperience; to make ~s for wear and tear) ["sum granted"] 2. to draw; give, grant an ~ 3. to live on an ~ 4. a cost-of-living; depletion; entertainment; housing; mileage; subsistence; trade-in; travel ~ 5. a daily; fixed; weekly ~ 6. ~ for ["amount allowed"] 7. a baggage; duty-fee ~ USAGE NOTE: Parents may regularly give their children pocket money, which in AE is called an allowance.
all right  adj. (colloq.) ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ (for us) to take a break) USAGE NOTE: The spelling all right is common but should be avoided. Thus the following example is ambiguous – the answers are all right. It can mean either ‘the answers are all correct’ or ‘the answers are OK; i.e., just about acceptable.’
alude  v. 1. to ~ vaguely 2. (d; intr.) to ~ to (she didn’t ~ to the incident)
allusion  n. 1. to make an ~ to (she made no ~ to the incident) 2. to contain an ~ (the statement contains several ~s to the incident) 3. a direct; indirect, oblique; literary; passing; vague, (thinly) veiled ~ (she made a thinly veiled ~ to the incident)
alley  I n. 1. a close, faithful, staunch; ~ 2. an ~ against; in (in our friends we felt we had natural ~s in our struggle against the common enemy)
alley II v. (D; intr., refl.) to ~ against; in; to, with (we ~d ourselves with our friends in our struggle against the common enemy)
alms  n. (formal) 1. to dispense, give ~ 2. ~ for; to (~ for the needy)
alone  adj. 1. very (much) 2. to leave, let smb./smt. ~ 3. to be, stand ~ 4. ~ against; in (to be in one’s grief; to stand ~ in one’s struggle ~ against the whole world) 5. (misc.) to live ~; she’s all ~ (in the world)
alooft  adj. 1. entirely; largely ~ 2. to hold oneself, keep, remain, stand ~ 3. from (he remained entirely ~ from the others)
alphabet  n. 1. the Arabic; Cyrillic; Greek; Hebrew; Latin; Roman; Phoenician; Sanskrit ~ 2. a
ambiguity n. 1. to propose an ~ 2. to fall back on an ~ (D; intr., tr.) to ~ with (our firm will amalgamate v. (D; intr.) to ~ between (they ~ between supporting us and opposing us) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ in (we ~ in doing the household chores) 3. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ with (sunny weather ~d with rain; the coach ~d Jones with/and Wilson)

alternative n. 1. to propose an ~ 2. to fall back on an ~ 3. a real, realistic, viable ~ 4. ~an to 5. no ~ (but, except/; formal) save ("There Is No Alternative" – attributed to Margaret Thatcher; we have no ~ but/except/save persistence) 6. no ~ but/except/ (formal) save to + inf. (we have no ~ but/except/ save to persist)

altitude n. 1. to gain ~; to reach an ~ of 2. to lose ~ 3. a cruising ~ 4. at an ~ (at high ~s)

altogether n. ("nude state") in the ~

amalgamate v. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ with (our firm will be ~d with a Japanese company – unless we ~ it (with a British one first!)

amateur n. 1. a rank ~ 2. an ~ at, in

amaze v. (R) it ~d her (to learn) that he had been promoted so quickly

amazed adj. 1. ~ at, by (she was ~ at his quick promotion) 2. ~ to + inf. (she was ~ to learn of his quick promotion) 3. ~ that + clause (she was ~ that he had been promoted so quickly)

amazement n. 1. to appoint an ~; to exchange ~s 2. to recall an ~ 3. an ~ extraordinary; an ~ plenipotentiary; an ambassador-at-large 4. a goodwill; roving ~ 5. an ~ to (our ~ to Italy)

ambiguous adj. 1. to clear up, remove an ~; to avoid ~ 2. a certain, a degree of, an element of ~ 3. an ~ about, concerning (a certain ~ about exactly what you want) 4. ~ arises, occurs (a certain ~ can arise in the absence of clarification)

ambition n. 1. to achieve, attain, fulfill, realize one’s ~; cherish, harbor, have an ~ to 2. spur, stir smb.’s ~ 3. to limit, restrain one’s ~ 4. boundless, unbridled; burning, consuming, devouring; driving, overriding ~ 5. frustrated; unrealized ~ 6. personal; political ~ 7. territorial ~s (of an aggressor) 8. an ~ to + inf. (he achieved his ~ to become mayor)

amusing adj. (formal) 1. ~ for (a father ~ for his daughter) 2. (esp. BE) ~ to + inf. (she is ~ to succeed; a father ~ for his daughter to succeed)

ambivalent adj. ~ about; toward

amble v. (P; intr.) to ~ along the road

ambush n. 1. to lay, set an ~ for 2. to draw smb. into an ~ 3. to hide, lie, lurk, wait in ~ (for) 4. to run into, walk into an ~ 5. in; from ~ (to attack from ~; to die in an ~) 6. an ~ takes place (the ~ took place on a deserted country road)

amen n. 1. to say ~ 2. (informal) to say ~ to (~ to endorse”) (I’ll say ~ to that any day!)

amenable adj. ~ to (~ to compromise)

amendment n. 1. to adopt; propose; ratify an ~ 2. a constitutional ~ 3. an ~ to (an ~ to the constitution)

amends n. 1. to make ~ (for) (she wanted to make ~ for the damage that she had caused)

amenities n. (["comforts"] 1. basic ~ 2. to lack, provide ~ (for) (the house lacks even the most basic ~, such as running water) ["greetings"] (AE) 3. to exchange ~ (["proper manners"] 4. to observe the ~

American n. 1. a Native ~ ("an American Indian of the US") 2. General ~ ("the standardized English alleged to be spoken in most of the US")

amiss adj., adv. (formal) 1. to take smt. ~ 2. to go ~, (formal) save to + inf. (we have no ~ but / save to persist) 6. no ~ but / except /

amok, amuck adv. to run ~

amount n. 1. to calculate, figure out an ~ 2. an ample, considerable, enormous, huge, large, tremendous; limited; moderate, modest; negligible, paltry, small ~ 3. the exact; full ~ 4. in ~ (small ~ in but high in quality) 5. (misc.) an equivalent ~ in francs

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amount II v. (d; intr.) to ~ to (it ~s to fraud; he’ll never ~ to anything)

amuse v. 1. to ~ greatly, thoroughly, very much 2. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ by, with (she ~d the children with tricks; they ~d themselves by playing games) 3. (R) it ~d us to watch them play; it ~d me that they would never admit to being wrong

amused adj. 1. easily; greatly, highly, thoroughly, vastly, very (much) 2. ~ at, by; with (she was ~ at/by that story; children can be easily ~ with tricks) 3. ~ to + inf. (I was ~ to see him playing up to the boss) 4. to keep smb. ~ (he kept the children ~ by reading stories)

amusement n.

amusing adj. 1. highly, very; not in the least ~ 2. ~ to (it was not in the least amusing ~ to anyone)
anaemia (esp. BE) see anemia
anaesthesia (esp. BE) see anesthesia
anaesthetic (esp. BE) see anesthetic

analogous adj. 1. roughly ~ 2. to, with
analogy n. 1. to draw, make an ~ 2. a close; rough, superficial ~ (there is a close ~ between these two phenomena) 3. an ~ between; to, with 4. by ~ (to reason by ~ with a related phenomenon) 5. on the ~ of (to say thank on the analogy of sunk) 6. an ~ holds (good) (upon further analysis the ~ between X and Y just doesn’t hold)

analysis n. [*examination of component parts*] 1. to carry out, do, make an ~ (of) 2. a careful, detailed, painstaking, thorough, thoroughgoing; critical; in-depth; objective; penetrating; subjective ~ 3. (ling.) discourse ~ 4. (chemistry) qualitative; quantitative ~ 5. (math.) vector ~ (see also systems analysis at system) 6. on, upon ~ (upon further ~, we concluded that…) 7. in the final, last, ultimate ~ [*psychoanalysis*] 8. to have, undergo an ~ (with) (to have (an) ~ with Freud himself!) 9. in (with) (she was in ~ with Freud himself!)

analyst n. 1. financial; political ~ (see also systems analyst at system) [*psychoanalyst*] 2. to see an ~

anarchy n. 1. complete, total, utter ~ 2. to descend, slide into 3. ~ reigns

anathema ~ to (his theories were ~ to his analysis) (she was in ~ with Freud himself!) (to have (an) ~ with Freud himself!)

anchor I 1. to cast, drop ~ 2. to raise, weigh ~ 3. ~ (at) (to ride at ~)

anchor II v. 1. ~ fast, firmly, securely 2. ~ to (to a boat ~ed securely to a dock)

anecdote n. 1. to relate, tell an ~ 2. an amusing, funny, witty; off-color; personal ~ 3. an ~ about

anemia (AE), (esp. BE) anaemia n. 1. to develop, ~ deeply, greatly 2. (R) it ~ed us anger II v. 1. ~ deeply, greatly 2. (R) it ~ed us}

angry adj. 1. to become, get; grow ~ 2. ~ about, at, over smt. (they were ~ about the changes; we were ~ at his refusal to help; they get ~ over every trifle) 3. ~ at (esp. AE), with smb. (he was ~ at his neighbor; we were ~ with him for refusing to help) 4. ~ to + inf. (we were ~ to learn of his refusal to help) 5. ~ that + clause (we were ~ that he refused to help)

anguish n. (formal) 1. to cause ~ 2. acute; bitter; deep; inconsolable; mental ~ 3. ~ at, over 4. in ~ (in ~ over smb.’s death)

animadversion n. (formal) to make an ~ on, upon

animadvert v. (formal) (D; intr.) to ~ on, upon (to ~ on corruption)

animal n. 1. to domesticate an ~; to tame; train a wild ~ 2. to breed, raise; to ~ (in captivity) 3. to trap an ~ 4. to hunt wild ~s 5. to butcher, slaughter ~s (for food) 6. to skin an ~ 7. to stuff an ~ 8. to skin an ~ (in ~ over smb.’s death)

animation n. computer; suspended ~

animosity n. 1. to arouse, stir up ~ 2. to feel, harbor ~ 3. bitter, burning, deep, seething ~ 4. personal ~ 5. racial; religious ~ 6. ~ against, to, towards (she felt a burning ~ towards them) 7. ~ between ankle n. 1. to sprain, turn, twist, wrench one’s ~ 2. a well-turned (“shapely”) ~ 3. around, round smb.’s ~ (wear smt. around one’s ~) 4. by the ~ (prisoners fastened by the ~) 5. (misc.) ~ deep in mud

annals n. to go down in the ~ (of history as)
annex I (esp. BE) annexe n.  an ~ to (an ~ to the main building; an ~ to a treaty)
annex II v.  (D; tr.) to ~ to (they ~d the conquered territory to their country)
annihilation n.  1. nuclear ~ to threaten with ~ (does global warming threaten us with ~?)
anniversary n.  1. to celebrate, commemorate, mark, n. v.  (D; tr.) to ~ to (they ~d the conquered
annex II
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n. 1. (B) they ~d the news of the bonus to announce v.  1. (D; tr.) to ~ with (to ~ smb. with oil) 2. anoint
annulment
1. to grant an ~ 2. to obtain an ~
n. 1. another
anonymous
to remain ~ adj.
answer I
1. to call forth, elicit an ~ 2. to give, offer, provide an ~ to 3. to come up with; have an ~ to, to guess; know the ~ to, get, receive an ~ (from) 6. a clear, definite, straight, straightforward, unequivocal; definitive; direct ~ 7. a civil; diplomatic; wise ~ 8. a favorable; witty ~ 9. an immediate; ready; simple ~ 10. a glib; impertinent; simplistic; stock ~ 11. an equivocal; evasive, vague ~ 12. a blunt, brusque, curt ~ 13. an affirmative, positive ~ 14. a negative ~ 15. a correct, right ~ 16. an incorrect, wrong ~ 17. (BE) a dusty ("unsatisfactory, vague") ~ 18. a written ~ 19. an ~ to 20. in ~ to (in ~ to your question)
answer II v.  1. ("to respond") to ~ brusquely, curtly; clearly, unequivocally; immediately, promptly; vaguely 2. (d. intr.) ("to be responsible") to ~ to smb. for smt. (the politicians had to ~ to the voters for their actions) 3. (d. intr.) ("to respond") to ~ to (to ~ to a name; the child ~s only to its nickname) 4. (d. intr.) ("to correspond") to ~ to (she ~s to the description) 5. (D; intr., tr.) ("to respond") to ~ by; with (she ~d me by nodding = she ~d me with a nod) 6. (L; may have a personal object) ("to respond") they ~d (us) that they would come 7. (misc.) if you’re so smart why aren’t you rich: can you ~ me that? = ~ me that if you can!
answerable adj.  ~ for; to (politicians are ~ to the voters for their actions)
answer back v.  (D; intr.) to ~ to (children not ~ to their parents = children should not answer their parents back)
ant n. 1. army; carpenter; fire; harvester; honey; leafcutter; worker ~s 2. white ~s ("termines") 3. a colony of ~s in an ~
antagonism n. 1. to arouse, stir up ~ to feel (~an) ~ 3. bitter, deep, deep-rooted, deep-seated, profound, strong ~ 4. ~ between; to, towards (to feel a strong ~ towards smb.)
antagonist n. a formidable ~
antagonistic adj.  ~ to, towards (he is ~ to us)
ante n. ["stakes"] (colloq.) to up the ~ (also fig.)
antelope n. a herd of ~
antenna n. a loop; outside; radio; television, TV ~ (BE typically has aerial)
anterior adj. (formal) ("before, earlier") ~ to
anthem n. a national ~ (the band played/struck up the national ~ and everybody sang it)
antropology n. 1. cultural; physical; social ~ 2. in ~ (a degree in ~)
antibiotic n. 1. to prescribe an ~ 2. to take an ~ 3. a broad-spectrum ~ 4. a course of ~s 5. on ~s (she’s still on a course of ~s)
anticipate v.  1. to ~ eagerly 2. (G) we ~ winning first prize ourselves 3. (K) we ~d his winning first prize 4. (L) we ~d that he would win first prize 5. (Q) we could not ~ whether he would win first prize
anticipation n. 1. eager, keen ~ 2. in ~ of (an exhibit was scheduled in ~ of his winning first prize) 3. with ~ (to look forward with eager ~ to his winning first prize) 4. that ~ clause (our eager ~ that he would win first prize)
anticlimax n. an ~ after, to (everything was an ~ to his winning first prize)
anticlockwise (BE) see counterclockwise
antidepressant n. 1. to take an ~ 2. to prescribe an ~ (for) 3. (to be) on ~s 4. to come off ~s
antidote n. 1. an effective, powerful; perfect; the best ~ 2. to be, constitute, serve as an ~ 3. to administer, give an ~ 4. to take an ~ 5. an ~ against, for, to (he took an ~ for the poison; the truth is the best ~ to complacency)

antifreeze n. to add; drain ~

antipathy n. 1. to feel (an) ~ 2. (a) deep, strong; natural ~ 3. ~ against, to, towards (he felt strong/a strong ~ towards smb.)

antithesis n. 1. the direct, very ~ 2. an ~ between 3. an ~ of, to (the ~ of/two my theory)

apology n. 1. the ~ to + inf. (she had the necessary ~ to order the meal in French) 2. with great ~ 3. far ; wide ~ (the two parties are still far ~ on foreign policy) 4. ~ from (~ from everything else) 5. (misc.) to come ~ at the seams (see also set smt. apart at set II v.)

apologist n. (formal) an ~ from (an ~ from the true faith)

apology n. 1. to make, offer, present; send an ~; to owe smb. an ~ 2. to demand an ~ 3. to accept an ~ (“I owe you an ~; I’m sorry!” “thank you; ~ accepted!”) 4. a full ; heartfelt; sincere ~ 5. an official ; public ; written ~ 6. an abject, humble ; belated ~ 7. an ~ for; to (she made an ~ to the teacher her blunder) 8. by way of ~ (for) (I sent her flowers by way of apology for my misbehavior) 9. (misc.) to make no apologies for (I make no ~ for opposing the government’s plans)

apostasy n. (formal) 1. guilty of ~ 2. to commit ~ 3. (an) ~ from

apostate n. (formal) an ~ from (an ~ from the true faith)
apostle n. an ~ to
appall (AE), appal v. (R) it ~ed me to see such sloppy work; it ~ed us that the murderer had been released on parole
appalled adj. 1. absolutely, really, truly ~ 2. ~ to 3. ~d
appall v. (R) it ~ed me to see such sloppy work; it ~ed us that the murderer had been released on parole
appalling adj. 1. absolutely, really, truly ~ 2. ~ to 3. ~ that + clause (everyone was ~ that the murderer had been released on parole)
apparition n. 1. a strange ~ 2. an ~ appears ;
appeal n. I appeal to 2. (legal) (BE) an ~ lies against the decision (“there is an appeal pending”) 6. a broad ; desperate, urgent ; eloquent, irresistible, moving, ringing, stirring ; emotional; final, last; personal ~ 7. an ~ against, from; for; to (to file an ~ against a decision; to make an ~ to the public for donations; there is no ~ from a verdict of the higher court; to make an ~ against a referee’s decision; they made an ~ to us to help them) 8. (legal) under ~ (to) (a case currently under ~ to a higher court) [attraction] 9. to have ~ 10. esthetic; strong; universal, wide ~ 11. box-office; sales; sex; snob ~ 12. ~ to (just what is his ~ to you anyway?) [“appeal for funds”] 13. to have, hold, organize; launch an ~ (for) (launch an ~ for children in need)
appeal II v. 1. (D ; intr.) (“to request a review”) to ~ against (to ~ against a decision) 2. (D ; intr.) (“to request”) to ~ for; (they ~ed to us for help) 3. (d ; intr.) (“to request”) to ~ to snb. + inf. (they ~ed to us to help them) 4. (d ; intr.) to ~ to (“to resort to”) (to ~ to common sense) 5. (d ; intr.) to ~ to (“to please”) (he doesn’t ~ to her) 6. (d ; intr.) (“to please”) to ~ greatly, very much (he doesn’t ~ to her very much) USAGE NOTE: In AE you are now likely to hear ~ to ~ appeal a decision. Its CE equivalent is ~ to appeal against a decision.
appear v. 1. (D ; intr.) to ~ against; for (she ~ed against him in court; she ~ed for the defense) 2. (D ; intr.) to ~ as (to ~ on stage as Hamlet) 3. (d ; intr.) to ~ before (she had to ~ before the judge) 4. (D ; intr.) to ~ in (to ~ in a leading role) 5. (D ; intr.) to ~ on (to ~ on stage) 6. (D ; intr.) to ~ to (she ~ed to him in a dream; how does that ~ to you?) 7. (E) she ~s to be well; she ~ to be a fool 8. (L ; to) it ~s (to me) that they will not come 9. (S) to ~ foolish; sad; well (she ~s well/foolish); (esp. BE) to ~ a fool 10. (misc.) to ~ before a committee; to ~ in print; to ~ on the scene; to ~ in person; to ~ live (in concert); to ~ at the door; the story ~ed in the newspaper; suddenly there ~ed a ship on the horizon
appearance n. [“appearing”] 1. to make, put in an ~ (the policeman made a timely ~; a lawyer’s ~ for the defense) 2. a court; guest; personal; public; stage; TV ~ (the actor made a personal ~ that turned out to be his last stage ~) 3. at smb.’s ~ (the crowd went wild at their first ~ on stage) [“outward impression”] 4. a disheveled; shabby; unkempt, untidy ~ 5. an immaculate, neat ~ 6. general; personal ~ (he was careless in his personal ~) 7. in ~ (neat in ~) 8. at first ~ 9. to give, take on; have an ~ (the marching ants took on the ~ of a great wave moving ever forward) 10. for appearance’s sake (“for appearances’ sake”)
appearances n. [“outward looks”] 1. to keep up ~ 2. outward ~ 3. by ~ (to judge by ~) 4. for the sake of ~, for appearances’ sake (“for appearance’s sake”) 5. despite; from, to all ~ (to all ~, the matter is closed) 6. (misc.) ~ can be deceiving (AE)/deceptive (BE)
append v. (D ; tr.) to ~ to ~ to ~ a translation to a document
appendage n. an ~ to
appendectomy, (BE) appendicectomy n. 1. to do, perform an ~ (on) 2. to have an ~
appendix n. 1. (anatomical) to have one’s ~ out/removed/taken out 2. (anatomical) an inflamed; ruptured ~ 3. (anatomical) an ~ bursts, ruptures [“appendaged material”] 4. an ~ to (an ~ to a textbook)
appear v. (formal) [“pertain”] (d ; intr.) to ~ to (these facts ~ to the case)
appertaining adj. (formal) [“pertaining”] (cannot stand alone) ~ to (facts ~ to the case)
appetite n. 1. to have; work up an ~ 2. to give smb. an ~ 3. to whet smb.’s ~ 4. to satisfy smb.’s ~ to lose one’s ~ 6. to curb; spoil, take away smb.’s ~ 7. a good, healthy, hearty; jaded ~ 8. an enormous, gargantuan, huge, ravenous, voracious; insatiable ~ 9. a poor ~ 10. an ~ for (his latest book has given me an ~ for his earlier ones)
applaud v. 1. to heartily, loudly 2. (D ; tr.) to ~ as; for (we ~ed them for their courage = we ~ ed them as courageous) 3. (misc.) a decision that deserves to be ~ed
applause n. 1. to draw, get, win ~ (from; for) 2. to burst into ~ 3. to hold the ~ 4. enthusiastic, rapturous; heavy, lengthy, prolonged; loud, thunderous, wild ~ 5. light, polite, weak ~ 6. the ~ builds up, increases; dies down, subsides 7. a burst; ripple; round of ~ 8. to (the) ~ (she appeared on stage to the thunderous ~ of her admirers = she appeared on stage to thunderous ~ from her admirers)
appliances n. ["devices"] domestic, household; electrical; kitchen; major; small; (see also electrical appliance)

applicable adj. 1. generally ~ 2. to (~ to a case)

applicant n. 1. a successful ~ (the successful ~ will have had at least five years’ experience) 2. an ~ for (an ~ for a position)

application n. ["request"] 1. to file; fill in (esp. BE), fill out (esp. AE); make, put in, send in, submit an ~ 2. to process; screen ~ to reject, turn down an ~ 4. to withdraw an ~ 5. a fellowship; membership ~ 6. a formal; written ~ 7. an ~ for, to (an ~ for admission to a university) 8. an ~ to + inf. (he filed an ~ to be admitted to the university) 9. by; on ~ (the leaflet is available on ~ to the appropriate address) ["putting to use"] 10. ~ to the ~ of theory to practice ["placing"] 11. ~ to the ~ of ointment to a rash

application form n. 1. to fill in (esp. BE), to fill out (esp. AE), fill up (BE, obsol.) an ~ 2. to file, submit an ~

apply v. 1. (D; intr.) ["to request"] to ~ for; to (we ~ed her as treasurer) 2. (D; intr.) ["seek admission to"] to ~ for a fellowship 2. (D; intr.) ["to channel"] to ~ towards (to ~ towards) 3. (D; intr.) ["be relevant"] to ~ in, to (the rule does not ~ to this case and the same ~ lies in all other cases) 4. (D; refl.) ["concentrate one’s efforts"] to ~ to (she ~ed herself to her new duties with great energy) 5. (D; tr.) ["put on"] to ~ to to ~ paint to a surface; to ~ ointment to a rash 6. (D; tr.) ["put to use"] to ~ to ["to theory to practice"] 7. (d; tr.) ["channel"] to ~ towards (to ~ money towards a purchase) 8. (E) ["request!"] he ~ed (to the university) to be admitted (to it)

appoint v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ as (we ~ed her as treasurer) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ to (we ~ed her to the committee) 3. (H) we ~ed her to serve as treasurer 4. (M and N; used with a noun) we ~ed her (to be) treasurer

appointment n. ["agreement to meet"] 1. a follow-up; outpatient ~ 2. to have; keep; give, make, schedule an ~ (with) (the hospital gave me a follow-up outpatient ~ with their cardiologist) 3. to break; cancel; miss an ~ by (~ she sees patients by ~ only) 5. an ~ to + inf. (she had an ~ to see the dean) ["selection"] 6. to confirm; make an ~ to block an ~ 8. an ~ to (we announced her ~ to the committee) ["position"] 9. an ~ to 10. to offer an ~ (we offered her an ~ as treasurer) 11. to have, hold; receive an ~ 12. an interim; permanent; temporary ~ 13. a political ~ ["designation"] 14. ~ to ["Her Majesty"]

apportion v. (D; tr.) to ~ among, between (the funds were ~ed among the various departments)

apposition n. (grammar) in ~ to (the second noun is in ~ to the first)

appraisal n. 1. to carry out, do, give, make a ~ of 2. a down-to-earth; fair; objective; realistic; thoroughgoing ~

appraise v. (D; tr.) to ~ at (the house was ~d at seventy thousand dollars)

appreciate v. ["be grateful for smt."] 1. to ~ deeply, greatly, keenly, sincerely, very much 2. (K) we ~ your helping us 3. (misc.) we ~ the fact that you have helped us ["to understand"] 4. to ~ generally, widely; readily 5. (L) is it generally ~d that climate change is a serious problem? ["to increase"] 6. (D; intr.) to ~ by (to ~ by ten percent) 7. (D; intr.) to ~ in (to ~ in value)

appreciation n. ["gratitude"] 1. to demonstrate, display, show one’s ~ for (let’s show him our ~ with a round of applause!) 2. to express; feel ~ 3. great, deep, keen, sincere ~ 4. in ~ of (he did this in ~ of the help that he had received) 5. (misc.) to cultivate an ~ of art and music; as a token of my ~ ["understanding"] 6. general; growing; widespread ~ 7. ~ of (is there ~ of just how serious climate change really is?) 8. ~ that (is there ~ that climate change is a serious problem?) ["increase"] 9. an ~ of 10. an ~ in (an ~ in value of ten percent)

appreciative adj. 1. deeply, greatly, keenly, sincerely, very ~ 2. ~ of (~ of help)

aprehension n. ["foreboding"] ["fear"] 1. to express; feel; show ~ to allay smb.’s ~ (s) grave; growing, increasing ~ 4. ~ about, at; for (we felt ~ for their safety) 5. (misc.) a feeling of ~; a state of ~

aprehensive adj. 1. ~ about; for (~ about recent developments; we were ~ for their safety) 2. ~ that ~ clause (we were ~ that they might be in danger)

apprentice I n. an ~ to (he was an ~ to a master craftsman)

apprentice II n. (B) at an early age, he was ~d to a master craftsman

apprenticeship n. to fill; have, serve an ~ (he served an ~ to a master craftsman)

appraise v. (formal) (d; tr.) to ~ of (he was ~d of the decision by his lawyer)

apprised adj. to keep smb. ~ of (he was kept ~ of the latest developments by his lawyer)

approach I n. 1. to make an ~ to 2. to take an ~ to (take a judicious ~ to a problem) 3. a creative, innovative; fresh, new, novel; holistic ~ 4. a careful, cautious; conservative; judicious ~ 5. a direct, forthright; down-to-earth, no-nonsense, pragmatic, realistic, straightforward ~ 6. an objective; rational; scholarly; scientific ~ 7. an easygoing; indirect ~ 8. a simplistic; unrealistic ~ 9. a hard-nosed, inflexible, uncompromising ~ 10. (applied linguistics) the audio-visual; oral-aural ~ 11. at, with the ~ (with the ~ of spring, we began to feel better; the gazelles ran away at the ~ of a lion) 12. ~ from; to (I like her ~ to the
problem; the ~es to a stadium; the pilot began her ~ to the runway

approach II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ about (I was afraid to ~ about this matter; she ~ed us about a loan) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ for (she ~ed us to write a loan) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ from (to ~ from the other direction) 4. (d; tr.) to ~ with (to ~ smb. with a request for a loan) 5. (H) she ~ed us to lend her some money = we were ~ed by her to lend her some money

appropriate II v. 1. (B) Congress ~d the funds to ~ the states 2. (D; tr.) to ~ for (the committee ~d money for the memorial)

appropriation n. 1. to make an ~ for (our government made an ~ for the project) 2. defense; foreign-aid ~s

approval n. 1. to give one’s ~ for 2. to nod; show; voice one’s ~ to ~ gain, get, meet with, receive, win; need, require ~ 4. complete, full, unqualified, wholehearted ~ 5. universal, widespread ~ 6. official; public; tacit ~ 7. limited, qualified ~ 8. final ~ 9. ~ for, of (we received their ~ for/of our research) 10. ~ to + inf. (we received their ~ to continue our research) 11. on ~ (we bought it on ~) 12. (misc.) a roar of ~ to get, receive smb.’s seal, stamp of ~ (see also approval rating at rating)

approve v. 1. to ~ wholeheartedly 2. (D; intr.) to ~ of (we ~d of his decision)

approximate v. (BE) (D; intr.) (“to come near”) to ~ to (to ~ to the truth) USAGE NOTE: AE would ~ to (to ~ to the truth) USAGE NOTE: AE would ~ to (to ~ to the truth) USAGE NOTE: AE would ~ to (to ~ to the truth) USAGE NOTE: AE would ~ to (to ~ to the truth) USAGE NOTE: AE would ~ to (to ~ to the truth) USAGE NOTE: AE would ~ to (to ~ to the truth) USAGE NOTE: AE would ~ to (to ~ to the truth) USAGE NOTE: AE would ~ to (to ~ to the truth) USAGE NOTE: AE would ~ to (to ~ to the truth) USAGE NOTE: AE would ~ to (to ~ to the truth) USAGE NOTE: AE would ~ to (to ~ to the truth) USAGE NOTE: AE would ~ to (to ~ to the truth) USAGE NOTE: AE would ~ to (to ~ to the truth) USAGE NOTE: AE would ~ to (to ~ to the truth) USAGE NOTE: AE would ~ to (to ~ to the truth) USAGE NOTE: AE would ~ to (to ~ to the truth) USAGE NOTE: AE would ~ to (to ~ to the truth)

approximation n. to give, make a first, rough ~ (of, to)

a propos adv. ~ of (I have a couple of questions ~ of your last comment) USAGE NOTE: Apropos can also be a preposition – I have a couple of questions apropos your last comment

apt adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ to + inf. (he is ~ to exaggerate)

aptitude n. 1. to demonstrate, display, show (an) ~ 2. (a) great, outstanding; inborn, innate, natural; special ~ 3. mechanical; scholastic ~ 4. an ~ for, in (an ~ for painting)

arbitrate v. (D; intr.) to ~ among, between (to offer to ~ between the warring parties)

arbitration n. 1. to conduct; offer ~ 2. to go to; resort to ~ (the union and management went to ~; the dispute went to ~) 3. to take to ~ 4. binding; voluntary ~ 5. ~ between; of 6. (misc.) the dispute between the union and management was taken to ~ and settled by ~

arbitrator n. 1. to appoint an ~ 2. a government ~ 3. an ~ between

carcade n. an amusement (BE); penny; videogame ~

arch n. 1. a triumphal ~ 2. through, under an ~

architecture n. 1. classical; contemporary, modern ~ 2. Baroque; Byzantine; Colonial; Georgian; Gothic; Greek; Modern; Renaissance; Roman; Romanesque; vernacular ~

ardor, ardour n. 1. to demonstrate, display ~ 2. to cool, dampen smb.’s ~ 3. fervent; intense; patriotic ~ 4. ~ for

area n. [space] 1. to close off, rope off, seal off an ~ to ~ 2. a metropolitan, urban; rural ~ 3. a built-up; catchment; residential; surface; surrounding ~ 4. a no-smoking; service; storage ~ 5. a disaster; disturbed ~ 6. an assembly, staging ~ 7. an impacted (AE) (“crowded with federal employees”) ~ 8. (soccer) a penalty ~ 9. (meteorology) a high-pressure; low-pressure ~ 10. (misc.) a gray (“unclear”) ~ 11. in; into an ~ (a city expanding into the surrounding ~) [subject, field] 12. a growth; controversial, problem ~ (AI is a big growth ~ at present; stem-cell research is a problem ~) 13. (misc.) an ~ of interest (my principal ~ of interest is AI)

arena n. 1. a sports ~ 2. the international; political ~ (to enter the political ~)

arguable adj. 1. ~ that + clause (it is ~ that some unemployment is necessary) 2. (misc.) it’s ~ just how much unemployment is necessary

argue v. 1. to ~ bitterly, heatedly, passionately, strenuously, vehemently 2. to ~ calmly, logically, plausibly, sensibly 3. (D; intr.) to ~ about, over; with (we ~d with them about the new law) 4. (d; intr.) to ~ against; for, in favor of (to ~ against the amendment; to ~ for the new policy) 5. (d; tr.) to ~ out of (to ~ smb. out of doing smt.) 6. (L) she ~d logically that the new regulations would harm the poor 7. (misc.) to ~ from a position of strength

argument n. ["dispute"] 1. to get into, have; start an ~ 2. to lose; win an ~ 3. to break off, end, terminate an ~ 4. to clinic, settle an ~ 5. an angry, bitter, heated, loud, violent ~ 6. an animated, lively ~ 7. ~ of giving ~ 8. an ~ about, over; between; with (I had a bitter ~ with him about politics) ["statement"] 9. to drive home, press (home) an ~ 10. to offer, present, put forward an ~ 11. to confute, rebut, refute; reject an ~ 12. an airtight, balanced, brilliant, cogent, compelling, conclusive, convincing, irrefutable, logical, persuasive, powerful, rational, solid, sound, telling, trenchant, unassailable, valid ~ 13. a circular; convoluted ~ 14. a groundless; tenuous, weak ~ 15. a specious, spurious ~ 16. an ~ about, over; against; between; for (she presented a convincing ~ against the proposal) 17. an ~ that + clause (I cannot accept his ~ that war is inevitable) 18. (misc.) the point, thrust of an ~; (legal) to hear ~s (against; for)

arise v. (D; intr.) to ~ from; out of (to ~ from a deep slumber; “I ~ from dreams of thee” – P.B. Shelley (1792–1822); a conflict ~ing from/out of a difference of opinion)

arithmetic n. to do ~

arm I n. ["upper limb"] 1. to bend; cross; fold; lift; raise; lower; straighten; stretch; swing; wave one’s ~s 2. (misc.) to take smb. by the ~; to fling/put/throw one’s ~s around smb.; to carry smb. under one’s ~s; to greet smb. with open/outstretched

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arm II

v. 1. to accelerate, step up the ~ 2. to arms race

n. 1. to give off ; have an ~ 2. a delicate, fragrant, pleasant, pleasing ; pungent; faint ; tantalizing ~ 3. to smell an ~ 4. an ~ emanates from 5. (misc.) a pleasant ~ wafted in from the kitchen

around adv. 1. ~ here 2. to have been ~ (“to have had considerable experience”) 3. (D) an ~ to ~ 4. to ~ for (to ~ for a series of lectures (to be given)) 5. (E) we ~d for him to give a series of lectures 6. to ~ early ; to ~ for (to ~ for a series of lectures there) 7. under ~ (under a special ~) 8. (misc.) to make the ~s

~d to meet early 4. (L) we ~d that he should give a series of lectures 5. (Q) we ~d where we should meet ; we ~d where to meet

arrangement n. 1. to come to, make, work out ; have an ~ (with) 2. to handle (the) ~ 3. a floral, flower; seating; working ~ 4. an ~ for ; with 5. an ~ to + inf. (we made an ~ to meet secretly ; we made ~s with the university for him to give a series of lectures there) 6. by ~ (by special ~) 7. under an ~ (under a special ~) 8. (misc.) to make the ~s (don’t worry; she’s already made all the ~s!); an ~ whereby (I have an ~ with them whereby I can cash checks there)

array I n. ["order"] 1. in battle ~; drawn up in full ~ ["display"] 2. a bewildering ; dazzling, glittering ; imposing, impressive ; vast ~

array II v. 1. (D; tr., refl.) to ~ against (to ~ against a potential enemy) 2. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ with (they ~d the peasants with rifles)

armed adj. 1. ~ to the teeth 2. (misc.) ~ and

arms

v. 1. ~ to the teeth 2. (misc.) ~ and

army

n. 1. to command, lead ; drill, train ; rally an ~ 2. to mobilize, raise, recruit an ~ 3. to equip, supply an ~ 4. to array, commit, deploy, field; concentrate, mass an ~ 5. to inspect, muster, review an ~ 6. to encircle, envelop, surround; outfield; outflank; outmaneuver; overrun; surprise an ~ 7. to crush, decimate, defeat, rout an ~; to put an ~ to flight 8. to demobilize, dishband an ~ 9. a rebel; regular, standing; territorial; volunteer ~ 10. an advancing; conquering; defeated; occupying; retreating; victorious ~ 11. an ~ advances; attacks; conducts war, engages in combat, fights; pulls back, retreats, withdraws 12. (misc.) an ~ of occupation; to join the ~ 13. in the ~ (you’re in the ~ now!)

arrest

I n. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ for (the police ~d her for his rent) 2. to violate an ~ 3. to suspend an ~ 4. an ~ 5. to inspect, muster, review an ~ 6. to ~ early ; to ~ for (to ~ for a series of lectures there) 7. of (to make an ~ on a charge of murder) 8. under ~ (to be under ~; to place/sent. under ~ for murder) (see also house arrest) 9. a ~ whereby (I have an ~ with them whereby I can meet early)

arrive

n. 1. an early ; late ; from 2. an ~ at, in; from 3. on; with smb.’s ~ (on our ~ in Chicago we were met by friends; with the ~ of our friends all our problems were solved) 4. (misc.) to announce an ~ (as at an airport)

arrogance

n. 1. to demonstrate, display, exhibit ~ 2. insufferable, overpowering, overwhelming, unbelievable ~ 3. towards 4. the ~ to + inf. (he actually had the ~ to ask for more money!) 5. an ~ /of (him to ask for more money = he was ~ to ask for more money)

arrogate

v. (formal) (B) to ~ a privilege to oneself

arrow n. 1. to aim; shoot an ~ at 2. a poisoned; spent ~ 3. (misc.) as straight as an ~

arson

n. to commit ~

art

n. 1. to master ; practice an ~ (to practice the occult ~ of the alchemist; to master the ~ of making a good omelet) 2. abstract; classical; contemporary; folk; impressionist; modern; primitive; pop; surrealistic ~ 3. commercial ~ 4. an ~ in, to (there is an ~ to making a good omelet) 5. a work of ~ 6. (misc.) to exhibit, hang; produce works of ~; the
artefacts (BE) see artefacts

artery n. ["blood vessel"] 1. a blocked, occluded; ruptured ~ 2. a coronary; main; pulmonary ~ 3. (misc.) hardening of the ~ries ["channel"] 4. a major; traffic ~

arthritus n. to develop ~

article I n. ["essay"] 1. to submit; write an ~ 2. to accept; commission; feature; publish, run; referee; reject an ~ 3. a journal; leading (BE, old-fashioned = leader, editorial); magazine; newspaper; op-ed ~ 4. in an ~ 5. an ~ about, on (she wrote an ~ about her research) 6. an ~ appears, comes out (in) (the ~ came out in The New Yorker) 7. a series of ~s ["section"] 8. according to, under an ~ (according to ~ two of our constitution) ["object"] 9. household; secondhand; toilet ~ 10. (misc.) ~s of clothing; ~ of furniture ["in grammar"] 11. to require, take an ~ (certain nouns always take the definite ~) 12. the definite; indefinite ~

article II v. (BE) (d.; tr.) 

articulate v. 1. ("to pronounce") ~ clearly 2. (d.; articulate) v. (inf.) ~

artist n. 1. a gifted, great, talented; struggling; well-known ~ 2. a commercial; folk ~ 3. a graffiti; pavement (BE); sidewalk (AE) ~ 4. a con, flimflam, rip-off, scam; escape; quick-change ~

artillery n. antiaircraft; coast; field; heavy; light; long-range; medium; self-propelled ~

artistic adj. brilliant ~

arts n. 1. (the) creative; fine; visual ~ 2. (the) decorative; graphic; plastic ~ 3. (the) applied; industrial ~ 4. the healing ~ 5. (the) liberal ~ 6. (the) industrial ~ 7. the performing ~ (the High School for the Performing ~ in New York City) 8. (misc.) ~s and crafts; ~s and sciences

ascend v. (D.; intr.) ~ to; from; to

ascendancy n. 1. to attain, gain ~ over 2. (a) clear-cut; overwhelming ~

ascendant n. in the ~ (which faction is in the ~?)

ascent n. 1. to make an ~ (to make the ~ of a mountain) 2. a gentle, gradual ~ 3. a steep ~ 4. an ~ from; to

ascertain v. 1. (L) she ~ed that fraud had been committed 2. (Q) can she ~ when the fraud was committed?

asceticism n. to practice ~

ascrue v. (d.; tr.) ~ to ~ (we ~ this saying to Shakespeare; they ~d their success to hard work)

ash n. volcanic ~ (see also ashes)

ashamed adj. 1. deeply, thoroughly ~ 2. ~ about, of (she was ~ about her mistake; she was ~ of herself for having made a mistake) 3. ~ to + inf. (she was ~ to admit her mistake) 4. ~ that + clause (she was ~ that she’d made a mistake)

ashes n. 1. to rake; scatter, sprinkle, spread ~ (they scattered/sprinkled her ~ in the sea) 2. to reduce to ~ (see also rise from the ashes at rise II 6)

ashore adv. 1. to put, set ~ 2. to come; go ~

aside adv. 1. to move; stand; step ~ 2. to brush; draw, take; leave; push, shove; put set, sweep ~ 3. (AE) ~ from ("apart from")

asinine adj. ~ to + inf. (it was of (them) ~ to behave like that)

ask v. 1. (D.; intr., tr.) ("to inquire") ~ to ~ about, after (BE) (they ~ ed me about my work; he ~ ed about/after her mother) 2. (d.; intr., tr.) ("to request") to ~ for (she ~ ed me nicely/politely for the book; the guest ~ ed for the manager) 3. (D.; tr.) ("to request") to ~ smt. of (I have a favor to ~ of you; he is ~ ing a great deal of us; working so hard so long is ~ ing a lot of us!) 4. (D.; tr.) ("to invite") ~ to ~ to (we ~ ed them to lunch) 5. (E) ("to request") she ~ ed to be excused; we ~ ed to see him 6. (H) ("to request") she ~ ed us to come to lunch = we ~ ed to come to lunch 7. (L.; subj.) ("to request") the family ~ ed that the story not be/should not be printed 8. (O; can be used with one object) ("to pose") he ~ ed (her) a question (also possible is: he ~ ed a question of her) 9. (Q; may have an object) ("to inquire of") he ~ ed (his son) point-blank where he was going; she ~ ed wistfully how she might help 10. (misc.) ~ to ~ (to get ~ do beautiful women get ~ ed their age a lot?); to mind ~ ing (how old are you ~ if you don’t mind me/ my ~ ing) ~

askance adv. to look ~ at

asking n. (colloq.) for the (it’s yours for the ~)

ask out v. (D.; tr.) ~ to ~ (to ask smb. out to lunch)

asleep adj. 1. be deeply, fast, sound ~ 2. fall ~

aspirant n. an ~ for; to (an ~ to the throne)

aspiration n. (formal) 1. high, lofty, noble ~s 2. an ~ to ~ to independence 3. to achieve, realize one’s ~; to have ~s 4. ~ to + inf. (she has ~s to study medicine; will she achieve her ~s?)

aspire v. (formal) 1. (d.; intr.) ~ to ~ (to ~ a career in medicine) 2. (E) she ~s to study medicine

aspirin n. 1. to take (an) ~ 2. (misc.) ~ tablet (he took two ~ tablets; or: he took two ~s) 3. a dose of ~ (what’s the maximum recommended dose of ~ for a headache?)

ass n. ["fool"] 1. a pompous; stupid ~ 2. to make an
assail v. (formal) 1. to ~ bitterly 2. (D; tr.) to ~ with (to ~ smb. with questions)
assassin n. a hired, paid ~
assassination n. 1. to attempt; carry out an ~ 2. character; a political ~
assault n. 1. (often mil.) to carry out, launch, make; lead an ~ (against, on) (the enemy carried out an ~ on our position) 2. to come under ~ (our position came under enemy ~) 3. (legal) to commit an ~ (when did the assailant commit the ~?); 4. (usu. legal) aggravated; bodily; criminal; indecent, sexual; violent ~ 5. an all-out; armed; military ~ 6. (usu. mil.) by ~ (the enemy took our position by ~) 7. (misc.) (legal) ~ and battery (to commit ~ and battery) 8. (misc.) a series of ~s; an ~ happens, occurs, takes place (when did the ~ occur?)
assembly n. 1. to elect; convene; dismiss; dissolve an ~ 2. a constituent; constitutional; deliberate; general; legislative; national; public ~ 3. the Northern Ireland; Welsh ~ 4. an ~ meets, sits 5. (misc.) (the) freedom, the right of ~; unlawful ~ 6. (at a school) (we met at/during ~)
assent I n. 1. to give; nod one’s; refuse, withhold one’s ~ to (she gave her ~ to our plan) 2. by common ~ 3. (BE) (the) royal ~ (the bill has received the royal ~ and will now become law)
assent II v. (formal) (D; intr.) to ~ to (we ~ed to his proposal)
assert v. 1. to boldly (she ~ed her innocence boldly) 2. (L) she ~ed that she was innocent
assertion n. 1. to make an ~ 2. to deny, reject; rebut, refute an ~ 3. a bold; sweeping; unfounded; unsubstantiated ~ 4. an ~ about; of (we do not believe her repeated ~s of innocence) 5. an ~ that + clause (we do not believe her ~ that she is innocent)
asserted that ~ (the project was completed without their ~; my translation was completed with her assistance)
assertively ~ (he was of considerable ~ to us) 9. with; without (smb.’s) ~ (the project was completed without their ~; my translation was completed with her assistance)
assertive ~ 2. considerable, great, invaluable ~ 3. clerical, legal; technical ~ 4. economic, financial; material; public ~ 5. (AE) directory ~ (BE has ~ed at least one million dollars)
assertment n. 1. to extend, give, offer, provide; render ~ 2. considerable, great, invaluable ~ 3. clerical, legal; technical ~ 4. economic, financial; material; public ~ 5. (AE) directory ~ (BE has ~ed at least one million dollars)
assign v. 1. (A) they ~ed a very difficult mission to us; or: they ~ed us a very difficult mission 2. (D; tr.) to ~ to (headquarters ~ed the soldiers to move the ~s to do their work; she ~ed us to move the furniture)
assistance n. 1. to extend, give, offer, provide, render ~ 2. considerable, great, invaluable ~ 3. clerical, legal; technical ~ 4. economic, financial; material; public ~ 5. (AE) directory ~ (BE has ~ed millions of immigrants into its way of life) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ with (some newcomers did not ~ with the local population)
avow v. 1. to ~ completely, fully; easily, readily; rapidly 2. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ into; to (the newcomers tried to ~ into the American way of life; America has ~ed millions of immigrants into its way of life) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ with (some newcomers did not ~ with the local population)
assimilate v. 1. to ~ completely, fully; easily, readily; rapidly 2. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ into; to (the newcomers tried to ~ into the American way of life; America has ~ed millions of immigrants into its way of life) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ with (some newcomers did not ~ with the local population)
avow n. 1. to extend, give, offer, provide, render ~ 2. considerable, great, invaluable ~ 3. clerical, legal; technical ~ 4. economic, financial; material; public ~ 5. (AE) directory ~ (BE has ~ed millions of immigrants into its way of life) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ with (some newcomers did not ~ with the local population)
avowal n. 1. a building and loan ~ / music society ~ 2. a constituent; constitutional; deliberative; general; legislative; national; public ~ 3. the American way of life; rapidly 2. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ into; to (the newcomers tried to ~ into the American way of life; America has ~ed millions of immigrants into its way of life) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ with (some newcomers did not ~ with the local population)
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assortment

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assistance

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attack

attractive

attribution

attachment

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attack

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attachment
come under ~ 4. to survive, withstand an ~ 5. to blunt, break up, repel, repulse; resist an ~ 6. an all-out, concerted, full-scale; coordinated; major ~ 7. a pre-emptive; retaliatory ~ 8. a mock, sneak, surprise; unprovoked ~ 9. an air; seaborne ~ 10. an enemy; terrorist ~ 11. a flank; frontal ~ 12. a nuclear; torpedo ~ 13. an ~ occurs, takes place; succeeds 14. an ~ fails; fizzes out 15. an ~ against, on (the enemy launched an all-out ~ against our forces) 16. under ~ ("a belligerent action") (often verbal) 17. to launch; make an ~ 18. a physical; verbal ~ 19. a bitter, blistering, brutal, concert, savage, scathing, sharp, vehement, vicious, violent; scurrilous; unprovoked; wanton ~ 20. an ~ on (he made a blistering ~ on his opponent) 21. (misc.) the leaked document left us open to ~rilous; unprovoked; wanton ~ 20. an ~ on (he made a blistering ~ on his opponent) 21. (misc.) a series of ~s (see also heart attack)

attack II v. 1. to brutally, savagely, viciously; physically 2. (D; tr.) to ~ because of, for; with (the burglar attacked me with a knife; he ~d his opponent because of her failure to oppose the war)

attempt I n. 1. to make an ~ to foil, thwart an ~ 3. an all-out, concerted, last-ditch; brave, valiant; deliberate ~ 4. a successful ~ 5. a blatant ~ bold, brazen, daring ~ 6. a botched; clumsy; crude; feeble, halfhearted, weak; premature ~ 7. an abor- misguided ~ 8. repeated ~ 9. a rescue; suicide ~ 10. an ~ against, on (an ~ on smb.'s life) 11. an ~ at (an ~ at being funny) 12. an ~ to + inf. (she made an ~ to find a job) 13. in an ~ (in our ~ to finish the school) 2. average ; daily ~ 3. decreasing, falling; sudden ~ 24. (misc.) a series of ~s (see also heart attack)

test I v. 1. (E) she ~d to find a job. (rare) (G) he ~d walking 3. (misc.) to ~ smt. successfully; in vain

tend v. 1. (BE) (d; intr.) to ~ on (two nurses ~d on the patient) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ to (to ~ to one's duties; to ~ to a customer)

attendance n. ("people present") ["number of people present"] 1. to check (the) ~ to take the (the) ~ (in school) 2. average; daily ~ 3. decreasing, falling, plummeting; low, poor; increasing; rising ~ 4. perfect; regular ~ 5. ~ has gone up, risen; ~ has dropped, fallen, gone down, plummeted ["presence"] 6. ~ at (~ at a ceremony) 7. in ~ (a nurse was in ~) ["misc"] 8. to dance ~ on smb. ("to fawn ~ on smb.")

attendant I adj. (formal) (cannot stand alone) ~ on (the problems ~ on growing up)

attendant II n. 1. a flight; wedding ~ 2. an ~ to

attention n. ("concentration") ["notice"] 1. to attract, capture, catch, command, draw, get, grab smb.'s ~ 2. to have, hold, retain smb.'s ~ 3. to call, draw smb.'s ~ 4. to devote one's ~ to; to concentrate, confine, focus (one's) ~ on; to give one's ~ to; to pay ~ to; to turn one's ~ to 5. to bring smt. to smb.'s ~ 6. to distract, divert smb.'s ~ 7. to escape smb.'s ~ 8. close; meticulous; minute; rapt; studious; undivided ~ (this matter will require your undivided ~) 9. ~ to (meticulous ~ to detail) 10. for, to smb.'s ~ (this package was left here for your ~) 11. (misc.) she gave the matter her undivided ~; it came to did not escape my ~ that she was very ill; they were the center of ~; smb.'s ~ may wander ["position of attention"] (usu. mil.) 12. to call smb. to ~ (the sergeant called his platoon to ~); to come to, snap to ~; to stand at ~; or: to stand at the position of ~; or: (BE) to stand to ~ ["care"] 13. to give ~ to; to lavish ~ on 14. medical ~ (to receive medical ~) 15. individual; personal ~ (the manager gave me her personal ~; I lavished my individual ~ on him)

attentive adj. ~ to (~ to our needs)

attest v. (formal) (d; intr.) to ~ to (several witnesses can ~ to her good character)

attire n. (formal) 1. casual; civilian; formal ~ 2. in ~ (dressed in formal ~)

attitude n. 1. to adopt, assume, strike, take; have an ~ 2. to change an ~ 3. a cheerful; conciliatory; constructive; current, prevailing, widespread; flexible; friendly; positive; realistic ~ 4. a respectful; reverent ~ 5. a casual; devil-may-care; frivolous; hands-off; irreverent; nonchalant; wait-and-see ~ 6. a conservative; liberal ~ 7. a cavalier; concele- scending, patronizing; holier-than-thou ~ 8. a bad, belligerent, defiant, surly; disrespectful; hostile; inflexible, rigid, uncompromising; negative; scornful ~ 9. an ~ about; of; to; towards (to assume an ~ of defiance towards all authority) 10. an ~ that clause (I didn't like his ~ that he deserves special treatment)

attorney n. (esp. AE) 1. to hire, retain an ~ 2. a defense; district (AE; BE has public prosecutor); prosecuting ~ 3. an attorney-at-law 4. (CE) an At- torney General (see also power of attorney)

attract v. 1. to ~ irresistibly, strongly 2. (D; tr.) to ~ to (a crowd was ~d to the scene of the accident)

attracted adj. 1. irresistibly, strongly, very ~ 2. ~ to (he was very ~ to her)

attraction n. ["charm"] 1. to feel an ~ to 2. to hold an ~ for 3. a fatal; irresistible; strong; physical, sexual ~ (he felt a strong ~ to her) ["something that attracts"] 4. a box-office; chief, main, major; public; scenic; tourist ~ 5. (misc.) an added ~; the center of ~

attractive adj. 1. physically; sexually; very ~ 2. ~ to (the offer is very ~ to us)

attributable adj. 1. generally, usually 2. ~ to (their success is ~ to hard work)

attribute v. (d; tr.) to ~ to (we ~ this saying to Shakespeare; they ~d their success to hard work)

attrition n. 1. a rate of ~ 2. by, through ~ (the staff will be reduced by (natural) ~) 3. (misc.) a war of ~

attune v. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ to (you will have to ~ your ears to this type of music)

atypical adj. ~ of (such behavior was ~ of him)
**auction** n. 1. to have, hold an ~ 2. an ~ takes place 3. to put smt. up for ~ (items that were put up for ~) 4. a public ~ at (an) ~; by ~ (we bought these items at an ~; they sold those items by ~)

**audacious** adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of him to ask for an increase in salary = he was ~ enough to ask for an increase in salary)

**audacity** n. 1. to demonstrate, display, show ~ (he displayed ~ by asking for an increase in salary) 2. sheer ~ 3. the ~ to + inf. (he had the ~ to ask for an increase in salary)

**audible** adj. 1. barely, hardly, scarcely; perfectly ~ audible

**audition** I n. 1. to have an ~ about 2. a glittering ~ (of) (a charismatic politician with a glittering ~ of success about her)

**audition** II n. 1. to practice ~ 2. strict; wartime ~

**author** n. 1. to read an ~ (Dickens is a much-loved ~ whom nearly everyone claims to have read) 2. an anonymous; beginning; best-selling; classic; contemporary; established, famous, noted, prize-winning, recognized, well-known; much-loved; prolific; rising; talented; young; unpublished ~ 3. an ~ writes (an ~ of children’s books who has written several)

**authorities** n. ['officials'] civil, civilian; government; local; military; occupation ~

**authority** n. ['control'] ['power'] 1. to assert, demonstrate, show; assume; establish; delegate; exercise, exert, use, wield; have; invoke ~ to 2. to give up, relinquish, yield ~ to 3. to challenge, defy; deny; reject; rebel against; undermine; usurp ~ 4. absolute, complete, full, supreme, unquestioned ~ 5. parental ~ 6. ~ for; over (he assumed ~ for overseas operations; a commanding officer has complete ~ over her personnel) 7. in; with; without ~ (who was in ~?) 8. of ~ (a figure, man, woman of ~; there was an air of ~ about her) 9. under smb.’s ~ (these employees are under my ~) 10. to abuse, overstep one’s ~ 11. legal; ministerial; presidential; reviewing (mil.); royal ~ 12. by, on smb.’s ~ (‘by whose ~ were these funds spent?’ “she did it on her own ~”) 13. the ~ to + inf. (the police had the ~ to conduct a search; a commanding officer with the ~ to send troops into battle) 14. ['expert'] a position of ~ (I am in a position of ~ over these employees) 15. ['source'] 16. an acknowledged; appropriate, competent, reliable; indisputable, irrefutable, uneimpeachable, unquestioned; leading, respected, world ~; the greatest living ~

**aura** n. 1. to have an ~ about 2. a glittering ~ (of) (a charismatic politician with a glittering ~ of success about her)

**auspices** n. under the ~ of smt. (under the ~ of the mayor’s office)
automatic pilot  n. 1. to engage, switch on; disen-gage, switch off the ~ 2. on ~
automobile n. (AE) to drive, operate; park an ~ (see car 2–11)
autonomy  n. 1. to grant ~ 2. to enjoy, have ~ 3. to seek ~ 4. full; local ~
autopsy  n. to do, perform an ~ (on)
autumn n. 1. early; last; late; mid–; next ~ 2. during the, in, the (the) ~ (we met late in the ~ of 1995 = we met in the late ~ of 1995) 3. (misc.) there is a touch of ~ in the air; a harbinger of ~ (see also autumnal)
avoid n. 1. to make an ~ 2. an open, public ~ 3. a solemn ~ 4. an ~ to + inf. (his open ~ to a socialist was soon forgotten) 5. an ~ that + clause (he made an open ~ that he was a socialist!)
await v. 1. eagerly (an eagerly ~ed and long-awaited event)
award I adj. 1. half; fully, wide ~ 2. (A) the judges ~ed the prize to her; award II n. 1. to confer, grant, make, present an ~ 2. (M or N) a pay ~ 6. the ~ went to the 
awake I v. (D ; tr.) to ~ into (the stars ~ed me into awe II
awake II v. 1. (d ; intr.) "to help") to ~ against (nothing could ~ against the enemy attack) 2. (d ; refl.) ("to make use") to ~ of (she ~ed herself of the offer)
average n. 1. to calculate, work out an ~ 2. (misc.) above ~; below ~; on ~ (AE) on the ~ she works seven hours a day; (AE) he finished school with a B ~
average out v. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ at, to (snowfall ~ed out in this part of the country at / twenty inches a year)
averse adj. (formal) 1. distinctly, markedly, strongly ~; risk-averse (a risk-averse society that won’t let children play on their own) 2. ~ to (I wouldn’t be ~ to (having a drink)
aversion n. (formal) 1. to develop; feel, have; take an ~ to 2. to overcome an ~ 3. a deep, deep-rooted, distinct, marked, strong; natural; pet ~; risk-aversion 4. an ~ to (to overcome an ~ to animals)
avert v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ from (he ~ed his eyes from the scene of the accident) 2. (misc.) the accident was narrowly ~ed
aviation n. civil; military ~
avid adj. (formal) (usu. does not stand alone) ~ for (~ for fame)
avoid v. 1. to ~ narrowly; studiously 2. (G) to studiously ~ volunteering for anything difficult 3. (misc.) to ~ at all costs; to ~ like the plague (to ~ like the plague volunteering for anything difficult)
avoidance n. tax ~ (esp. BE) USAGE NOTE: It is legal to avoid taxes but illegal to evade them; thus tax avoidance is legal but tax evasion is not.
avow v. (formal) 1. to ~ openly, publicly 2. to ~ solemnly (L) they ~ed that they had been wrong 4. (M or N; used with a noun) he openly ~ed himself (to be) a socialist = he is an openly ~ed socialist
awaken v. 1. see awaken II 2. (d ; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ smb. to a sense of duty)
awakening n. 1. a rude, sudden ~ 2. a sexual ~ 3. a spiritual ~
award I adj. 1. to confer, grant, make, present an ~ 2. to accept an ~ 3. to earn, receive, win an ~ 4. a sexual ~ 5. (BE) a pay ~ 6. the ~ went to the best student 7. an ~ from ; for (she won an ~ from the judges for her research) award II v. 1. (A) the judges ~ed the prize to her; or: the judges ~ed her the prize 2. (D; tr.) to ~ for (the judges ~ed her a prize for her research) aware adj. (usu. cannot stand alone) 1. acutely, all too, keenly, only too, painfully, very (much), well ~ 2. dimly, hardly ~ 3. ~ of (they were only too well ~ of the harmfulness of smoking) 4. ~ that + clause (they were only too well ~ that smoking is harmful) USAGE NOTE: The adjective aware can be used without a following of or that-clause when it is preceded by such an adverb as politically: a politically aware person who knows what all the candidates stand for.
awareness n. 1. growing, heightened ~ 2. public ~ 3. to heighten, increase, raise ~ 4. ~ among 5. ~ that + clause (there is a growing ~ among the general public that smoking is harmful)
avash adj. ~ with
away adv. 1. far ~ 2. from (he is ~ from home) (see also Usage Notes at far)
awe I n. 1. to inspire ~ in (he inspired ~ in everyone = he inspired everyone with ~) 2. to hold smb. in ~ 3. deep, great ~ 4. in; with ~ (to contemplate the stars with ~ at their magnificence) 5. ~ at 6. in ~ of (to be / stand in ~ of smb.; to contemplate the stars in ~ of their magnificence) 7. (misc.) shock and ~
awe II v. (D; tr.) to ~ into (the stars ~ed me into silence)
awestruck adj. 1. ~ at (~ at the sight) 2. ~ to + inf. (they were ~ to see the volcano erupt)
awful adj. (colloq.) 1. pretty, really, simply ~ 2. ~ about (I feel ~ about it) 3. ~ for (the situation is ~ for all of us) 4. ~ to + inf. (it was really ~ to work there = it was really ~ working there = working there was really ~; it was ~ of them to do that) 5. ~ that + clause (it’s ~ that they ~were/should have been reprimanded because of my mistake)
awhile adv. (see Usage Note at while)
awkward adj. 1. ~ about, at 2. ~ with (he is ~ with children) 3. (BE) ~ for (Monday is ~ for me) 4. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ to discuss such matters in public = it is ~ discussing such matters in public = discussing such matters in public is awkward)
AWOL adj. to be; go ~
awry adj., adv. to go ~ (our plans have gone ~)
ax, axe n. 1. to swing, wield an ~ 2. with an ~ 3. a blow of an ~ 4. an ~ chops, cuts; falls 5. (misc.) to get the ~ (“to be fired; to lose funding”) (when projects get the ~ their employees get the ~, too!); to have an ~ to grind (“to have an ulterior motive”)
axiom n. 1. to lay down an ~ 2. an ~ that + clause (we accept the ~ that a straight line is the shortest distance between two points)
axiomatic adj. ~ that + clause (it is ~ that everyone should pay a fair share of taxes; it’s ~ that a straight line is the shortest distance between two points)
axis n. 1. a horizontal; vertical 2. along; on an ~ (the Earth rotates on its ~ and revolves around the Sun)
babble I n. childish; confused; incessant ~
babble II v. 1. to ~ ceaselessly, incessantly; inco-
herently 2. (B) he ~/~ a few words to her about his
problems 3. (D; intr.) to ~ about
babe n. 1. a ~ in arms (“a small infant; an inex-
perienced person”) 2. a ~ in the woods (“a naive
person”)
bachel 1. above the ~ (his voice was heard above
the ~) 2. a ~ of tongues; voices
baboon n. a band, troop of ~s
baby n. 1. of a woman) to give birth to, have a ~;
(of a woman, a man, or both) (colloq.) to make a ~.
(of a woman) to carry, expect; lose a ~ (a preg-
nant woman carries a ~ for nine months; to carry a
~ to term; she lost her stillborn ~) 3. (of a mother)
to breast-feed, nurse, suckle a ~. (of a midwife,
nurse, doctor) to deliver a ~ 5. (of a clergymen)
to baptize a ~. 6. to bath (BE); bathe; change a ~
(“to change the baby’s diaper/nappy”) 7. to calm,
comfort, hush a ~ 8. to lull; put; rock a ~ to sleep
9. to diaper (AE); swaddle a ~ 10. to wean a ~
11. to bubble (AE), burp a ~. 12. a blue; full-term;
newborn; premature; stillborn; test-tube 13. a
~ babbles, coos; bawls; cries; is due to be born
14. a ~ burps; drools; teethes; throws up 15. a ~
crawls, creeps; toddles.
back I n. 1. (of a woman) to give birth to, have a ~;
baby 1. a ~ in the woods (“a naive person”)
baby-sit v. (D; intr.) to ~ for (who ~s for you?)
baby-sitter n. (AE) 1. to push, wheel a ~ (BE has
pram) 2. in a ~
bacchus I adj., adv. 1. ~ (things are ~ to normal)
2. far, way ~ (~ back in the eighteenth century) 3.
(misc.) to go ~ on one’s promise/word (“to fail to
keep one’s promise”)
bacchus II n. “[part of the body opposite to the front]”
1. to turn one’s ~ to smb.; (usu. fig.) to turn one’s ~
on smb. (“to reject or spurn smb.”) 2. to arch one’s
~ (the cat arched its ~) 3. a broad ~ 4. on one’s,
smb.’s ~ (to lie on one’s ~; a heavy bag was on
his ~). (misc.) the small of the ~; to have a bad
~; to stand ~; they stood with their ~ to the
doors; they deceived me when my ~ was turned
[“rear part”] 6. at, in; near; towards the ~ (of)
(a room at the ~ of the house; we sat in the back of
the car) 7. from; (BE) round the ~ (go round the
~ of the house to get into the house from the ~)
[“area behind smt.”] 8. at the, (AE) in ~ of (BE: a
garden at the ~ of the house = AE: a yard in ~ of
the house) [“misc.”] 9. he did it behind my ~ (“he
did it without my knowledge”); at/in the ~ of smb.’s
mind (“subconsciously”); to break one’s ~ (“to
work very hard”); to get one’s ~ up (“to balk at
smt.”); get off my ~ (colloq.) (“leave me alone”)
if you scratch my ~, I’ll scratch yours (colloq.) (“if
you help me, I’ll help you”); to have one’s ~ to
the wall (“to be in a desperate position”); to break
~ of a job (“to do the hardest part of a job”); to
put one’s/some (AE) ~ into one’s work (“to make
a maximum physical effort”); who will sit in ~?
(AE); wearing a baseball cap ~ to front (see also
the back of beyond at beyond). USAGE NOTE:
Something in back of/behind the house is not in
the house itself. Something in the back of the house
is. Something at the back of the house can be either
in back of/behind the house or in the back part of
the house itself. So the expression “at the back of”
is ambiguous.
back II v. 1. to ~ enthusiastically, wholeheart-
edly 2. (D; tr.) (“to support”) to ~ against (the
independents will ~ us against the majority party)
3. (D; tr.) to ~ for (we will ~ her enthusiastically
for public office) 4. (d; intr., tr.) (“to move”) to ~
to into (to ~ into a garage; she ~ed the car into the
driveway) 5. (d; intr.) to ~ onto (our building ~ onto
the main road) 6. (d; intr.; tr.) to ~ out of (he
~ed out of the driveway; to ~ a car out of a garage)
7. (D; tr.) (“to withdraw”) to ~ out of (they ~ed
out of the deal).
backache n. 1. to have ~ (BE)/a ~ (AE) 2. (a)
chronic, nagging, persistent ~
back away v. (D; intr.) to ~ from
backbone n. [“courage”] 1. ~ for 2. the ~ to + inf.
(will he have the ~ to tell the truth?)
backchat n. (BE) see backtalk
backdate v. (D; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ an agreement to the
beginning of the year)
back door n. to get in by, through the ~ (usu. fig.)
(“to accomplish smt. by devious means”) back
down v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ from (they had to ~
from their demands) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ on, over (they
had to ~ over the issue of money)
backdrop n. 1. to provide a ~ for 2. a ~ (to ~ the
hearings was complex) 3. against a ~ of
backer n. 1. to secure ~s (for a project) 2. a finan-
cial; powerful ~
back formation n. (ling.) a ~ from (to burge is a ~
from burglar)
background n. [“smb’s experience, past”] 1. to have a
~ (in) (what sort of ~ does she have?) 2. to check
smb.’s ~ 3. a broad; narrow; rich, well-rounded;
specialized ~. a deprived, disadvantaged; mid-
cle-class; privileged; working-class ~. smb.’s
academic, educational; cultural; ethnic; political;
religious; social ~. a ~ (to have the right ~ for
a job) [“back part of a picture, scene”] 7. against, on a
~ (against a dark ~) ["surroundings"] 8. an appropriate, fitting ~ 9. a ~ to (the music served as a ~ to the recitation of poetry) ["a less important position"]
10. to relegate smb. to the ~ 11. in the ~ (to keep, remain, stay in the ~) 12. into the ~ (to fade into the ~) ["history, past"] 13. an historical ~ 14. a ~ of, to (do you know the ~ to this case?; the ~ to the hearings was complex)

backing n. 1. to gain, have, secure, win ~ 2. to lose ~ (the project has the enthusiastic ~ of the government) 3. enthusiastic; financial; powerful; whole-hearted ~ 4. ~ for; from; with; without (without financial ~ for our project from the government, we’re bound to fail)

backlash n. 1. to create, provoke, stir up ~ 2. a ~

backlog v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ to (he ~ed up to the ~) (P; intr.) to ~ across the continent; to go ~ing through Europe

backpack v. (P; intr.) to ~ across the continent; to go ~ing through Europe

backseat n. to take a ~ to smb. (she will not take a ~ to anyone)

backstroke n. to do, swim the ~

backtalk n. (AE) (colloq.) don’t give me any ~! (BE has backchat) (see also talk back)

backtrack v. (D; intr.) ~ from

backup n. ["substitute; reinforcement"] a ~ for, to

back up v. (D; intr.) ~ to (he ~ed up to the loading platform) 2. (D; tr.) ~ with (they backed us up with a generous contribution)

backwards adv. 1. to go ~; to step ~; to walk ~ 2. to put smt. in ~ (see also bend over backwards at bend II)

backwater n. a cultural; provincial ~

bacon n. 1. back (esp. BE) = Canadian (US) ; crisp ; a cultural ; provincial ~

bad II n. 1. back (esp. BE) = Canadian (US) ; crisp ; a cultural ; provincial ~

bad form

badger n. 1. (AE) a ~ for, to

bag n. 1. ["suitcase"] 1. to pack, unpack one’s ~ 2. to check; label one’s ~ ["container"] ["pouch"] 3. a ~ bursts; contains, holds 4. an air ~ (that inflates within a car on impact) 5. a barracks; duffel; flight; garment; musette (AE); overnight ~ (see also kit bag at kit) 6. a carrier (BE); clutch; shopping; shoulder ~ 7. a jiffy ("padded bag used for mailing"); mailbag, postbag (BE); paper; plastic ~ 8. a sleeping ~ 9. a body ~ 10. an ice ~ 11. (BE) a sponge ~ ("bag for to toilet articles") 12. a doggy ~ ("bag given to a diner in a restaurant to take home leftover parts of a meal") 13. (AE) a grab ~ (BE has lucky dip) 14. (misc.) a ~ of (bought a ~ of potatoes) 15. a tea ~ ["leather ball"] 16. (AE) a punching ~ (BE has punch ball) ["misc."] 17. (A) diplomatic ~ (the top-secret letter was sent by diplomatic ~) (BE: AE has diplomatic pouch) 18. smt. is in the ~ ("smt. is assured of success")

baggage n. 1. to check; claim one’s ~; (esp. AE) to check one’s ~ through (to the final destination) 2. carry-on, hand; excess ~ 3. unclaimed ~ 4. a piece of ~ 5. (misc.) (fig.) emotional; ideological; intellectual ~

baggies n. 1. to play the ~ 2. ~, skirt, wail

bail I n. 1. to grant, set ~ 2. to post, put up, stand ~ for; (colloq.) to go ~ for 3. to make, raise ~ 4. to deny, refuse smb. ~ 5. to forfeit, jump, skip ~; on ~ (to free/release smb. on ~; to be out on ~; to be set free on a thousand dollars’ ~)

bail II v. 1. (AE) (d; intr.) ("to parachute") ~ to out of (to ~ of out of an airplane) 2. (D; tr.) ("to remove") ~ to ~ of (~ water out of a boat) 3. (d; tr.) ("to help") ~ to out of (~ smb. out of trouble)

bailiwick n. in one’s own ~

bait n. (often fig.) 1. to hold out, offer; put out, set out ~ 2. to nibble at; swallow, take the ~ 3. to rise to the ~ 4. tempting ~

bake v. (C) he ~d a cake/a potato for us; or: he ~d us a cake/a potato

bakery n. at, in a ~ (she works at/in a ~)

balance I n. 1. to strike a ~ between 2. to keep, maintain; recover, regain one’s ~ 3. to lose one’s ~ 4. to disturb, upset the ~; to throw smt./smb. off ~ 5. to shift/tip the ~ in smb.’s favor; to redress/ restore ~ 6. a delicate ~ 7. (bookkeeping) a trial ~ 8. a bank; credit; debit ~ 9. a foreign-trade, trade ~ 10. a favorable; unfavorable ~ (a favorable ~ of trade) 11. the strategic ~ 12. (misc.) to hang in the ~ ("to be uncertain"); on ~ ("all in all"); a work-life ~ (to find a satisfying work-life ~)

USAGE NOTE: Note “They kept ~ing me to buy a new car until they finally succeeded in ~ing me into buying one.”
**balance II**

- **v.** (d; tr.) to ~ against; with (to ~ one argument against the other)
- **balanced adj.**
  1. evenly ~ (between)
  2. well-balanced (see also a balanced diet = a well-balanced diet at diet)
- **balance of power n.**
  1. to hold the ~
  2. to change ;
- **balk, baulk v.** (D; intr.) to ~ at (he ~ed at the price)
- **Balkans n.** in the ~
- **ball I n.** "game"
  1. (AE) to play ~ 2. (the game of)
  3. to bat; bounce; bowl; carry; catch; drop; fumble; hit; kick; pass; pitch; throw; toss a ~
  4. a ~ bounces 5. the ~ is dead ("the ball does not bounce")
  6. a baseball; basketball; beach; bowling; cricket; cue ~; football; golf; medicine; ping-pong; softball; tennis ~; volleyball (see also
golf ball) 7. (BE) a punch ~ (AE has punching bag) *[rounded mass] 8. a cannonball; cotton ~ (see also snowball) 9. a wrecker’s ~ 10. in; into a ~ (to curl/roll up in a ~) ["big glass ball used in fortune telling"] 11. a crystal ~ [in carry and softball] 12. a fly; ground ~ (the batter hit a fly ~ to center field) *[misc] 13. to get, set, start the ~ rolling ("to begin an activity"); (colloq.) on the ~ ("efficient"); (AE; colloq.) to play ~ (with) ("to cooperate (with)"
- **ball II n.** "dance" 1. to dance, perform (in); choreograph;
  stage a ~ 2. classical; folk ~ ; (a) water ~
  1. to compose a ~
  2. to perform a ~
  3. a ~
  4. a ~
  5. to aluminium a ~
  6. a ~
  7. a ~
  8. a ~
  9. a ~
  10. a ~
  11. a ~
  12. a ~
  13. to get, set, start the ~ rolling ("to begin an activity"); (colloq.) on the ~ ("efficient"); (AE; colloq.) to play ~ (with) ("to cooperate (with)"
- **ballad n.** 1. to compose a ~
  2. to perform a ~
  3. a folk; lewd, ribald ~
- **ballast n.**
  1. to take on ~
  2. to drop ~
- **balloon I n.** 1. to compose a ~
  2. to perform a ~
  3. a ~
- **balloon II v.** (d; intr.) to ~ into (to ~ into a scandal)
- **ballot n.** 1. to cast a ~
  2. to vote on a ~
  3. to vote by secret ~
  4. to vote by mail ~
  5. a ~ on 6. a ~ comes into force, takes effect (the ~
on smoking came into force on Monday)
- **ban II n.** 1. (D; tr.) to ~ from (they were ~ned from attending) 2. (K) the police ~ned their demonstrating in the park
- **banana n.** 1. to peel a ~
  2. a green; ripe; rotten ~
  3. a bunch of ~
- **bank I n.** ["group of musicians"]
  1. to conduct, lead;
  form a ~
  2. a brass; concert; dance; jazz; klezmer;
  marching; military; ragtime; regimental; rock; school; string ~
  3. a big ~
  4. a ~ member; leader 5. in ~
  6. a ~
  7. to march; performs; plays 7. (misc.) to strike up the ~
  8. a ~
  9. an age; income; tax ~ (if you earn more you will fall into a higher tax ~)
  10. a ~ of marrauders USAGE NOTE: Nowadays "band" can be used colloquially of a symphony orchestra by fans of classical music – under its present conductor the Amsterdam Concertgebouw remains one of the world’s greatest ~.
- **band II n.** ["ring"] 1. a wedding ~
  2. a wave ~
  3. a citizens’ ~ (or : CB) ["circular strip"] 4. a brake; elastic (BE); rubber; watchband (CE; BE also has watch strap) ~
- **bandage n.** 1. to apply, put on; change a ~
  2. to wrap a ~ (around)
  3. to remove a ~
  4. to loosen; tighten a ~
- **Band-Aid (T) n.** (esp. AE; BE has Elastoplast (T))
  to apply, put on a ~
- **bandit n.** a masked ~
- **band together v.** 1. (D; intr., refl.) to ~ against (the Liberals ~ed together to oppose the new legislation)
  2. (E) the liberals ~ed together to oppose the new legislation
- **bandwagon n.** ["attractive cause"]
  to climb aboard on, jump aboard on the ~
- **handy v.** to ~ words with smb. (about smt.)
- **bang I n.** 1. with a ~ (the door slammed shut with a ~)
  2. (misc.) (AE) to go over with a ~
  3. (BE) ["big glass ball used in fortune telling"]
  4. a ~
  5. a ~
  6. a ~
  7. a ~
  8. a ~
  9. a ~
  10. a ~

**bank I n.** ["financial establishment"]
  1. to charter ;
  2. to ~ out of
- **bamboozle v.** (colloq.) (D; intr.) ("to trick") 1. (D; tr.) to ~ into 2. (D; tr.) to ~ out of
- **ban I n.** 1. to impose, place, put a ~ on 2. to lift a ~ from 3. a smoking; (nuclear) test ~ 4. a wartime ~
  5. a ~ on 6. a ~ comes into force, takes effect (the ~ on smoking came into force on Monday)
- **banjo n.** to play; pluck; strum a ~
- **banter n.** (esp. AE; BE has Elastoplast (T))
  to apply, put on a ~
from, out of a ~ (she works at/in a ~; to deposit
money in a ~ and withdraw it from a ~) ["fund held in
a gambling game"] 6. to break the ~ ["place of stor-
age"] 7. a blood; corneal, eye; data; organ; soil; sperm; tissue ~ 8. a citation ~ (for dictionaries)

bank II v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ on ("to rely on") (we
were ~ing on your support) (see also bank on)
2. (D; intr.) to ~ with ("to have a bank account
with") ("Who do you ~ with?" "I ~ with my local
branch.")

bank III n. ["shore esp. of a river or canal"] 1. a rugged;
sloping ~ 2. a river ~ 3. on a ~ 4. (misc.) the
~s were flooded; a cloud ~ USAGE NOTE: the
bank(s) of a river or canal; the shore of a lake or
sea; the coast (of an ocean).

bank IV adj. 1. morally ~ 2. to go ~ 3. to declare
bankrupt

v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ for (they are ~ing on
the government for funds) 2. (E) we were ~ing on
you to support us

bankrupt adj. 1. morally ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of them to treat
prisoners in that manner)

bar II v. 1. (D; tr.) ("to exclude") to ~ from (he was
~red from the competition) 2. (K) ("to forbid")
they ~red his participating in the competition (see
also barred)

barb n. ["critical remark"] 1. to aim, sling ~s at 2. a
~s slangings

barbarism, barbarity n. 1. to demonstrate, display
~ 2. outright, unmitigated, utter ~ 3. an act of ~ (to
commit an act of ~)

barbarous adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of them to treat
prisoners in that manner)

barbecue II v. 1. (C) she ~d a steak for me; or: she
~d me a steak

barbed wire. (AE) barbwire n. to string ~

barbell 1. to clean; lift; press a ~ 2. an
n.

barber shop for ~s 9. a good, real ~

barbershop n.

barber n. at the ~

barrow n. ["row"] ["tier"] an elevator (AE) ~

barrier n. an international; investment; merchant
(BE) ~

banking 1. electronic; international ~ 2. (misc.)
where do you do your ~?

bank on v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ for (they are ~ing on
the government for funds) 2. (E) we were ~ing on
you to support us

bankrupt adj. 1. morally ~ 2. to go ~ 3. to declare
smb./oneself ~

bankruptcy n. to declare, go into, file for, petition
for ~

banner n. 1. to plant; unfurl; wave a ~ 2. a ~ bears
a slogan; flutters, waves 3. a. regimental ~ 4. (fig.)
under a ~ (to do horrible things under the ~ of
reform)

bans n. ["declaration of an impending marriage"] to
publish, read the ~

banquet n. 1. to arrange, give, have, hold a ~ 2. to
cater a ~ 3. an elaborate, lavish, real, sumptuous
~ 4. a farewell; formal; state; wedding ~ 5. a ~
for 6. at a ~

banter n. 1. to exchange ~ with. 2. good-natured,
light; witty ~

baptism n. 1. to administer ~; to perform a ~ 2. to
accept, receive, undergo ~ 3. (misc.) (to undergo)
a ~ of fire (my first day in the new job was a real
~ of fire!)

baptize v. (N; used with a noun) they ~d him

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bar I n. ["counter or place where drinks and sometimes
food are sold"] 1. to manage, operate, run a ~ 2. to
serve behind a ~; tend (AE) ~ 3. to stop at a ~ (on
the way home); to drink at/in a ~; to drop into a ~ 4.
a cash; open ("free") (AE) ~ 5. a cocktail; public
(BE); saloon (BE) ~ 6. a coffee (BE); salad; snack
~ 7. a gay; singles ~ 8. a color ~ (to cross
~) 9. a ~ to (a ~ to success) 10. at the ~ (the prisoner at the ~ to be tried
at the ~) 11. before the ~ of justice ["the profession of barrister, triallawyer"] 12. to be admitted, (esp. BE)
called to the ~ 13. (esp. BE) to read for the ~ ["metal strip used as a barrier"] 14. behind ~s ("in prison")
(his was put behind ~s) ["strip used in gymnastics"]

15. a horizontal ~ 16. parallel ~s 17. on the ~ (to
work out on the ~) ["handrail used by ballet dancers"]
18. at the ~ (to warm up at the ~) ["metal strip used in
a suspension system"] 19. a torsion ~ ["lever on a type-
writer"] 20. a space ~ (to press the space ~) ["oblong
piece"] 21. a candy; chocolate ~ ["musical measure"]
22. to hum; play; sing a few ~s ["misc."] 23. a nail ~
(like a beauty parlor for nails)

bar II v. 1. (D; tr.) ("to exclude") to ~ from (he was
~red from the competition) 2. (K) ("to forbid")
they ~red his participating in the competition (see
also barred)
baritone  n. 1. to sing ~ 2. a deep, rich ~ 3. a bass ~
barb I n. ["of a tree"] ~ peels
barb II n. ["as of a dog"] 1. to give, let out a ~ 2. a furious; loud, noisy ~
barb III v. 1. to ~ furiously 2. (B) the sergeant ~ed an order to his squad 3. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ at (the dog ~ed at the jogger; the general ~ed a command at her staff) 4. (misc.) “Do it!” he ~ed (to his squad)
barn n. a car ~ (AE; BE has waggon shed)
barnacle 1. ~s cling (to the bottom of a ship) 2. (misc.) to cling like a ~
barnstorm 1. (P; intr.) to ~ around the country; to ~ through the whole state 2. (misc.) to go ~ing around the country/through the state
barometer n. 1. an aneroid; mercury ~ 2. a ~ is
baron
baritone
barter I n. 1. to erect, place, put up, set up a ~; to ~ barrier
barricade n. 1. to tap a ~ 2. a beer ~ 3. (misc.) (colloq.) ~ to (esp. AE) (the street was ~)
barrage n. 1. (AE) to GI the ~ 2. (AE) to police the ~ 3. army; disciplinary; police ~ 4. restricted to ~
barrage n. 1. to lay down a ~ 2. to lift a ~ 3. an artillery; rolling ~ 4. an advertising; propaganda ~ 5. (fig.) to face a ~ of questions
barred adj. ~ to (esp. AE) (the street was ~ to traffic)
barrel n. 1. to tap a ~ 2. a beer ~ 3. (misc.) (colloq.) to have smb. over a ~ (“to have placed smb. in a difficult position”)
barricade n. 1. to build, erect, place, put up, set up a ~ 2. to storm a ~ 3. to remove, take down a ~ 4. a barbed-wire ~ 5. a ~ across; against
barrier n. 1. to erect, place, put up, set up a ~; to form a human ~ 2. to overcome; take a ~ (the horse took the ~ easily) 3. to break down; break through; remove a ~ 4. the sonic, sound ~ (to break the sound ~) 5. a crash (BE); crush (BE), police ~ 6. a cultural; ethnic; language; racial; religious; social ~ (to break a racial ~) 7. a tariff; trade ~ 8. a ~ between 9. a ~ to (old ideas are constitute/form a ~ to progress and a ~ between peoples) 10. (BE) at a ~ (please show your ticket at the ~ before going on to the platform)
barter II v. 1. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ for (to ~ tobacco for furs with the local hunters) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ with
base I n. ["center of operations"] 1. to establish, set up a ~ 2. to close (down) a ~; live on a ~; return to (a) ~; shop at a ~ 3. an advanced, forward; home; main ~ 4. an air, air-force; army; military; missile; naval ~ 5. an enemy ~ 6. (misc.) a power ~ 7. a ~ of operations ["goal"] (esp. AE) (baseball and softball) 7. to reach; touch (a) ~ 8. to steal a ~ 9. first; second; third ~ (the batter hit a sacrifice that allowed the runner to score from third (base)) 10. (misc.) (colloq.) she couldn’t get to first ~ with them (“she couldn’t even begin to achieve any success with them”); (esp. AE; colloq.) to touch ~ with (“to make contact with”); (esp. AE; colloq.) to cover, touch all the ~s ("to discuss everything relevant") (see also home plate at plate 10) ["collection"] 11. a database ["basic ingredient"] 12. an oil ~ ["foundation"] 13. a firm, solid ~
base II v. 1. to ~ largely, mainly; loosely, to some extent 2. (d; tr.) to ~ on, upon (we ~d our conclusions on facts and on certain key assumptions) USAGE NOTE: You will also find such examples as ~? our conclusions are ~ed around certain key assumptions. The construction “? based around” is disliked by many people.
base III n. 1. to sing ~ 2. a deep, rich ~
baseball n. ["game"] 1. to play ~ 2. night ~ 3. the game of ~ 4. (misc.) a ~ game; player ["ball"] 5. to bat, hit; pitch a ~
basement n. 1. (AE) a finished; full ~ 2. a bargain ~ (in a department store) 3. in a ~
bash I n. (slang) (BE) ["attempt"] 1. to have a ~ at smt. ["lively party"] 2. to give, have, throw a ~
bash II v. (D; tr.) to ~ against (he ~ed his head against the door)
bashful adj. ~ about; with
basic adj. ~ to
basics n. back to (the) ~
basic training n. (mil.) to go through, take ~
basin n. 1. a river; tidal; yacht ~ 2. a handbasin (BE), washbasin, wash-hand (BE) ~ (see sink I n.)
basis n. 1. to be, form; provide a ~ for 2. a trial ~ 3. on a ~ (my theory has a firm ~; yours has no ~ in fact) 4. a ~ for, of 7. on a ~ (on a solid ~; she was promoted on the ~ of her accomplishments; to be paid on an hourly ~; to be on a first-name ~ (with)) USAGE NOTE: Remember the alternatives to “on … basis” when discussing repeated action. “To be paid on an hourly basis” is equivalent to “to be paid by the hour”; “to visit smb. on a regular basis” is equivalent to “to visit smb. regularly”; “to visit smb. on a once-a-week basis” is, of course, equivalent to “to visit smb. once a week.”
bask v. to ~ in (to ~ in the sunshine; to ~ in the adulation of one’s followers)
basket n. ["receptacle"] 1. to make, weave a ~ 2. a laundry, linen (BE); picnic; sewing; wastebasket (AE), wastepaper 3. a wicker ~ 4. in, into a ~ 5. from, out of a ~ 6. a ~ of fruit ["goal in basketball"] 7. to make, score, shoot, sink a ~ 8. to shoot at the ~ 9. to miss the ~
basketball n. ["game"] 1. to play ~ ["ball used in the game of basketball"] 2. to dribble; pass a ~
bass n. 1. to sing ~ 2. a deep, rich ~
bat I n. ["club"] 1. to swing a ~ 2. a baseball; cricket; ping-pong, table-tennis ~ ["smbs turn batting"] 3. (AE) at ~ (who’s at ~?) ["misc."] 4. (colloq.) (BE) at full ~ ("very fast"); (AE) right off the ~ ("immediately"); to go to ~ for ("to act in support of") (he went to ~ for me when I was in a jam)
**bat II**
n. ["flying mammal"] 1. ~s fly at night 2. (misc.) as blind as a ~

**batch n.** 1. a fresh ~ (of dough) 2. in ~es

**bath n.** 1. to give (the baby) a ~ 2. to have (BE), take a ~ 3. to draw (esp. AE), run a ~ 4. (BE) a swimming ~ ("an indoor swimming pool") 5. a cold; hot; warm ~ 6. a sitz; steam, Turkish; whirlpool ~ 7. a sunbath 8. a sunken ~ 9. in a ~. (misc.) a blood ~ ("slaughtering") Usage Note: In BE, one meaning of *bath* is "bathub".

**bathe v.** (D; tr.) to ~ in (she ~d her bruises in luke-warm water)

**bathed adj.** ~ in (~ in sunshine)

**bather n.** a sun ~

**bathing n.** sun ~

**bathing suit n.** (esp. AE; old-fashioned in CE) a one-piece; two-piece ~ (see also *bathing suit* at *suit I n.*)

**bathroom n.** an en-suite ~ USAGE NOTE: Esp. in CE, "bathroom" can be a euphemism for 'toilet': I need the ~; (I need) to go to, use the ~ (see also the Usage Notes for *apartment; room*).

**bathtub n.** (esp. AE; BE prefers *bath*) 1. to fill the ~ (for a bath) 2. to empty the ~ (after a bath) 3. to clean out; scrub (out) a ~

**baton n.** 1. (in a relay race) to pass the ~ 2. (of a drum) under the ~ of (the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra under the baton of Wilhelm Furtwängler) to raise a ~ 4. a police ~ 5. (in music) under the ~ of (a conductor) to twirl a ~ 3. (of an orchestra (or majorette) to twirl a ~ 3. (of an orchestra)

**battalion n.** to command a ~ (a major commands a ~)

**batter I n.** ["mixture for baking"] 1. to mix; pour; stir (a) ~ 2. pancake ~

**batter II v.** 1. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ against, on (the wind ~ed the boat against the rocks) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ into (he ~d his opponent into submission) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ smt. to pieces)

**battling n.** to take a ~

**battery n.** ["a group of cells that store and furnish current"] 1. to charge; recharge a ~ 2. to discharge, run down a ~ 3. an alkaline; flashlight (AE); torch (BE); storage ~ 4. a ~ charges (itself) 5. a ~ discharges, runs (itself) down 6. a ~ is dead, flat (BE) ["artillery unit"] 7. to command a ~ (a captain commands a ~) 8. an anti-aircraft; missile ~ (see also *assault and battery at assault*)

**battle I n.** 1. to do, give, join ~ 2. to fight; lose; win a ~ 3. to break off, terminate a ~ 4. a bloody; decisive; fierce, pitched, raging; ~ 5. a constant; running ~ 6. a decisive; losing; uphill ~ (engaged in a losing ~) 7. a legal, historic, 8. a land; naval ~ 10. a political ~ 11. a ~ royal 12. a ~ takes place; rages 13. a ~ against; among, between; for, over; with (they fought a ~ among themselves for domination of the market; the ~ against inflation; to join ~ with smb.; a ~ between two strong adversaries) 14. a ~ to + inf. (it was a real ~ to win the election; it was a ~ against time to get the patient to the hospital) 15. at a ~ (at the ~ of Gettysburg) 16. in ~ (to be killed in ~) (see also a *battle of wits at wits*)

**battle II v.** 1. (D; intr.) to ~ against, with; for, over 2. (misc.) to ~ it out (two teams ~ling it out for the championship); two teams ~ling (in order) to win the championship; only one team can ~ its way to the championship

**battlefield n.** on the ~ (to die on the ~)

**battleship n.** a pocket ~

**battle station n.** to take up one’s ~

**batty adj.** (slang) ["crazy, mad"] 1. to drive smb. ~ 2. to go ~ over

**baulk (esp. BE) see* balk**

**bay I n.** 1. to hold, keep at ~ 2. to bring to ~

**bay II n.** ["compartment"] a loading ~

**bay III v.** (D; intr.) to ~ at; for (the hounds were ~ing at the fox; the mob was ~ing for blood)

**bayonet n.** 1. to thrust a ~ into (smb.’s body) 2. to ~ a teacher; to ~ happy 3. (misc.) you are to appear in court at two o’clock

**beach n.** 1. an isolated; private; public; sandy; shingle ~ 2. across; along; at; on; the ~ 3. an expanse, stretch of ~

**beachhead n.** to establish; hold; secure a ~

**beacon n.** 1. a homing; landing; radar; radio; rotating ~ 2. (BE) a Belisha ~ ("a light marking a pedestrian crossing") 3. a ~ to (to serve as a ~ to others)

**bead n.** ["front gunsight"] to draw a ~ on

**beads n.** 1. (rel.) to count, say, tell one’s ~ to 2. to string; wear ~ 3. (rel.) prayer ~ 4. a string of ~

**beak I n.** ["shaft of light"] 1. to direct, shine a ~ at 2. a high; low ~ (on a car) 3. a ~ from; to ["signal"] 4. a laser; radar; radio ~ 5. (also fig.) off the ~; on the ~ ["piece of wood"] 6. a balance ~ 7. a ~ bears weight, supports smt.

**beak II v.** 1. (B) they ~ed the program to the countries of Central America 2. (AE) (d; tr.) to ~ at (the sales campaign was ~ed at young professionals) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with joy)

**beam down v.** (D; intr.) to ~ on

**bean n.** broad; French (BE), haricot (BE), kidney; green; lima; navy; pinto; runner (BE); string soya (AE also has *soybean*); wax ~ 2. coffee ~ 3. baked ~ 4. (misc.) to spill the ~ (slang) ("to reveal a secret"); to use the old ~ (slang) ("to use one’s head"); full of ~s (slang) ("mistaken") (AE); ("full of energy") (BE)

**bear I n.** 1. the black; brown; grizzly; koala; Ko-dik; polar ~ 2. a teddy ~ 3. ~s growl; hibernate 4. a young ~ is a cub
bear II v. 1. (formal) (A; the omission of to is rare) ("to carry") the servants were —ing food to the guests. 2. (A; used without to) ("to give birth to") she bore him two children. 3. (d; intr.) ("to pertain") to — on (these facts ~ on the case). 4. (d; intr.) ("to move") to — to (we had to — to the right; or we had to — right). 5. (d; intr.) ("to have patience") to — with (please ~ with me for a few minutes). 6. (E; preceded by; can — cannot — can’t — couldn’t) ("to stand, tolerate") she can’t — to watch them suffer. 7. (G; often used with; can — cannot — can’t — couldn’t) ("to stand, tolerate") she can’t — watching them suffer; her words ~ repeating. 8. (K) ("to stand, tolerate"); often used with: can — cannot — can’t — couldn’t) she can’t ~ their suffering so much. 9. (O; can be used with one inanimate object) ("to feel") she ~s them a grudge; he ~s (us) no ill will. 10. (P; refl.) ("to behave") she bore herself with dignity. 11. (misc.) to bring to ~ (she brought her influence ~ on the legislators; she can’t ~ it when they suffer).

beard n. 1. to grow; have, sport, wear a ~ (you can’t get a job wearing a ~ like that) 2. to shave off; trim one’s ~ (you can’t get a job unless you shave off your ~) 3. to stroke one’s ~ 4. a bushy, heavy, rough, thick; scraggly, unkempt; tough ~ 5. a light, sparse; neat, trim 6. a ~ grows 7. with a ~ (you can’t — it when they suffer).

bear up (D; intr.) to ~ against, under (to ~ under). 11. (misc.) to bring to ~ on (she brought her influence ~ on the legislators; she can’t ~ it when they suffer).

bearings n. ["orientation"] 1. to get one’s ~ 2. to lose one’s ~

bear v. (D; intr.) to — on (the enemy’s destroyers bore down on our aircraft carrier; the other car bore down on us without slowing up). 5. to burn out a ~ 6. a ~ on (we took a ~ on the hill)

beating n. 1. to give smb. a ~ 2. to get, take a ~ 3. a bad, brutal, good, merciless, savage, severe, vicious ~ (he got a good ~)

beat out (d; tr.) to ~ for (we beat them out for the title by ten points)

beautiful adj. 1. breathtakingly ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (she was ~ to watch)

beauty n. ["a beautiful person or thing"] 1. a dazzling, great, raving, striking ~ 2. a ~ing on (the guest ~s) 3. to enhance ~ 4. dazzling, striking, wholesome ~ ["attractiveness"] 5. natural; scenic ~ 6. of ~ (a work of great ~)

beaver n. 1. a colony of ~s 2. ~s build dams 3. (misc.) an eager ~ ["a zealous person"]

beaver away v. (colloq.) (BE) (D; intr.) to "work hard"

because conjunction 1. just ~ (you don’t have to drink whiskey just ~ I do!) 2. (misc.) ~ of (her absence ~ of illness)

beek n. to be at smb.’s ~ and call

beckon v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ to (she ~ed me to come to) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ with (she ~ed me with her finger) 3. (H) she ~ed me to follow her. 4. (P; tr.) she ~ed me over. 5. (misc.) she ~ed me over with her finger; she ~ed me with her finger; she ~ed to me to follow her; she ~ed to me for my friends to follow her

become v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ of (what ever became of her?) 2. (formal) (R) it doesn’t ~ you to speak like that 3. (S) she became a teacher; to ~ depressed

becoming adj. ~ to (that tie is not ~ to you)

bed n. ["article of furniture for sleeping"] 1. to make; make up a ~ (I’ll make you up a ~ = I’ll make a ~ up for you) USAGE NOTE: to make up a bed is to put bedclothes on it. To make a bed is to re-arrange the bedclothes on it neatly after someone has slept in it. 2. to strip; unmack a ~. 3. to go to ~ with (she went to ~ with a heating pad) USAGE NOTE: to go to bed with smb. means "to have sexual intercourse..."
bedrock 4. to be, lie, stay in ~; to lie; sit on a ~; to wet the ~ ("to urinate in it accidentally")
5. to get out of ~. to put smb. to ~ (to put the children to ~). to take to one’s ~ ("to remain in bed because of illness")
8. a double; king-size; queen-size; single; twin ~. a bunk; camp (BE); folding; four-poster; hospital; rollaway; sofa; trundle (BE); trundle (AE) ~. a water ~. an unmade ~. a feather ~ ("a feather mattress") (see also bed and breakfast) at breakfast ("ground at the bottom of a body of water")
13. a river ~. ["plot of ground"]
14. a flower ~
bedeck v. (D; tr.) to ~ with
bedfellow n. odd, strange, unlikely ~s (politics)
bedevil v. a master; spare ~ (the two of you can share the master ~)
bedroom adj. ~ with (~ with the flu) bedridden
beer 1. to down, drink; guzzle, swig, swill ~
2. v. to give a ~
beep n.
beet 1. (a) sugar ~
2. (misc.) as red as a ~ (AE; BE has ; as red as a beetroot)
beetle off v. (BE; slang) ("to hurry") (P; intr.) to ~ to London; to ~ home (the variants beetle, beetle along, beetle away also occur)
beet v. 1. to ~ humbly 2. (D; intr.; tr.) to ~ for; from (they ~ged for help/mercy; they ~ged her for help/mercy; they ~ged money from strangers) 3. (formal) (d; tr.) to ~ of (I must ~ a favor of you) 4. (E) they ~ged to be allowed to go; 1 ~ to differ 5. (H) they ~ged her to help 6. (L; subj.) he ~ged that his family be/should be spared
begging n. to live by ~
begin v. 1. (D; intr.; tr.) to ~ as (to ~ as a clerk; to ~ a new career as a teacher) 2. (d; intr.; tr.) to ~ at (prices ~ at five dollars; they began the bidding at fifty dollars) 3. (D; intr.; tr.) to ~ by, with (they began (the meeting) by saying a prayer; or: they began (the meeting) with a prayer; let’s ~ with you) 4. (d; intr.) to ~ on (they began on a new case) 5. (E) she began to work 6. (G) she began working 7. (misc.) to ~ with (to ~ with; let’s consider climate change); "To ~ at the beginning" – Dylan Thomas, Under Milk Wood (1954)
beggar n. an absolute, complete, rank ~
begging n. 1. to make a ~ to mark a ~ 2. to prevent a ~
begetting 1. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ as (to ~ as a clerk; to ~ for; from ~ humbly 2. (D; intr.; tr.) to ~ for; from (they ~ged for help/mercy; they ~ged her for help/mercy; they ~ged money from strangers) 3. (formal) (d; tr.) to ~ of (I must ~ a favor of you) 4. (E) they ~ged to be allowed to go; 1 ~ to differ 5. (H) they ~ged her to help 6. (L; subj.) he ~ged that his family be/should be spared
behavior, behaviour n. 1. to change; display, exhibit ~ (to exhibit strange ~) 2. appropriate; diplomatic; disciplined; exemplary; good; model; modest; normal; responsible ~ 3. inappropriate; irresponsibly; strangely 3. (d; intr.) to ~ like (he ~d like a gentleman) 4. (D; intr.) to ~ towards (how did they ~ towards you?) 5. (misc.) to behave as if, (colloq.) like (to ~ as if an eclipse were an everyday event; how did they ~ when you were around?; if you behave well towards others will they ~ accordingly?)
behaviors. "continuing recourse to addictive substances or behaviours.” (British National Corpus)
behest n. at smb.'s ~ (at her ~, everyone attended the meeting)
behind adv., prep. 1. to fall, lag ~ 2. to remain, stay ~ 3. to leave ~ 4. close ~ 5. by (our team is ~ by two points = our team is two points ~) 6. ~ in, with (he's ~ with his payments) 7. (misc.) to be solidly ~ smb. ("to support smb. wholeheartedly")
beholden adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ for; to (we are ~ to nobody for anything)
behoove n. 1. to bring into ~; to come into ~ 2. a ~ 3. to ~ smb. 3. to give up, relinquish, renounce one’s ~
behooved adj. (formal) it ~s that they help the needy; it ill ~s you to speak like that
being n. 1. to bring into ~; to come into ~ 2. a ~ 3. to leave ~ 4. close ~ 5. ~ by (our team is ~ by

belong v. 1. (d; intr.) ("to deserve to be") to ~ in (he ~s in jail) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ to ("to be owned by") (the book ~s to her) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ to ("to be a member of") (to ~ to an organization) 4. (d; intr.) ("to be appropriate") to ~ under (this item ~s under a different heading) 5. (d; intr.) to ~ with (these books ~ with the works on history)
belongings n. smb.'s earthly; personal ~
below I adv. 1. to go ~ 2. down ~ 3. far, way, well ~
below II prep. 1. far, way, well ~ 2. ~ in (to be far ~ smb. in rank)
belt I n. ["band"] 1. to buckle, do up, fasten one’s ~ 2. (also fig.) to tighten one’s ~ 3. to loosen; unbuckle, undo, unfasten one’s ~ 4. a lap, safety, seat, shoulder; life; trouser ~ 5. a fan ~ 6. a money ~ 7. a cartidge; Sam Browne ~ 8. a garter (AE), suspender (BE) ~ 9. a conveyer; endless ~ 10. (usu. fig.) below the ~ ("unfairly") ["zone"] (AE) 11. the Bible; corn; cotton; green (BE) ~ ["belt worn as a symbol of expertise in a martial art"] 12. a black; brown; white ~ ["misc"] 13. under one’s ~ ("experienced, lived through")
belt II v. (colloq.) ["hit"] 1. (d. tr.) to ~ in; on (I ~ed him in the face) 2. (O) I ~ed him one 3. (misc.) I ~ed him one in the face
bench n. ["judge's seat"] 1. from the ~ (a reprimand from the ~) 2. on the ~ (who will be on the ~ during her trial?) ["places in Parliament"] 3. (from; on) the backbenches; crossbenches; frontbenches(es); government ~es; opposition ~es (there was anger on the government ~es and cheers from the opposition ~es) ["place where reserve players sit"] 4. (esp. AE) on the ~ (he spent ten minutes on the ~) ["table"] 5. a carpenter’s; work ~ 6. at one’s ~ ["long seat"] 7. a park ~ 8. on a ~
bend I n. 1. to make a ~ (the river makes a ~) 2. a horseshoe; sharp; slight ~ (in) (a sharp bend in the river) 3. a knee ~ 4. (misc.) (colloq.) (BE) round ~ 5. a ~ 7. a ~ 12. a ~ 13. under one’s ~
bend II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ into; out of (she bent the bar into the right shape; the steering wheel is bent out of shape) 2. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ at, to (she bent at the waist to pick up the book; the road ~s to the right; she cannot ~ them to her will) 3. (misc.) to ~ double; she bent down and picked up the book; they bent over backwards to please ("they made every effort to be helpful")
bender n. (colloq.) ["drunken spree"] to go on a ~
benediction n. 1. to give, offer, pronounce the ~ 2. to pronounce a ~ over
beneficiary n. 1. to name a ~; to name smb. (as) (a) ~ 2. a chief, main, principal ~
benefit I n. 1. to derive, get, reap a ~ from 2. to enjoy, have; provide a ~ (she had the ~ of a good education, which provides many ~s in later life) 3.
benefit II v. benefit II (D; intr., tr.) to ~ by, from (she ~ed by the new tax laws? = will the new tax laws ~ the rich?)

benefits n. 1. to provide ~ 2. to collect; reap ~ 3. to withhold ~ 4. disability; health-care; old-age; retirement; social-security; strike; survivors’ (AE); unemployment; veterans’; welfare; workers’ ~ (see also fringe benefits)

benevolent adj. ~ towards

bent II n. 1. to provide ~ 2. to collect; reap ~ 3. to withhold ~ 4. disability; health-care; old-age; retirement; social-security; strike; survivors’ (AE); unemployment; veterans’; welfare; workers’ ~ (see also fringe benefits)

bereavement n. 1. to have suffered a recent ~ 2. in ~ of (he’s not in the ~ of health) 3. in one’s ~ to finish the job on time 4. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ to make the ~ of smt.) 5. to get the ~ (of smb.) 6. to have an object ~ (to avoid smb./smt.) 7. with the ~ of; without the ~ of

bereaved adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ of (~ of all hope; ~ of one’s senses) USAGE NOTE: In the meaning “having recently lost a dear one”, the form bereaved is used — the bereaved parents.

berry n. to pick ~ies

bequest v. (D; tr.) to ~

bequeath v. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ on (he bet a month’s salary on that horse) 2. (L; may have an object) he bet (me) that it would rain. 3. (O; can be used with one object, two objects, one object + that-clause, or two objects + that-clause) we bet ten pounds; we bet him ten pounds; we bet ten pounds that it would rain; we bet him ten pounds that it would rain. 4. (misc.) (colloq.) to ~ of one’s bottom dollar (esp. AE), to ~ one’s life (“is it going to rain?” “you ~ your life it will!”); you ~! (“is it going to rain?” “you ~!”)

betaking v. (formal and obsol.) (P; refl.) he betook himself to the fair

betray v. (B) the informer ~ed them to the police

betroth v. (B) they were ~ed to each other at an early age

betrothal n. 1. to announce a ~ 2. a ~ to

better I adj. 1. any; far, (very) much; a little; a lot; no; somewhat (~ is she any ~ today?) 2. ~ at (he is ~ at tennis (than he is) at squash) 3. ~ for (the new job is much ~ for me) 4. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ to give than to receive; it is ~ for us to leave early) 5. ~ that + clause; subj. (it’s ~ that she go/should go alone) USAGE NOTE: In BE, the following constructions also occur: it’s ~ that she goes/went alone. 6. (misc.) he is no ~ than a common thief

better II adv. 1. he had ~ do it; they had ~ come early 2. to be ~ off

betrayer n. off-track; parimutuel (AE), totalizator (BE)

a death; sickness (BE); supplementary (BE); tax ~ (see also fringe benefits) 4. a mutual; tangible ~ 5. to be of ~ to 6. for, to smb.’s ~ (for our mutual ~) 7. (misc.) with the ~ of; without the ~ of (Shakespeare wrote his plays without the ~ of a computer); without ~ of clergy (see also benefits; with the benefit of hindsight at hindsight; to give smb. the ~ of the doubt at doubt I)

benefit II v. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ by, from (she ~ed from a good education, which ~ed her in many ways in later life; will the rich ~ by/from the new tax laws? = will the new tax laws ~ the rich?)

beseech v. (formal) with grief)

besiege v. (D; tr.) to ~ with (to ~ smb. with ~)

besieged adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ by, with ~ by

besiege v. (D; tr.) to ~ with (to ~ smb. with ~)

besieged adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ by, with ~

besiege v. (formal and obsol.) (P; refl.) he betook himself to the fair

betray v. (B) the informer ~ed them to the police

betroth v. (B) they were ~ed to each other at an early age
between adv. 1. in ~ 2. few and far ~
beverage n. 1. an alcoholic; carbonated; intoxicating; non-alcoholic ~ 2. cold; hot ~s
beware v. (D; intr.; only in the imper.) ~ of (~ of the dog!)
bewildered adj. 1. ~ at, by (she was ~ by their absence) 2. ~ to + inf. (she was ~ to find them gone)
   3. ~ that + clause (she was ~ that they were gone)
bewildering adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ for her to find them gone)
bewildermnt n. 1. in ~ 2. ~ that + clause (she reacted in ~ that they had gone)
beyond adv. 1. far, way, well ~ 2. (misc.) above ~ and the ~ of duty; the back of ~ (colloq.) ("the middle of nowhere")
bias 1 n. ["prejudice"] 1. to demonstrate, display, exhibit, have, show (a) ~ 2. to root out ~ 3. deep-rooted, strong; personal ~ 4. racial; religious; sexual ~ 5. a ~ against; for, in favor of; towards 6. with; without ~ ("diagonal line") 7. on the ~ (to cut on the ~)
bias II v. (D; tr.) to ~ against; in favor of (their upbringing ~ed them against all foreigners)
biased adj. 1. strongly ~ 2. ~ against; in favor of; towards (they were strongly ~ against all foreigners)

Bible n. 1. the Holy ~
   2. in the ~
bibliography n. 1. to compile, make up, put together a ~ 2. an annotated; comprehensive; exhaustive; select, selective ~
bicentenary n. to celebrate, mark, observe a ~
bicentennial (esp. AE) see bicentenary
bicker n. (D; intr.) 1. to ~ constantly, incessantly 2. to ~ about, over; with
bickering n. 1. constant, incessant ~ 2. ~ about, over, ~ 3. ~ between; with

bicycle n. 1. to pedal, ride a ~ 2. to get on, mount; get off; push, walk, wheel a ~ 3. an exercise, stationery; racing ~ 4. by ~ (to go somewhere by ~)
bid 1 n. ["bidding of an amount"] 1. to enter, file, make, put in, submit a ~ 2. to call for, invite ~s 3. to raise one’s ~ 4. to consider, entertain a ~ 5. to accept; reject, turn down a ~ 6. to recall a ~ 7. an opening; sealed ~ 8. a rescue; (hostile) takeover ~ 9. the highest; lowest ~ 10. a ~ for, on (she made a ~ on the painting) ["attempt"] 11. to make a ~ 12. a desperate ~ 13. a ~ for (they made a ~ for control of the company) 14. a ~ to + inf. (they made a ~ to take over the company; a rescue ~ to bail out an ailing company) 15. in a ~ (in a ~ for power; in their ~ to take over the company, they made many enemies; in a desperate ~ for freedom)
bid II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ against (at the auction, he and she bid against each other for the vase) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ for (she bid twenty pounds for the vase) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ for, on (to ~ on a contract)
bid III v. 1. (formal) (A) she bade farewell to them; or: she bade them farewell 2. (obsol.) (H) to ~ smb. to do smt. 3. (obsol.) (I) to ~ smb. do smt. 4. (misc.) "Love bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back" – George Herbert (1593–1633), "Love"
bidder n. the highest; lowest ~
bidding n. ["offering of bids"] 1. to close; open the ~ 2. competitive; spirited ~ ["request"] 3. to do smb.'s ~ 4. at smb.'s ~
big adj. ["kind"] ["good"] (colloq., ironic) 1. ~ of (that’s ~ of you) 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of you to do that) ["older"] 3. a ~ boy; brother; girl; sister ["very powerful"] 4. ~ business; government; labor ["misc."] 5. great ~ (I saw a great ~ bear in the woods!)
bigamy n. to commit; practice ~
bigoT n. a fanatical, narrow-minded, vicious; religious ~
bigoted adj. 1. strongly ~ 2. ~ against 3. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ to say that)
bigotry n. 1. to arouse, stir up ~ 2. to demonstrate, display, show ~. fanatical, ingrained, narrow-minded, vicious; religious ~ 4. ~ against
big time n. to get into, reach the ~
bike n. 1. to ride a ~ 2. a mountain ~ (see bicycle)
bilingual adj. 1. completely ~ 2. ~ in (they’re completely ~ in Dutch and English)
bilk v. (esp. AE) (D; tr.) to ~ out of (they ~ed us out of the money)

Bill n. ["proposed law"] 1. to amend; draft; introduce; propose; oppose; pass; support a ~; to sign a ~ into law. 2. to move; railroad a ~ through a legislature 3. to quash, reject, vote down; veto a ~ 4. to shelve a ~ 5. an appropriations; revenue, tax ~ ["banknote"] (AE) 6. to break, change; pass a ~ 7. a counterfeit; five-dollar ~ (BE has note, as in a five-pound note) 8. marked ~s ["statement of money owed"] ["debts"] 9. to run up a ~ 10. to itemize; submit a ~ 11. to foot (colloq.), pay; pick up; settle a ~ 12. a hospital medical; hotel; telephone; utility (electric; gas; water) ~ 13. a ~ falls due, matures 14. (misc.) to put smt. on smb.’s ~ ["posters"] 15. to post, stick (BE) ~ (post no-smoking) ["miscreant"] 16. to fill, fit the ~ ("to meet all requirements") ["restaurant check"] ["bill for a meal"] (BE) 17. (misc.) to ask (the waiter) for the ~ (see also bill of fare at fare) ["misc."] 18. a double ~ ("a double feature")
bill II v. 1. (D; tr.) ["to describe"] to ~ as (she was ~ed as a leading expert) 2. (D; tr.) ["to charge"] to ~ for (the doctor did not ~ them for the visit) 3. (H) ["to cast"]; ["to announce"] he was ~ed to appear as Hamlet 4. (O; may be used with one object) the doctor ~ed (them) fifty pounds for the visit
billet I n. officers’ ~
billet II v. (esp. mil.) (D; tr.) ["to assign to a lodging place"] to ~ among; on, upon, with (to ~ troops on the local population)
billiards n. 1. to play ~ 2. (BE) bar ~
billing n. ["prominence in advertising, promotion"] 1. to get, receive ~ 2. advance; star; top ~ (to get top ~)
bill of health n. ["approval"] 1. to give smb. a clean ~ 2. to get, receive; have a clean ~
bill of sale n. to make up, prepare a ~
bin n. 1. (BE) a dustbin, litter, rubbish; wheelie ~ 2. a storage ~ 3. in.; into a ~ 4. (misc.) a ~ liner
bind I n. ["trouble"] ["dilemma"] 1. a double ~ 2. in a ~
bind II v. 1. (D ; tr.) (“to put together”) to ~ in (to ~ a book in leather) 2. (D ; tr.) (“to tie”) to ~ to (they bound him to a post) 3. (D ; tr.) (“to require”) to ~ to (to ~ smb. to secrecy) 4. (H) (“to require”) the contract ~s you to pay interest 5. (misc.) to ~ hand and foot: to ~ together

binder n. ["deposit of money"] (esp. AE) 1. to place, put down a ~ on ["holder for sheets of paper"] 2. a loose-leaf; ring ~ ["broad bandage"] (AE) 3. to apply a ~ 4. an abdominal; breast; straight ~

binding I adj. 1. legally ~ 2. ~ on, upon (the agreement is ~ on you)

binding II n. ["fastening of the sections of a book"] 1. a handsome; leather ~ 2. in a ~ (the book is in a leather ~) ["narrow strip of fabric"] 3. to sew on, tack on a ~

bind over v. (legal) 1. (D ; tr.) to ~ to (she was bound over to the grand jury) 2. (BE) (H) she was bound over to keep the peace

binge I n. (colloq.) ["a drunken spree"] 1. to go on a (weekend) ~ ["unrestrained activity"] 2. a shopping ~

binge II v. (d ; intr.) to ~ on (to ~ on sweets)

binoculars n. 1. to adjust, focus; train ~ on 2. high-powered, powerful ~ 3. a pair of ~ 4. (misc.) to watch smt. through/with ~

biography n. an authorized; critical; unauthorized ~

biology n. marine; molecular ~

bird n. 1. game; land; migratory; tropical; wading; medicine ~ 2. to adjust, focus; train ~ on 2. high-v. (d ; intr.) to ~ on (to ~ on sweets)
bird I n. ["share"] 1. to do one’s ~ ["small piece, small amount"] 2. a tiny ~ 3. (misc.) every ~ (“all, entirely”): ~ by ~ (“little by little”): he’s a ~ of a snob (“he is something of a snob”): she’s not the least ~ upset (“she’s not at all upset”): wait a ~ (“wait a little”): to blow to ~s (“to destroy completely”): to fall to ~s (“to disintegrate”): ["misch"] 4. ~s and bobs (BE), ~s and pieces; two ~s (AE) (“twenty-five cents”): he has a ~ on the side (colloq.) (BE) (“he has a mistress”)

bit I n. ["share"] 1. to do one’s ~ ["small piece, small amount"] 2. a tiny ~ 3. (misc.) every ~ (“all, entirely”): ~ by ~ (“little by little”): he’s a ~ of a snob (“he is something of a snob”): she’s not the least ~ upset (“she’s not at all upset”): wait a ~ (“wait a little”): to blow to ~s (“to destroy completely”): to fall to ~s (“to disintegrate”): ["misch"] 4. ~s and bobs (BE), ~s and pieces; two ~s (AE) (“twenty-five cents”): he has a ~ on the side (colloq.) (BE) (“he has a mistress”)

binge II v. (legal) 1. (D ; tr.) to ~bed smt. to him 2. (D ; intr.) to blab

black n. 1. to bake ~s 2. a sweet ~ (BE; AE has cookie) 3. a cream ~ (BE; AE has sandwich cookie) 4. baking-powder; soda; tea ~s 5. (misc.) to take the ~ (“to be the best or worst”) (BE; CE has to take the cake)

biscuit n. 1. to bake ~s 2. a sweet ~ (BE; AE has cookie) 3. a cream ~ (BE; AE has sandwich cookie) 4. baking-powder; soda; tea ~s 5. (misc.) to take the ~ (“to be the best or worst”) (BE; CE has to take the cake)

bison n. a herd of ~

birdwatching n. to go in for, take up ~ (as a hobby)

birdcall n. to do, imitate a ~

blackboard n. 1. to clean, wash; erase (esp. AE) ~ 2. to write on the ~ 3. at; on the ~ (two pupils were at the ~ writing on the ~) 4. (misc.) to send a pupil to the ~

birdcall n. to do, imitate a ~

blackboard n. 1. to clean, wash; erase (esp. AE) ~ 2. to write on the ~ 3. at; on the ~ (two pupils were at the ~ writing on the ~) 4. (misc.) to send a pupil to the ~
blacklist n. on a ~
black magic n. to practice ~
blackmail I n. 1. to commit ~ 2. emotional ~ (to use emotional ~ (on smb.))
blackmail II v. (D; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ smb. into doing smt.)
black market n. 1. a ~ in (a ~ in rationed goods) 2. on the ~ (to buy rationed goods on the ~)
black-marketing, black-marketeering n. to en-gage in, to go in for ~
blackout n. ["extinguishing or concealment of all lights, as during wartime"] 1. to impose, order a ~ 2. to observe a ~ ["suppression of news"] 3. to impose, order a ~ 4. to lift a ~ 5. to violate a ~ 6. a media; news ~ ["period of unconsciousness"] 7. to have a ~
bladder n. 1. to empty one’s ~ 2. a full ~
blade n. 1. to sharpen a ~ 2. a blunt, dull; sharp ~ 3. a rotary ~ 4. a razor; sword ~
blame I 1. to ascribe, assign, attribute (the) ~ to
n. blame II v. (D; tr.) to ~ unfairly, unjustly 2. (D; tr.) to ~
blank I adj. to control ; fight a ~ 2. to extinguish, blaze I n. 1. to commit ~ 2. emotional ~ (to use
n. blackmail II v. (D; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ smb. into doing smt.)
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blister

n. 1. to open a ~ 2. a fever ~ (AE; CE has cold sore) 3. a ~ bursts; forms

blizzard

n. 1. a howling, raging; winter ~ 2. a ~ rages; strikes 3. a ~ blows itself out

bloc

n. 1. (obsolescent) the Communist; Eastern; NATO; Soviet ~ 2. a military; trade; trading; voting ~

block

n. 1. (Am. football) to throw a ~ at smb. 2. a mental ~ (when it comes to word games, I have a mental ~) 3. (med.) a heart; nerve; saddle ~ 4. a writer’s ~ (see also road block;

stumbling block) 5. a city ~ (the building occupies an entire city ~) 6. around the ~; in, on a ~ (they went around the ~; they live in this ~) 7. a council ~ 8. an office; tower ~ (“a high-rise apartment house”) 9. (misc.) a ~ of flats; (CE) a cell ~ (in a prison) 10. a butcher’s; chopping; headman’s ~ (“seller’s platform”) 11. the auction ~ 12. on the ~ (“being auctioned”)

[end; move a ~] 13. a ~ absorbs (ink, water) 14. a building; cinder; concrete ~ 15. a starting ~ (for a runner) 16. to copy; delete; end; move a ~ (“misc.”) 17. to knock smb.’s ~ off (“to punch smb.”) (see also a chip off the old block at chip

blockade

n. 1. to impose; maintain a ~ 2. to break (through); lift; run a ~ 3. an economic; naval ~ 4. a ~ against; of, on

blocks

n. (esp. AE) to play with ~ (BE has blocks)

blonde

n. (esp. AE) to dress in, wear ~ 3. to go, turn ~ of ~ 6. in ~ (dressed in ~)

blood

1. to draw, let ~ 2. to cough (up), spit (up); ~ 3. to monitor; take smb.’s ~ 4. a ~ count

blood test

n. 1. to do a ~ (on) 2. to have a ~ (done)

blood transfusion

n. 1. to administer, do, give a ~ 2. to get, have a ~

blood vessel

n. 1. a constricted; occluded ~ 2. a ~ bursts

bloom

n. 1. to come into ~ 2. full ~ 3. in ~ (the tulips are in full ~)

bloomer

n. 1. to commit, make a ~ 2. a prize ~

blossom

I. ~s appear, come out 2. in ~ (the trees/tulips are in ~)

blossom II

v. (D; intr.) to ~ into (their friendship ~ed into true love)

blot

n. 1. to leave a ~ 2. an ink ~ 3. a ~ on (his ~)

blotter

n. 1. (blotting paper) 1. a ~ absorbs (ink, water) 2. a police ~

blouse

n. a full; peasant; see-through ~

blow

I. n. to deal, deliver, land, strike a ~ (he dealt us a severe ~) 2. to heap, rain ~s on smb. 3. to come to ~s; to exchange ~s 4. to take a ~ (the boxer took several ~s to the head) 5. to cushion, soften; deflect, parry, ward off; dodge a ~ 6. a crippling, crushing, decisive, hammer, hard, heavy, knockout, powerful, resounding, severe, staggering, telling, terrible ~ 7. a bitter, cruel, devastating ~s 8. a fatal, mortal ~ 9. a glancing, light ~ 10. a body ~ 11. indiscriminate ~s (to rain indiscriminate ~s on one’s victims) 12. a low (“illegal”) ~ (also fig.) 13. an exchange; hail of ~s 14. a ~ against, at (to strike a ~ against poverty) 15. a ~ for (to strike a ~ for freedom) 16. a~ on, to (a ~ on the head; he took a ~ to the chin; a ~ to smb.’s hopes) 17. a ~ to + inf. (it was a bitter ~ for us) to learn of their treachery) 18. under ~s (to reel under crushing ~s) 19. a ~ comes (the ~ to his hopes came out of the blue)

blow II

v. 1. to ~ hard (the wind was ~ing hard) 2. (A; usu. without to) she blew him a kiss 3. (D; tr.) to ~ into (the explosion blew him into the water) 4. (D; tr.) to ~ from; off (the wind was ~ing from the west; the wind blew the papers off the table) 5. (D; intr.) to ~ on (~ on the soup: it’s too hot) 6. (N; used with an adjective) the wind blew the door shut 7. (misc.) the tank was blown to bits; the ship was blown off course; (slang) he blew (“came”) into town

blowout

n. 1. (“flat tire”) 1. to have a ~ 2. to fix a ~

blow up

v. (“to enlarge”) (D; tr.) to ~ by (to ~ a photograph by twenty percent)

bludgeon

v. 1. (d; tr.) (“to force by beating”) ~ into (to ~ smb. into doing smt.) (also fig.) 2. (misc.) to ~ smb. to death

blue

adj., n. [“color”]

1. bright; dark; deep; light; navy; royal ~ 2. to dress in, wear ~; to get, turn ~ 4. a shade of ~ (“something colored blue”) 5. a patch of ~ 6. in ~ (dressed in ~) [“symbol of belonging to a team at Oxford or Cambridge”] (BE) 7. to get, win

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one’s ~ (as in rowing) (AE has letter) ["misc"] 8. out of the ~ ("unexpectedly"); a bolt from/out of the ~ ("smt. unexpected")

blueprint n. 1. to draw up, make; have a ~ 2. a ~ for; of (fig: a ~ for peace)

blues n. 1. to sing the ~ (usu. fig.: "to complain") 2. to have the ~ ("to be sad") 3. to banish the ~ ("to overcome sadness") (banish the ~ by positive thinking)

bluff I n. ["false threat"] 1. to call smb.’s ~ ("to challenge smb. to carry out a false threat") 2. to fall for smb.’s ~ ("to be deceived by a false threat")

bluff II v. 1. (D : tr.) to ~ into; out of (they ~ed him into making concessions) 2. to be caught ~ing

blunder I n. 1. to commit, make a ~ 2. an awful, colossal, costly, egregious, fatal, glaring, grave, monumental, serious, stupid, terrible ~ 3. a tactical ~ 4. a ~ to + inf. (it was a ~ (for us) to invite them) 5. a series of ~s

blunder II v. 1. (d ; intr.) to ~ on, upon ("to happen blunder II")

blurt out v. 1. (B) she ~ed out to us the news of her ~

bluff I v. 1. a deep ~ 2. (misc.) at first ~ ("at first blush I")

blush I v. 1. to ~ deeply; readily 2. (D ; intr.) to ~ at (to ~ at the very thought of what I said) 3. (D ; intr.) to ~ for, with (I ~ed with shame at what I said) 4. (E) I ~ to think of what I said ("I blush when I think of what I said") 5. (N) to ~ crimson, scarlet

blush II n. 1. a peaceful ~ 2. (misc. at first ~) in the first of first of youth ("in early youth")

blush II v. 1. to ~ deeply; readily 2. (D ; intr.) to ~ at (to ~ at the very thought of what I said) 3. (D ; intr.) to ~ for, with (I ~ed with shame at what I said) 4. (E) I ~ to think of what I said ("I blush when I think of what I said") 5. (N) to ~ crimson, scarlet

boar n. a wild ~

board n. ["ship's deck"] ["train"] ["airplane"] 1. to be on ~; to come, go on ~ (fig.) (if we can get her on ~, we’re bound to succeed) ["commission"] 2. an advisory; draft (AE); editorial; executive; liquor-control (AE); parole; school; zoning ~ 3. on a ~ (to serve/sit on a ~) 4. (misc.) a ~ of directors; a ~ of education; a ~ of governors; a ~ of management; a ~ of trustees; a seat on a ~ ["footboard"] 5. a running ~ (on a car) ["flat surface"] 6. a baseboard (AE); skirting (BE) ~ 7. a bulletin (AE); notice (BE) ~ 8. a cheese ~ (with several kinds of cheese (AE); skirting (BE) ~ 8. a bulletin (AE), notice (BE) ~ 9. a cheese ~ (with several kinds of cheese (AE); skirting (BE) ~ 7. a bulletin (AE), notice (BE) ~ 8. a bulletin (AE), notice (BE) ~ 9. a cheese ~ (with several kinds of cheese (AE); skirting (BE) ~ 7. a bulletin (AE), notice (BE) ~ 8. a bulletin (AE), notice (BE) ~ 9. a cheese ~ (with several kinds of cheese (AE); skirting (BE) ~ 7. a bulletin (AE), notice (BE) ~ 8. a bulletin (AE), notice (BE) ~ 9. a cheese ~ (with several kinds of cheese (AE); skirting (BE) ~ 7. a bulletin (AE), notice (BE) ~ 8. a bulletin (AE), notice (BE) ~ 9. a cheese ~ (with several kinds of cheese (AE); skirting (BE) ~ 7. a bulletin (AE), notice (BE) ~ 8. a bulletin (AE), notice (BE) ~
bolter n. a ~ bursts, ruptures; cracks
boiler adj. (often used humorously) to be so ~ as to
bolshy (colloq.) (BE) adj.
to print, set in ~ n.
boldface n. to print, set in ~
boldly adj. (colloq.) (BE) "rebelliuous" ~ about
bolt I n. 1. a lightning ~ 2. (misc.) like a ~ from/out of
of the blue ("unexpectedly"); to shoot one’s ~ (“to
make a final effort”); to make a ~ for the door ("to
run towards the door")
bolt II v. 1. to ~ securely 2. (“to attach”) (D; tr.) to
~ to (they ~ed the computer to the floor; they ~ed
the X and the Y securely together) 3. ("to run") (P;
intr.) she ~ed for the door 4. (misc.) to ~ (down)
one’s food ("to eat too fast")
bomb n. 1. to detonate, explode, set off; fuse a ~
to drop a ~ 3. to plant a ~ 4. to deactivate, defuse a ~ 5. to dispose of an unexploded ~ 6. an atom, atomic, fission, nuclear; cobalt; fusion, hydrogen; neutron ~ 7. a clean; dirty ~ 8. a buzz; cluster; fragmentation; high-explosive; incendiary; nail; napalm; petrol (esp. BE); pipe; plastic; smoke; stink ~ 9. a car; letter; parcel (esp. BE) ~ 10. a time ~ (often fig.) (see also time bomb) 11. a smart ("guided") ~ 12. a ticking ~ (usu. fig.) (is global warming a ticking time ~ waiting to go off?) 13. (AE) a cherry ~ ("a type of firecracker") 14. a ~ explodes, goes off; drops, falls 15. (misc.) (colloq.) (BE) to go like a ~ ("to be very successful")
bombard v. (D; tr.) to ~ with (we ~ed them with
letters of protest)
bombardment n. 1. to conduct a ~ 2. aerial, air; ar-
tillery; constant; heavy, intensive ~ ("The Fury of
Aerial Bombardment" – Richard Eberhart, 1947) 3. under ~ (under constant ~)
bomber n. 1. a dive-bomber; fighter; heavy; light; long-range; medium ~ 2. an enemy ~ 3. a suicide ~
bombing n. 1. area; around-the-clock; carpet; dive; indiscriminate, random; pin-point; precision; saturation; shuttle; strategic; tactical ~ 2. a terrorist ~ (a wave of terrorist ~)
bombshell n. ["sensation"] to come as; drop a ~ (the news she told us came as a ~ that she hadn’t intended to drop)
bomb threat n. 1. to get, receive; send a ~ 2. an anonymous ~
bond I n. ["certificate"] 1. to issue a ~ 2. to cash (in), redeem a ~ 3. a debenture; development; govern-
ment; junk; long-term; municipal; negotiable; serial; treasury; war ~ (to invest money in treasury ~s) (see also savings bond) ["tie"] ["link"] 4. to create, forge, form; strengthen a ~ (of friendship) with 5. a close, firm, strong; solemn; spiritual ~ (strong family ~s) 6. a ~ between (to strengthen the ~s of friendship between them) 7. a ~ links (a strong spiritual ~ links the two of us (together)) ["fetters"] 8. to break; cast off one’s ~ ["guarantee"] ["obligation"] 9. to set ~ (the judge set ~ for him at two thousand dollars) 10. to furnish, post a ~ 11. to forfeit a ~ ["storage under supervision, as of imported goods"] 12. in ~: out of ~ (to place goods in ~; to take goods out of ~)
bond II v. (D; tr.) to ~ to ~ (“to ~ wood to glass”)
bondage n. 1. to sell into ~ 2. to hold in ~ 3. to
bondage
boner n. (slang) (AE) ["blunder"] to commit, pull a ~
bone up v. (colloq.) (AE) (D; intr.) to ~ on (she had
to ~ on her French before the exam)
bonfire n. 1. to build, light, make a ~ 2. to sit (a)round a ~ 3. a blazing, roaring ~
bonkers adj. (colloq.) (AE) (D; intr.) to ~ on (she had
been ~ed off the stage)
bond issue n. to float a ~
bonus n. 1. to give, pay a ~ 2. to get, receive a ~ 3. an annual; Christmas; cost-of-living; special ~ 4. (misc.) as an added ~; you get a free gift
boon v. (D; tr.) to ~ off (the actor was ~ed off the
stage)
booby trap n. 1. to set a ~ 2. to set off, trigger a ~ 3. to deactivate a ~ 4. a ~ explodes, goes off
book I n. 1. to author, write; co-author; revise a ~ 2. to edit; proofread a ~ 3. to dedicate, inscribe a ~ 4. to bring out, publish, put out; copyright; have (in stock); reprint; translate a ~ 5. to review a ~ 6. to pirate; plagiarize a ~ 7. to ban; censor a ~ 8. to bind a ~ 9. to set a ~ in type 10. to charge, check a ~ out of a library 11. to renew a ~ (borrowed from a library) 12. to shelve; stack ~ (in a library) 13. a children’s; comic ~; cookbook (AE), cookery (BE) ~; phrase; prayer; statute ~ (old laws still on the statute ~s) 14. an address ~; autograph ~; guide ~; handbook; illustrated; logbook; picture; reference ~; schoolbook; phone, telephone ~; textbook 15. a bank; check (AE), cheque (BE); pass; ration ~ 16. a library ~ 17. a rare ~ (our library has a rare ~ collection) 18. (colloq.) the Good Book ("the Bible") 19. a ~ appears, comes out, is published 20. a ~ goes out of print; a ~ is sold out, sells out; a ~ goes through several editions/printings 21. a ~ about, on; by; for (a ~ about computers) 22. in a ~ (to be
bookcase n. 1. built-in; free-standing
2. from; to do the ~
3. double-entry bookkeeping
1–7 reservation
n. booking (esp. BE) see a pair of ~
bookends n.
1. to throw a ~
2. a ~ always needed
book II n. 1. a crashing, frightful, insufferable, utter; real ~
2. a ~ always needed (it’s a real ~ for us) to work
on this project every day = it’s a real ~ working on
this project every day)
book II v. (esp. BE) “[wave]” a tidal ~
book III v. 1. (“to dig”) ~ into (her eyes ~ into me; they ~ d an opening into the
middle shaft) 2. (“to dig”) ~ through to ( ~ through to
a hole through a board) 3. (“to weary”) ~ to ~ to (he ~ d us to death / to tears) 4. (N) he ~ ed us
stiff
bored adj. 1. to ~ (to death / to tears) 2. ~ with;
BE also has, esp. in children’s language: ~ of (~
with life) 3. (misc.) we were ~ doing nothing; we
were ~ stiff
boredom n. 1. to relieve (the) ~ 2. complete, sheer,
utter; deadly; outright; plain ~ 3. from, out of ~
(has started drinking again out of sheer ~)
boring adj. ~ + inf. (it was ~ (for us) to sit there
without anything to do)
born adj. 1. ~ into (~ into wealth) 2. ~ of (~ of poor
parents) 3. ~ to (~ to wealth; ~ to illiterate parents)
4. ~ to + inf. (he was ~ to rule) 5. (misc.) ~ free; ~
necessary when a pronoun follows – we saw both
lows, two constructions are possible – we saw both

Usage Note: The use of the preposition ~ of
is necessary when a pronoun follows – we saw both
of them (“we saw both the students”)

When a noun follows, two constructions are possible – we saw both
of the students = we saw both (the) students.
bother I n. 1. a ~ (he was a ~ to everyone but she
was no ~ to anyone) 2. a ~ to + inf. (it was no ~
for us) to take care of them) 3. (BE) a spot of ~.
(esp. BE) he had a lot of ~ finding our house because he
wanted to save me the ~ of driving to the station and he didn’t want to put me to the ~ of picking him up there – and nor did I want to go to the ~ of fetching him!

**bother II** v. 1. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ about, with (she didn’t ~ me about/with the details) 2. (E; usu. in neg. sentences) he didn’t ~ to shave; don’t ~ to get up 3. (G; usu. in neg. sentences) he didn’t ~ getting up 4. (R) it ~ed me (to learn) that she had not been promoted

**bothered adj.** 1. not (really) ~ (he’s not really ~ about/by) what other people think of him 2. ~ to + inf. (he couldn’t be ~ed to find out what other people thought of him) (see also all hot and bothered at hot)

**bottle n.** ["container as for liquids"] 1. to break; cork; empty; fill; open, uncork; rinse a ~ 2. a baby (AE), feeding (BE), nursing (AE); pill ~ 3. a hot-water ~ 4. a Thermos (T) ~ (AE; BE has Thermos flask) 5. a disposable, no-deposit, no-return: plastic; returnable, reusable ~ ["alcohol"] 6. to take to the ~ ("to begin to drink to excess") 7. to hit the ~ ("to drink to excess") 8. over a ~ ("while drinking") ["currency"] (slang) (BE) 9. to have a lot of ~. the ~ to + inf. (she hasn’t got enough/the ~ to do it)

**bottleneck n.** 1. to form, produce a ~ 2. to be caught, n.

**boulevard n.** 1. a wide ~ 2. along ; down, up ; on

**bounce**

**v.** 1. (D; intr.) to ~ at (their stock ~ed out of the room) 6. along, over ; at, on the ~ (at the ~ of the world) 2. to wear a ~ (in one’s hair) ["decorative ribbon"] 2. to wear a ~ (in one’s hair) ["knot"] 3. to tie a ~; to tie in a ~

**bouquet n.** 1. a bridal, wedding ~ 2. a ~ of 3. in a ~

**bounce back v.** (D; intr.) to ~ from (our team ~d back from its defeat)

**bound I** adj. ["headed"] (cannot stand alone) 1. ~ for (~ for London) 2. homeward; outward ~

**bound II** adj. ["covered"] ~ in (the book was ~ in leather = it was a leather~ book)

**bound III** adj. ["sure"] (cannot stand alone) ~ to + inf. (she is ~ to find out)

**bound IV** adj. ["required"] 1. (in) duty, honor ~ (she is duty ~ to report the incident to the police) (see also honor bound) 2. legally; morally (she feels morally ~ by the oath she swore) 3. ~ to + inf. (she is legally ~ to report the incident to the police)

**bound V** n. ["jump, leap"] in, with a ~ (with one ~ he was out of the room)

**bound VI** v. ("to border") (formal) (D; tr.) to ~ on, to (Germany ~s France on the east)

**bound VII** v. ("to jump; to run") (P; intr.) she ~d out of the room; he ~ed across the field

**boundary n.** 1. to draw, fix, set; extend; mark; re-draw a ~ 2. to form a ~ 3. a common; national ~ 4. a ~ between 5. beyond; on the ~ (to go beyond the ~aries of good taste; a joke on the ~ between wit and offensiveness) 6. (misc.) to overstep the ~aries of good taste; the ~ runs along the river

**bounds n.** 1. to set the ~ out of (~ to) (the bar was put off limits to all military personnel and has remained out of ~ to them) 3. beyond, outside the ~ (beyond the ~ of good taste) 4. within ~ 5. (misc.) to know no ~ (her generosity knew no ~)

**bound up adj.** (cannot stand alone) ["connected"] ~ in; with (~ in one’s work; her future is ~ with this firm)

**bounty n.** 1. to offer; pay a ~ 2. to put a ~ on (smb.‘s head) 3. a cash ~ 4. a ~ for

**bouquet**

**v.** 1. (D; intr.) to ~ (the envoy made a ~ on entering the throne room; the actor took his ~)

**bout n.** ["a period of time"] 1. to have a ~ of (depression, drinking, the flu) (see also drinking ~ at drinking) 2. a nasty, severe ~ ["boxing or wrestling match"] 3. a championship; 12-round ~

**bow I** /bau/ n. ["bending of the head or body"] 1. to give, make; take a ~ (the envoy made a ~ on entering the throne room; the actor took his ~) 2. a courtly; deep, low ~ 3. a ~ to ["be obsequious"] (to ~ out of politics) 4. (misc.) to ~ and scrape ("to be obsequious") (compare curtsy)

**bow II** v. 1. ("to bend the head or body") to ~ politely 2. (D; intr.) ("to bend the head or body") to ~ before; to (to ~ before an emperor; to ~ politely to one’s host; to ~ to the inevitable) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ out of ("to abandon") (to ~ out of politics) 4. (misc.) to ~ and scrape ("to be obsequious") (compare curtsy)

**bow III** /bau/ n. ["device for shooting arrows"] 1. to draw a ~ (in order to shoot an arrow); to release a ~ ["decorative ribbon"] 2. to wear a ~ (in one’s hair) ["knot"] 3. to tie a ~; to tie in a ~

**bow down** /bau/ v. (D; intr.) to ~ before, to
bowels n. 1. to move, (BE) (old-fashioned) open one's ~ to 2. loose ~
bowl n. ["dish, vessel"] 1. a begging, cereal; fruit; goldfish; mixing; punch; salad; soup; sugar (AE); toilet; washing-up (BE) ~ 2. a ~ contains, holds (how much can this ~ hold?) [" INAFOOTBALL game"] (AE) 3. the Cotton; Rose; Sugar; Super (T) ~ ["region"] (esp. AE) 4. a dust; rice ~
bowling n. ["in an alley or on a green"] 1. (BE) (old-fashioned) tenpin ~ 2. to go in for ~ 3. to go ~ ["in (cricket)"] 4. fast; pace; spin ~
bowling alley n. at a ~ (she works at a ~)
bow out v. (D; intr.) ["to give up"] to ~ as (he had to ~ as a contender) (see also bow II 3)
bow tie / bōtī / n. 1. to tie a ~ 2. to undo, untie a ~
box I n. 1. a cardboard; cigar; collection; jewelry; lunch ~; money ~; shoebox; spice ~; toolbox; window ~ 2. a post-office ~ 3. a safe-deposit, sealing ~ 4. ~ (who retrieves tennis balls) 4. (AE; southern) a ~ (assistant gaffer on a TV or film set) 6. a Christmas gift for a tradesman") 19. in ~ into ~ out ~ press ~ (for journalists) 18. (BE) a Christmas ~ ["a handsome box"] 21. (slang) (BE) on the ~ ["on television"]
box II ~ as a contender) (see also ~ as a contender) ["electronics recording device"] 12. (ice hockey) a penalty ~ 13. a witness ~ (to go into the witness ~) (BE; AE has witness stand) 14. a music (esp. AE), musical (BE) ~ 15. a prompt (BE), prompter's (AE) ~ 16. a shooting ~ (BE; CE has hunting lodge) 17. a juror; press ~ (for journalists) 18. (BE) a Christmas ~ ["a Christmas gift for a tradesman"] 19. in; into; out of a ~ 20. (fig.) to think out of the ~ ["to think laterally"] 21. (slang) (BE) on the ~ ["on television"] 22. a ~ contains, holds (see also box office at office 15. box seat at seat 9) 23. (misc.) a sandbox (for children to play in) (AE; BE has sandpit)
boxer n. 1. a clean; dirty ~ 2. ~ box; break; clinch 3. (misc.) to knock out a ~
boxing n. to go in for ~
boy n. 1. an altar; barrow (BE; CE has street vendor); chorus; college (esp. AE); delivery; drummer; messenger; office; stock ~ 2. a best ~ ["assistant gaffer on a TV or film set"] 3. a ball ~ (who retrieves tennis balls) 4. (AE; southern) a good old ole ~ ["a good fellow"] 5. a baby; little, small; mere ~ 6. a whipping ~ ["a scapegoat"] 7. a blue-eyed (BE), fair-haired (AE) ~ ["a favorite"] 8. (BE) a back-room ~ ["a scientist"] 9. (esp. AE) a poster ~ (his success made him a poster ~ for early-childhood education) 10. (BE) a rent ~ ["a young male prostitute"] 11. a toy ~ ["a younger man dated by an older woman"] USAGE NOTE: The meaning "non-white servant", now obsolete, is considered offensive. The AE use of boy in the meaning of "black male", now obsolete, is also considered offensive. (See also the Usage Note for girl.)
boycott n. 1. to declare; impose a ~ 2. to lift a ~ 3. a consumer; economic, trade; secondary ~ 4. a ~ of, on (they imposed a ~ on all imports; they lifted their ~ of/on imports)
boyfriend n. 1. a ~ 2. a live-in; steady ~ 3. a series, string of ~
brace I n. 1. to wear a ~ (on) 2. a back; dental; leg; shoulder ~
brace II v. 1. (D; intr., refl.) to ~ for (to ~ for an attack; she ~d herself for what the doctor would say) 2. (E; refl.) she ~d herself to hear what the doctor would say
bracelet n. 1. to wear a ~ 2. a chain; charm; diamond; gold; silver; watch ~
braces (BE) see suspenders
bracket n. ["support"] 1. to put up ~s (on a wall) ["punctuation mark used to enclose"] 2. to enclose (a word) in ~s; to put (a word) in, into ~s 3. to close ~s 4. angle, broken; curly; round; square ~s USAGE NOTE: "Round brackets" are typically called "parentheses" in AE. ["group with similar characteristics"] 5. an age; income; tax; wage ~ (if you earn more you will ~fall into/be in~ a higher tax ~)
brag v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ about, of; to (they ~ged (to us) about how/ the way they had outwitted their rivals) 2. (L; to) they ~ged (to us) that they had outwitted their rivals
braid I n. ["threads"] 1. gold; silver ~ ["length of hair"] (esp. AE; CE has plait) 2. in a ~ (they wore their hair in ~s)
braid II v. (D; tr.) (esp. AE) to ~ into (to ~ one's hair into pigtails)
brain n. ["mind"] 1. to have a (good) ~ 2. to overtax; tax; use one's ~ 3. to rack one's ~s over (she racked her ~ over the problem) 4. to pick smb.'s ~s ~s) 5. in smb.'s ~s ~s) (colloq.) on the ~ [what's going on in that ~ of his ?; he has nothing but rock music on the ~]
brains n. 1. to blow one's ~ out ["to shoot oneself through the head"] 2. the ~ to + inf. (does he have enough ~ to figure it out ?)
brainstorm n. ["sudden bright idea"] (AE) to have a ~ (see the Usage Note for wave I)
brake I n. 1. to apply, hit, step on a ~ /the ~s/ to pump the ~s; to put on the ~s; to jam on/ slam on the ~s 2. to ride the ~s ["to use the brakes excessively"] 3. (fig.) to put a ~ on (the government put a ~ on plans for expansion) 4. to release, take (one's foot) off a ~ /the ~s 5. an air; coaster; disk; electric; emergency; foot; hand; hydraulic; mechanical; power ~ 6. the ~s jammed, locked; faded; failed; held; worked; scrreeched ["misch"] 7. a shooting ~ (old-fashioned BE; BE now prefers estate car; AE has station wagon)
brake II v. 1. to ~ gently; hard; suddenly 2. to ~ (in order) to (he ~ed to avoid hitting a child)
branch n. ["division"] 1. the executive; judicial; legislative ~ (of the government) 2. a local ~ [" limb of
branch off v. (D; intr.) to ~ from (the spur ~es off here from the main line)

branch out v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ from; into; to (our firm has ~ed out into various industries) 2. (misc.) to ~ on one's own

brand I n. 1. to put a ~ on (an animal) 2. a leading, name, popular ~ (of) 3. (BE) an own ~ (the supermarket's own ~s are cheaper than the name ~s it also stocks)

brand II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ as (he was ~ed as a traitor) 2. (N; used with a noun) he was ~ed a traitor

brash, (AE) brassy adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of him to demand a raise)

brass n. (colloq.) ['officers'] 1. air-force; army; navy; Pentagon ~ 2. the top ~ ['daring; effrontery'] 3. the ~ to + inf. (he had the ~ to ask for a raise)

brass tackle n. to get down to ~ ("to get down to business")

brat n. (colloq.) 1. a spoiled ~ 2. an Army ~ ("child of an Army family")

bravado n. 1. sheer ~ 2. an act of ~ 3. out of ~ (an act done out of sheer ~)

brave adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ for/of you to volunteer ~ you were ~ to volunteer)

bravery n. 1. to demonstrate, display, exhibit, show; inspire ~ 2. smb.'s ~ ~ in (your ~ in volunteering was amazing!) 3. for ~ to (get a medal for ~)

brawl n. 1. a barroom, drunken; street ~ 2. in a street ~ between two thugs over a woman)

breach n. ['violation'] 1. to commit a ~ (of etiquette, of the peace) 2. to be, constitute a ~ 3. an egregious, flagrant ~ 4. a security ~ 5. to ~ ~ in (your contact with journalists constitutes a flagrant security ~!) 6. (misc.) (a) ~ of contract ['gap'] 7. to effect, make a ~ in enemy lines 8. to close, seal off a ~ 9. to fling oneself, throw oneself into the ~ 10. a ~ in (a ~ in the defenses) 11. (misc.) "Once more unto the ~, dear friends, once more; / Or close the wall up with our English dead!" – Shakespeare, Henry V ['break in friendly relations'] 12. to cause a ~ (between) 13. to heal a ~ (between)

bread n. ['baked food'] 1. to bake, make ~ 2. to butter; slice; toast ~ 3. to break ~ with ("to eat with") 4. crusty; fresh; moldy; stale ~ 5. black; brown; corn; dark; enriched; leavened; pita, pitta (BE); rye; sliced; unleavened; wheat; white; whole meal (BE), whole wheat (AE) ~ 6. a crust; loaf; hunk; piece, slice of ~ 7. on ~ (I like a little butter on my ~) ['living'] 8. to earn one's daily ~ 9. (misc.) to take the ~ out of smb.'s mouth USAGE NOTE: The phrase "bread and" can mean either (1) bread accompanied by (as in "the prisoner had nothing but bread and water") or (2) bread spread with (as in "a big hunk of bread and butter/jam").

breath n. (formal) 1. ~ of (enormous ~ of experience and insight) 2. in ~ (ten feet in ~) (see also hair's breath)

break I n. ['dash'] 1. to make a ~ (for safety) ['escape'] 2. a mass; prison ~ ['interruption'] 3. to make a ~ 4. a clean ~ (see also clean break) 5. a ~ in, with (a ~ in the conversation; to make a ~ with tradition) ['rest'] 6. to have (esp. BE), take a ~ 7. a Christmas, coffee; commercial; Easter; lunch; news; station (AE); tea (esp. BE) ~ 8. during, on; over; without a ~ (what are you doing during/over the Christmas ~?; to work many hours without a ~) ['opportunity, chance'] (colloq.) 9. to give smb. a ~ ['good fortune'] 10. to get a ~ 11. a big; lucky; unexpected ~ 12. a tax ~

break II v. 1. (B) ('to communicate") I had to ~ the news to them 2. (D; intr.) ('to curl and fall") to ~ against, on (the waves were ~ing against the rock; 'Break, ~, ~ On thy cold grey stones, O Sea!' – Tennyson (1809–82)) 3. (d; intr.) ('to dash") to ~ for (to ~ for cover) 4. (d; intr.) ('to take time") to ~ for (they broke for lunch) 5. (d; intr.) ('to enter forcibly") to ~ into (burglars broke into the house) 6. (d; intr.) ('to begin") to ~ into (to ~ into song) 7. (D; intr., tr.) ('to split") to ~ in half, in two; into (to ~ a chair into pieces) 8. (d; tr.) ('to cure") to ~ of (in time he was broken of his drug habit) 9. (D; tr., tr.) ('to split off") to ~ off (to ~ a branch off a tree) 10. (D; tr.;) ('to crack") to ~ on (she broke a tooth on a bone) 11. (d; intr.) ('to escape") to ~ out of (two prisoners broke out of jail; the enemy troops broke out of our encirclement) 12. (d; intr.) ('to penetrate") to ~ through (to ~ through enemy lines) 13. (d; intr.;) ('to end relations") to ~ with (I broke with them) 14. (D; tr.;) ('to cut off") to ~ with (she broke all ties with her friends) (see also break free, break loose, break on the wheel at wheel I 6)

break away v. (D; intr.) to ~ from (he broke away from his captors; we broke away from the party to form our own break-away group)

breakdown n. 1. to have, suffer a ~ (he had a nervous ~; she is on the verge of a nervous ~) 2. a complete, irretrievable; emotional, mental, nervous ~ (of) (she broke down in tears when she thought of the irretrievable ~ of her marriage) 3. a ~ (to ~ in (a ~ in communications) 4. at ~ (what did you discuss at ~?) 5. for ~ (to
eat eggs for ~) 6. (misc.) to have ~ in bed; bed and ~, B&B (as in a tourist home)

breakfast II v. (D; intr.) to ~ on (to ~ on scrambled eggs and toast)

break free v. (D; intr.) to ~ from

break-in n. to commit a ~ (at) (the thieves committed a ~ at the factory from the roof)

break in v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ from; through (the thieves broke in to the factory from the roof; we broke in through the door) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ on (she broke in on their conversation) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ with (she broke in on their conversation) with an inane remark

breaking n. (the crime of) ~ and entering

breaking point n. 1. to reach ~ (BE)/the ~ (AE) 2. to push smb. to ~ (BE)/the ~ (AE)

break loose v. (D; intr.) to ~ from

break off v. (D; intr.) to ~ from (they broke off from the main wing of the party)

breakout n. 1. to organize a ~ (from prison) 2. to achieve, effect a ~ (from an enemy encirclement) 3. a prison ~ to organize a ~

break out v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ in (he broke out ~ in a rash/in spots ~; to ~ in a cold sweat) 2. (misc.) (Am. football) the back broke out in into the open

breakthrough n. 1. to achieve, effect, make, score; be, constitute, represent a ~ 2. a big, dramatic, major, significant ~ 3. a diplomatic; medical; scientific ~ 4. a ~ for; in (with their initiative they scored a major diplomatic ~ for peace in the Middle East = their initiative represented a major ~ for peace in the Middle East)

break through v. (D; intr.) to ~ to (they broke through to the encircled unit)

breakup n. 1. to lead to a ~ 2. a marital ~

break up v. 1. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ into (they broke up the estate into small lots = they broke the estate up into small lots; our party broke up into several splinter groups) 2. (colloq.; D; intr.) to ~ with (he broke up with his girlfriend) 3. (misc.) ~ it up! ("stop fighting/congregating and separate!")

breast n. 1. to beat one’s ~ 2. to put a (newborn) infant to the (the) ~ (of an infant) to take the ~ 4. a pigeon (~"a deformity of the chest") 5. (culinary) chicken; turkey ~s 6. (misc.) to make a clean ~ of smt. ("to confess smt.") (see also clutch to one’s breast at clutch)

breaststroke n. to do, swim the ~

breath n. 1. to draw, take a ~ 2. to catch; hold one’s; let out a ~ 3. to get one’s ~ back 4. to gasp, struggle for ~ 5. to lose one’s ~ 6. a deep; long; short ~ (she took a deep ~) 7. out, of, short of (~"breathless") 8. bad ~ (smokers often have bad ~) 9. (misc.) to spare, save one’s ~ ("to avoid a futile conversation"); to waste one’s ~ ("to speak in vain"); to take smb.’s ~ away ("to astonish smb."); in the same ~ ("at the same time"); to one’s dying/last ~ ("to the end of one’s life"); on smb.’s ~ (I could smell liquor on her ~); under one’s ~ ("in a whisper"); with bated ~ ("with the breath held, in suspense") (we waited for the result with bated ~)

breathe v. 1. to ~ deeply 2. (d; tr.) to ~ into (she ~d new life into the project) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ through (to ~ through one’s nose) 4. (misc.) to ~ in ("to inhale"); to ~ out ("to exhale"); as I live and ~! (colloq.) "well, as I live and ~ if it isn’t John! What a surprise!"

breather n. ("rest") to have (BE), take a ~

breathing n. 1. deep; heavy, labored, noisy; irregular; regular, steady ~ 2. (ling.) rough; smooth ~

breathtaking adj. 1. really, truly ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (it was truly ~ to watch the acrobats perform) 3. (misc.) it was truly ~ watching the acrobats perform

breeches n. riding ~

breed n. 1. a ~ apart 2. a dying; hardy; new; rare ~ (of)

breeder n. a cattle, livestock; horse; poultry; sheep ~

breeding n. 1. cattle, livestock; horse; poultry; sheep ~ 2. selective ~ (of) 3. of ~ (a person of good ~)

breeding ground n. a ~ for (poverty is an ideal ~ for crime)

breeze I n. ["light wind"] 1. a ~ blows, comes up 2. a balmy, fresh, gentle, light, soft; cool; sea ~ 3. in a ~ (leaves trembling in the ~) ["easy task"] (colloq.) 4. a ~ to + inf. (it was a ~ for us) to get him to agree = it was a ~ getting him to agree ["lazy"] 5. (colloq.) (AE) to bat, shoot the ~ ("to chat")

breeze II v. (P; intr.) she ~d through the finals; he ~d into the room; they ~d to an easy victory

brew I n. (a) home ~

brew II v. (C) she ~ed some tea for us; or: she ~ed us some tea

brew-up n. (BE) ["making tea"] to have a ~

bribe I n. 1. to give, offer a ~ 2. to accept, take a ~ 3. to refuse, turn down a ~ 4. a ~ of 5. in ~s (they turned down a ~ of $500 but accepted $500 in ~s later on)

bribe II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ smb. into collusion) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ with (they ~d him with a free vacation) 3. (H) they ~d him to overlook the violation

brick n. (colloq.) (BE) ["blunder, clanger"] to drop a ~

brickbats n. ["insults"] to hurl ~ at

bricks n. 1. to make ~ to burn, fire ~ 3. to lay ~ (a bricklayer lays ~) 4. to point ~ 5. see blocks

bride I n. 1. to take a; to give away a ~ 2. a ~ takes a husband 3. a beautiful, lovely; blushing ~ 4. a child; war ~ 5. a bride-to-be; a future ~ 6. (misc.) ~ and groom

bridge I n. ["structure carrying a roadway over smt."] 1. to build, construct, erect a ~ 2. to throw a ~ across a river 3. to cross a ~ 4. an arch; Bailey; bascule; cantilever; covered ~; drawbridge; footbridge;
pontoon; railroad (AE), railway (BE); suspension; toll; truss – (see also drawbridge; the bridge of the nose at nose I n.) 5. a jet ~ (at an airport) 6. a ~ collapses; spans (the ~ spanning the harbor collapsed in an earthquake) 7. a ~ across, over; between (a ~ across a river) 8. (misc.) the enemy’s planes knocked out our ~ [“partial denture”] 9. to make; put in a ~ [“part of a ship”] 10. on the ~ (the captain was on the ~)

bridge II n. [“card game”] 1. to play ~ 2. auction; contract; duplicate ~ 3. (misc.) to win a game; rubber; trick (when playing ~)

bridgehead n. 1. to establish a ~ (see also beachhead) 2. to develop, enlarge a ~

bridle II n. 1. to put on a ~, to put a ~ on

brief II n. 1. a detailed, full ~ 2. to give smb. a briefing [“summary of a legal case”] 1. to draw up; file a ~ [“brevity”] 2. in ~ (in ~, it was a disaster) [“misc.”] 3. to hold no ~ for (“not to be in favor of”) 4. a press ~ 5. a ~ about, concerning, on, with regard to (he gave his lawyer a detailed ~ on the case)

briefing n. 1. a detailed, full ~ 2. to give smb. a ~ 3. to get, receive a ~ 4. a press ~ 5. a ~ about, concerning, on, with regard to (he had to ~ his lawyer on the case)

brigade II n. 1. a bucket; fire ~ (BE; AE has brigade n.) (D; tr.) to ~ with (she ~ed with enthusiasm) 2. (D; tr.) (“to carry”) (“to cause”) (“to carry”) they brought the sofa down the stairs; we brought the drinks over to the table 15. (misc.) to ~ a child into the world

bring around v. (AE) (D; tr.) (“to convince”) to ~ to (she brought them around to our point of view)

bring back v. 1. (A) she brought the book back to me; or: she brought me back the book 2. (C) bring back a good book for me; or: bring me back a good book 3. (D; tr.) to ~ from (she brought the books back from Europe) 4. (D; tr.) (“to return”) to ~ to (to ~ smb. back to life)

bring down v. 1. (D; tr.) (“to carry”) to ~ from; (they brought the computer down from the bedroom to the basement) 2. (D; tr.) (“to cause to come down”) to ~ on (the enemy’s artillery spotter brought down fire on our tanks; his book brought down the wrath of the authorities on his head) 3. (D; tr.) (“to reduce”) to ~ to (they finally brought the price down to a reasonable figure)

bring home v. (D; tr.) (“to make known”) to ~ to (the bombing brought the war home to the civilian population)

bring in v. (D; tr.) (“to include”) to ~ on (we must ~ them in on our plans)

bring out v. 1. (D; intr.) (“to cause, evoke”) to ~ in (the crisis brought out the best in her; tension brought her out in spots) 2. (D; tr.) (“to move”) to ~ from; into (to ~ everything into the open; she brought out everything from the closet into the bedroom)

bring over v. (D; tr.) (“to move”) to ~ to (the incident brought them over to our side)

bring round (CE) see bring around

bring together v. 1. (D; tr.) (“to unite”) to ~ for (we brought them together for negotiations) 2. (misc.) (we brought them together (in order) to negotiate)

bring up v. 1. (B) I didn’t want to ~ the subject to her at that time 2. (D; tr.) to ~ against (“to confront with”) (the drought brought us up against serious difficulties) 3. (D; tr.) (“to educate, rear, raise”) to ~ as (they were brought up as atheists) (see also upbringing) 4. (D; tr.) (“to raise”) to ~ for (they brought up a question for discussion = they brought a question up for discussion) 5. (D; tr.) to ~ on, with (“to inculcate with”) (they brought the children up on stories about the Old West = they brought up the children on stories about the Old West) 6. (D; tr.) (“to lift”) to ~ to (we brought their proficiency up to the required level) 7. (H) (“to educate, rear”) our parents brought us up to respect others; they were brought up to be atheists
brink

1. to bring to, drive to; bring/pull back from the ~ (of ruin) 2. at, on; to the ~ (he teetered on the very ~ of disaster; a country poised at/on the ~ of war; our leaders brought us to the ~ of war)

brinkmanship, brinksmanship n. to practice ~

broach v. I. (B; intr.) to ~ at (he ~d at the remark) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ with (he ~d with anger at the remark)

broach I n. 1. to ~ live 2. (B) they ~ the news to

broiler n. 1. a coal; fire; ice; water ~ 2. a metal; bucket

broil (AE) (C) he broiled a few steaks for us; or: he broiled us a few steaks (see also grill II)

broiled v. (d; intr.) to ~ against (to ~ against the system) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ with (he ~d with anger at the remark)

broadside n. to fire a ~ at

brochure I 1. an advertising; holiday, travel ~ 2. a copy of a ~ (can I please have another copy of your holiday ~ for my wife?)

brogue n. 1. to speak (in, with) a ~ 2. a heavy, inarticulate accent

brush I n. 1. to carry a ~ 2. to beam a ~ to 3. to broadcast I

brush II n. 1. a coal; fire; ice; water ~ 2. a metal; bucket

brush III n. 1. to act as a ~ for 2. a commodity; insurance; marriage; real-estate (AE; BE has estate agent) ~ 3. (AE) a power ~ 4. an honest ~

bubble I n. (D; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with enthusiasm) 2. extreme; great; sheer; unprovoked ~ 3. (d; tr.) to ~ off (he ~ed the crumbs off the table) 5. for ~ (to eat eggs benedict for ~)

bubble II v. (D; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with enthusiasm) 2. extreme; great; sheer; unprovoked ~ 3. (d; tr.) to ~ off (he ~ed the crumbs off the table) 5. for ~ (to eat eggs benedict for ~)

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bubble I n. (D; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with enthusiasm) 2. extreme; great; sheer; unprovoked ~ 3. (d; tr.) to ~ off (he ~ed the crumbs off the table) 5. for ~ (to eat eggs benedict for ~)

bubble II v. (D; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with enthusiasm) 2. extreme; great; sheer; unprovoked ~ 3. (d; tr.) to ~ off (he ~ed the crumbs off the table) 5. for ~ (to eat eggs benedict for ~)

brush I n. 1. to apply a ~ to a bottle; clothes ~; hairbrush; nailbrush; paintbrush; scrub (AE), scrubbing (BE); shaving ~; toothbrush; upholstery ~

brush II v. I. (d; intr.) to ~ against (she ~ed against the table) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ by, past (she ~ed by me) 3. (d; tr.) to ~ from, out of (she ~ed the crumbs out of her handbag) 4. (d; tr.) to ~ off (he ~ed the crumbs off the table) 5. (N; used with an adjective) she ~ed her coat clean

brush III n. ["brief unpleasant encounter"] 1. to have a ~ with (to have a ~ with the authorities) 2. a close ~ (a close ~ with the law)

brush off n. ["snub"] to give smb. the ~

brush up v. I. (d; intr.) to ~ against (to ~ against a wall) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ on (she had to ~ on her French before the exam)

bubble I n. 1. to blow ~ 2. to prick a ~ 3. to burst a ~ 4. a ~ bursts; forms (on) 5. air; soap ~s

bubble II v. (D; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with enthusiasm)

bubble over v. (D; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with enthusiasm)

bubbling adj. ~ with (to ~ with enthusiasm)

buck I n. (colloq.) ["responsibility"] to pass the ~

buck II v. (colloq.) (AE) I. (d; intr.) to ~ against ("to oppose") 2. (D; intr.) ("to make an all-out effort") to ~ for (to ~ for a promotion)

bucket n. I. a coal; fire; ice; water ~ 2. a metal;
buckle I n. 1. to fasten a ~ 2. to undo, unfasten a ~ 3. a belt; brass ~
buckle II v. (D; refl., tr.) ("to fasten") to ~ into (she ~ed the baby into the seat)
buckle III v. (D; intr.) ("to collapse") to ~ under (to ~ under severe pressure)
buckle down v. (colloq.) (D; intr.) to ~ to (to ~ to work)
budget I n. 1. to draw up a ~ 2. to submit a ~ 3. to balance a ~ 4. to adhere to, stick to; keep, remain, stay within a ~ 5. to exceed, go over; stretch a ~ 6. to cut, reduce, slash a ~ (to slash a ~ by ten percent) 7. an annual; defense; family, household; federal (AE); national; itemized; municipal; state; tight ~ 8. an item in, on a ~ 9. below, within; over (a) ~ (to stay within ~)
budget II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ for (they ~ed for a new copying machine) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ for (they ~ed a thousand dollars for a new copying machine)
buff n. ["the bare skin"] 1. in the ~ (BE) to strip to the ~ ("devotee") 3. a computer; film, movie; history; jazz; opera, theater ~
buffalo n. a herd of ~
buffer n. 1. to act as a ~ against; between 2. (misc.) (BE) an old ~ ("an old man") (see also buffer state at state, buffer zone at zone)
buffet I n. a cold ~
buffet II v. to be ~ed from pillar to post ("to be forced to go to many places")
buffoon v. (colloq.) 1. (D; tr.) ("to annoy") to ~ about (he was ~ing me about the money I owed him) 2. (H) ("to urge") he kept ~ing me to pay him the money I owed him
bunny n. a bosom, good, great; old ~
budge v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ from (she would not ~ from the spot) 2. (misc.) not to ~ an inch (she would not ~ an inch from her position)
budget I n. 1. to draw up a ~ 2. to submit a ~ 3. to balance a ~ 4. to adhere to, stick to; keep, remain, stay within a ~ 5. to exceed, go over; stretch a ~ 6. to cut, reduce, slash a ~ (to slash a ~ by ten percent) 7. an annual; defense; family, household; federal (AE); national; itemized; municipal; state; tight ~ 8. an item in, on a ~ 9. below, within; over (a) ~ (to stay within ~)
budget II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ for (they ~ed for a new copying machine) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ for (they ~ed a thousand dollars for a new copying machine)
buff n. ["the bare skin"] 1. in the ~ (BE) to strip to the ~ ("devotee") 3. a computer; film, movie; history; jazz; opera, theater ~
buffalo n. a herd of ~
buffer n. 1. to act as a ~ against; between 2. (misc.) (BE) an old ~ ("an old man") (see also buffer state at state, buffer zone at zone)
buffet I n. a cold ~
buffet II v. to be ~ed from pillar to post ("to be forced to go to many places")
buffoon v. (colloq.) 1. (D; tr.) ("to annoy") to ~ about (he was ~ing me about the money I owed him) 2. (H) ("to urge") he kept ~ing me to pay him the money I owed him
bunny n. a bosom, good, great; old ~
budge v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ from (she would not ~ from the spot) 2. (misc.) not to ~ an inch (she would not ~ an inch from her position)
build I n. 1. an arms, military; gradual ~ 2. (misc.) (colloq.) a taste ~ build II v. 1. (C) they built a new library for us; or: they built us a new library 2. (D; tr.) to ~ around (to ~ a plot around a true story) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ from, of, out of (they built a boat out of wood) 4. (D; tr.) to ~ into (he built cupboards into the walls) 5. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ on (to ~ on earlier success; to ~ a relationship on trust) 6. (D; tr.) to ~ onto (the shed was built onto the garage) 7. (d; intr.) to ~ to (the music was ~ing to a climax)
building n. 1. to build, erect, put up; renovate a ~ 2. to demolish, raze, tear down a ~ 3. to gut a ~ (fire gutted the ~) 4. a dilapidated, gutted, ramshackle, tumbledown ~ 5. a low; tall (less frequently: high) ~ 6. an adjoining ~ 7. an apartment (AE); government; office; parliament; public; school ~ 8. a listed (BE) ~
buldup n. 1. an arms, military; gradual ~ 2. (misc.) during the ~ to the invasion
build up v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ as (they built her up as a contender for the nomination) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ into (they built him up into a huge success) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ to (the music was ~ing up to a climax)
built adj. 1. heavily, powerfully, solidly, strongly ~ 2. ~ around (the whole story was ~ around one character) 3. ~ into (quality was ~ into their products) 4. ~ on (her conclusions were ~ on solid data) 5. (misc.) jerry ("cheaply") ~; purpose ~ (BE)
bull n. ["light bulb"] 1. to change, replace; put in, screw in (US) a ~ 2. to take out, unscrew (US) a ~ 3. a ~ blows out; burns out 4. an electric; frosted; incandescent; light; three-way ~ 5. the glare of a ~ ["tuber"] 6. a crocus; tulip ~
bungle v. (D; intr.) to ~ with (her suitcase was ~ing with presents)
bulk I n. in ~ (to sell smt. in ~)
bulk II v. to ~ large (the law case ~ed large in his thoughts)
bull I n. ["adult male of a bovine animal"] 1. a ~ charges 2. a ~ bellows; gores ["nonsense"] (colloq.) 3. to shoot the ~ (AE) ["misc"] 4. to take the ~ by the horns ("to confront a problem boldly"); like a ~ in a china shop ("in a rough, crude, or clumsy manner")
bull II n. ["letter"] a papal ~
buldooze v. to ~ through (they ~d their way through all obstacles)
buldoozer n. to operate a ~
bullet n. 1. to shoot a ~ (from; at) 2. a plastic; real; rubber; stray; tracer ~ 3. a ~ flies; whistles, whizzes (through the air) 4. a ~ ricochets 5. a ~ lodges somewhere (the ~ lodged in her shoulder) 6. a hail, volley of ~ 7. (misc.) to bite the ~ ("to perform a very unpleasant task")
bulletin n. 1. to issue a ~ about/on 2. an all-points ~ 3. a daily; news ~ 4. the ~ that + clause (we heard the ~ that the dam had burst)
bullion n. gold; silver ~
bull’s eye n. to hit; score a ~
bully I n. (collq.) a big ~
bully II v. (D; tr.) to ~ into (they ~ied him into doing it)
bulwark n. a ~ against
bump v. (collq.) (AE) (D; tr.) to ~ off (he ~med a cigarette off me)
bump I v. to hit a ~ (in the road)
bump II v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ against, into (she ~ed a country ~) 2. a ~
bumpkin n. (D; tr.) to ~ into (they ~ied him into doing ~)
bull’s eye n. to hit; score a ~
gold ; silver ~
bullion n. to ~ brightly ; fiercely, furiously 1. to fire a ~ at
~ underground 2. ~ in, under (~ under a pile of paperwork)
brain I n. 1. to get, have, receive a ~ to suffer from
~ underground 2. a brush, friction ; cigarette ~ 4. a first-degree ;
second-degree ; third-degree ~ 5. a mild, minor, superficial ; moderate ; severe ~ (see also slow burn)
brain II v. 1. to ~ brightly ; fiercely, furiously 2. (d; refl.) to ~ into (the incident ~ed itself into my memory) 3. (D; instr.; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ to the ground; he ~ed the meat to a crisp ; the wood ~ed to ashes ; she
was ~ed to death) 4. (D; instr.) (often fig.) to ~ with (his cheeks ~ed with shame ; they were ~ing with
curiosity to hear the latest gossip ; he was ~ing with
passion) 5. (E) I am ~ing to tell you the news 6. (N; used with an adjective) to ~ smb. alive 7. (misc.) to ~ smb. at the stake ; she ~ed her hand on the stove ; the fire ~ed out of control
burned, burnt adj. badly, severely ~
burner n. 1. to light, turn on ; turn off a ~ 2. a Bun-
sen; charcoal; gas; oil ~ 3. (misc.) to put smt. on
the back (~ to postpone action on smt.)
burnout n. (collq.) "exhaustion" to experience, suffer ~
burn up v. (slang) (AE) (R) it really ~ed me up that she was not promoted
burst I n. 1. to let out, make a ~ 2. a loud, noisy ~
burst II v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ out of (to ~ out of a room) 2. (D; instr., refl.) to ~ into ("to meet by
chance") (when she went to town, she ~ed into an old friend)
bundle I n. (slang) ["large amount of money"] to
cost ; make a ~
bundle II v. (d; tr.) to ~ into (they ~d the children
into the car and left)
bundle off v. (D; tr.) to ~ to (we ~d the children off
to school)
bundle up v. (D; instr., refl.) to ~ into; in (they
~d up in warm coats against the cold)
bungle v. to ~ appallingly, badly, completely (they completely ~d the job ; they ~d the job badly)
bunk n. (slang) (BE) to do a ~ ("to disappear")
burly n. 1. to anchor a ~ 2. a bell ; breeches ; life ~
burr n. to ~ brightly ; fiercely, furiously 1. to fire a ~ at
~ underground 2. ~ in, under (~ under a ~)
burr I n. 1. a decent ~ (she didn’t even have a decent
~) 2. a ~ takes place (the ~ took place at sea) 3. a ~
in (a ~ in a churchyard)
buried adj. 1. ~ underground 2. ~ in, under (~ under a pile of paperwork)
burst II v. 1. to ~ brightly ; fiercely, furiously 2. (d;
refl.) to ~ into (the incident ~ed itself into my memory) 3. (D; instr.; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ to the ground; he
~ed the meat to a crisp ; the wood ~ed to ashes ; she
was ~ed to death) 4. (D; instr.) (often fig.) to ~ with
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curiosity to hear the latest gossip ; he was ~ing with
passion) 5. (E) I am ~ing to tell you the news 6. (N;
used with an adjective) to ~ smb. alive 7. (misc.) to
~ smb. at the stake ; she ~ed her hand on the stove ;
the fire ~ed out of control
burst out v. (G) they burst out laughing
burton n. (slang) (BE) to go for a ~ ("to be lost ; to
be broken; to be killed; to fail")
bury v. 1. (d; refl., tr.) to ~ in (he ~ed himself in
his work) 2. (N; used with an adjective) they ~ed
him alive
bus I n. 1. to drive a ~ 2. (as a passenger) to board,
get on; catch a ~; get off a ~; to come; go, travel
by ~; to miss a ~; to ride a ~; to ride in/on a ~; to
take a ~ 3. a city; double-decker; local; long-
distance (AE; BE has coach); school; sightseeing
~ 4. an airbus (for short-haul flights) 5. the ~es are
not running today but normally run every half hour
and pick people up from this ~ stop 6. a ~ for
~ 4. a ~ takes place (the ~ took place at sea) 3. a ~
in (a ~ in a churchyard)
burial n. a decent ~ (she didn’t even have a decent
~) 2. a ~ takes place (the ~ took place at sea) 3. a ~
in (a ~ in a churchyard)
burial n. to commit (a ~)
bush n. 1. to prune, trim a ~ 2. a clump of ~es 3.
(misc.) to beat about (/AE) around the ~ ("to speak
indirectly")
bushel n. by the ~ (to sell by the ~)
business n. ["commerce"] ["trade"] 1. to conduct, do, transact; drum up ~ (to do ~ with smb.) 2. to lose ~ 3. to go into ~; to go out of ~ 4. big; small ~ 5. a mail-order ~; show ~; the travel ~ 6. retail; wholesale ~ 7. (AE) a land-office ("brisk") ~ (to do a land-office ~ in real estate) 8. ~ drops off; picks up 9. ~ is brisk, booming, flourishing, thriving 10. ~ is bad; slack, slow; ~ is at a standstill 11. in ~ (to be in ~ for oneself; "what (line of) ~ are you in?" "we are in the real-estate ~") 12. on ~ (to travel on ~) ["firm"] 13. to build up; establish, launch, open a ~ 14. to manage, operate, run a ~ 15. to buy into; buy out; take over a ~ ["work"] 16. to get down to ~ 17. to go about one’s ~ 18. to talk ~ ["affairs"] 19. to mind one’s own ~ 20. bad; dirty; funny; (colloq.) monkey ~ 21. company; personal; unfinished; urgent ~ ["cause"] 22. to have ~ to + inf. (he had no ~ to interfere = he had no ~ interfering) ["misc."] 23. to know one’s ~ ("to be competent in one’s field"); it was ~ as usual even during the crisis; to state one’s ~ ("to explain what one is doing"); to mix ~ with pleasure ("to combine work and recreation"); to mean ~ ("to be serious about achieving one’s ends"); to give smb. the ~ (AE) ("to deceive smb."); it’s none of your ~ ("the matter doesn’t concern you"); the whole ~ strikes me as rather nasty/risky; that’s the end of the agenda: (is there) any other ~?
busing n. (US) forced; school; voluntary ~
bust n. (slang) ["arrest"] 1. to make a ~ 2. a drug, drugs (BE) ~
bustle off v. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ to (she ~ed the children off to school)
busy I adj. 1. ~ at, with (the children were ~ with their homework) 2. to be ~ doing smt. (she was ~ getting dinner ready) 3. to keep ~; to keep smb. ~ (they keep ~ helping out at the crisis center; we kept the children ~ cutting out pictures) 4. (misc.) I’m sorry: the line/number is ~; as ~ as a bee
busy II v. 1. (d; refl.) to ~ by, with (she busied herself by doing various jobs = she busied herself with various jobs) 2. (j; refl.) (she busied herself doing various jobs)
butcher n. a family ~ (BE) ("a butcher’s business run by a single family"); ("a butcher’s business that sells retail rather than wholesale")
butt I n. a cigarette; rifle ~
butt II v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ against 2. (colloq.) (d; intr.) to ~ into (to ~ into smb.’s business)
butter n. 1. to churn; cream; make ~ 2. to spread ~ (on bread) 3. apple (AE) ; cocoa; peanut; prune; salted; sweet, unsalted; whipped ~ 4. fresh; rancid ~ 5. a knob (BE), lump (BE); pat; stick of ~ 6. in ~ (to fry in ~) (see also bread and butter at bread)
butterfly n. 1. to collect ~flies 2. a ~ flies from flower to flower 3. (misc.) a social ~ ("one who leads an active but superficial social life"); ~flies and moths
butter up v. (colloq.) (d; intr.) to ~ to (he keeps ~ing up to the boss)
bustle in v. (colloq.) (D; intr.) to ~ on (to ~ on a conversation)
button n. ["fastener"] 1. to sew on a ~ 2. to do up; undo one’s ~s 3. to lose a ~ 4. to rip off, tear off a ~ 5. a ~ comes off (my ~ came off) ["push button"] 6. to press, push a ~ 7. the panic ~ (colloq.): a push-button ["badge"] (AE) 8. a campaign ~ ["misc."] 9. right on the ~ ("exactly correct")
buy I n. (colloq.) ["purchase"] 1. to be; get, have a ~ 2. a good ~ (that book was a very good ~ at only $20!)
buy II v. 1. (C) we bought a book for her; or: we bought her a book 2. (d; refl.; tr.) to ~ for (we bought her a book for twenty dollars; she bought (herself) a hat for twenty dollars) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ from (we bought her a book from a local booksop) 4. (d; intr.) to ~ into (to ~ into a business) (also fig.) (somehow I just don’t ~ into that plan of yours!) 5. (misc.) to ~ as is ("to buy with no guarantee of quality"); cheap, cheaply; dear; to ~ retail; to ~ wholesale; to ~ at a reasonable price; to ~ by the dozen; to ~ in bulk
buy back v. (D; tr.) to ~ from
buyer n. 1. a first-time (house); prospective ~ 2. a ~ for (they found a ~ for the building)
buying n. impulse; panic ~
buzz I n. (colloq.) ("telephone call") to give smb. a ~
buzz II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for one’s secretary) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with activity) 3. (P; intr.) insects were ~ing through the air; photographers were ~ing around the entrance
buzzzer n. 1. to press, sound a ~ 2. at the ~ (at the ~, stop work immediately!) 3. a ~ goes off, sounds (when the ~ sounds, stop work immediately!) by (see by and large at large)
ye n. (sports) to draw a ~
ye n. (sports) to draw a ~
by-election see election
bygones n. to let ~ be ~
bylaws n. 1. to draft, draw up ~s 2. to amend, change; approve (the) ~ 3. city, municipal; local; township (esp. AE) ~
by-pass n. ["operation"] 1. a coronary, heart, multiple ~ ["operation"] 2. to take the ~ 3. a part, section of a ~ (get off this section of the ~ at the next exit) 4. on a ~
byplay n. ~ between
bystander n. an innocent ~
cab

1. a black; yellow (we hailed a black ~ in London and a yellow ~ in New York) 2. to call for; find; flag down; get; hail; hire; take a ~ 3. to get into; get out of a ~ 4. a ~ picks smb. up 5. to drive a ~ (for a living) 6. a radio ~ 7. by ~; in a ~ (to go somewhere by ~) (see also minicab)

cabbage

1. red; savoy; white ~ 2. boiled ~ 3. an ~

cabin

n. (A) we ~d the message to them; or: cable

v. 1. to do, perform ~
cæsarean

n. 1. caesarean section

cæsarean section

n. 1. to do, perform a ~ on 2. to have a ~ 3. (misc.) to be born/delivered by ~
café

n. a pavement (BE), sidewalk (AE); transport ~

calif

n. 1. bleats 2. an ~ble (AE)
calibre

n. 1. a ~bleets 2. in ~ (the cow was in ~) 3. a calf

calendar

n. (chart that shows the days and months) 1. the Chinese; Gregorian; Hindu; Islamic, Muslim; Jewish; Julian; Roman ~ 2. a lunar; solar ~ 3. a perpetual ~ 4. a desk; wall ~ 5. in a ~ (February is the shortest month in the Gregorian ~) ["schedule"] 6. to clear one’s ~ 7. a court; school; social ~ 8. a crowded, full ~ 9. on a ~ (what’s on your ~ this week?) USAGE NOTE: In BE, a calendar for one’s desk or pocket with spaces to write one’s appointments in it is called a diary.
calf

n. 1. a ~bleets 2. in ~ (the cow was in ~) 3. (misc.) the meat of the ~ is veal
caliper, calibre

n. ["diameter of the barrel of a weapon"] 1. heavy; light ~ ["quality"] 2. high; low ~ 3. of a certain typically high ~ (there are few workers left of her ~)
calibration

n. precise ~
calisthenics, callisthenics

n. 1. to do, perform ~ 2. daily; group, mass ~
call I n. ['appeal'] ['summons'] 1. to issue a ~ for (the government issued a ~ to the populace for voluntary contributions) 2. to answer, heed, respond to a ~ (to answer the ~ of duty) 3. a clarion ~ 4. a curtain; last ~ (last ~ for passengers boarding this flight!) (see also curtain call) 5. a ~ for (we heard a ~ for help) 6. a ~ to (a ~ to arms) 7. (see also at sb.'s beck and call at beck) ['visit'] 8. to make, pay a ~ on smb. 9. to make a ~ at a place (the ships made ~s at several ports) 10. a business; courtesy; port; professional ~ 11. a house ~ (my doctor makes house ~s) (esp. AE); BE prefers home visit ['invitation'] 12. to accept, answer a ~ ['telephone call'] 13. to give smb, a ~ 14. to make, place a ~ to smb. 15. to answer; get, receive; return; take; transfer a ~ (who will take her ~?) 16. to put a ~ through (the operator put my ~ right through) 17. a telephone ~ 18. a business; conference; emergency; wake-up ~ 19. a collect (AE); reversed-charge (BE); transferred-charge (BE); dial-direct (AE), direct-dialled (BE); operator-assisted; ordinary (BE), station-to-station (AE); personal (BE, old-fashioned), person-to-person ~ 20. an international; local; long-distance, toll (AE); trunk (BE, old-fashioned); toll-free (AE) ~ 21. an anonymous; crank; nuisance; threatening ~ 22. a ~ to [+ inf.] 23. a bugle; trumpet ~ ['signal'] 24. a roll ~ ['duty'] 25. on ~ (which nurse is on ~?) ['need'] 26. a ~ for (there is no ~ for such behavior) 27. a ~ to + inf. (there was no ~ to complain) ['formation'] (AE) (usu. mil.) 28. sick ~ (to go on sick ~) ['misc'] 29. a close ~ ('a narrow escape'); a wake-up ~ (also fig.) (was the credit crunch a wake-up ~ to reform the international economic system?) (see also bird call)
call II v. 1. (C) ('to summon') she ~ed a taxi for me; or: she ~ed me a taxi 2. (d; intr.) ('to visit') to ~ at (the ship will ~ at several ports) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ for ('to fetch') (I'll ~ for you at two o'clock) 4. (d; intr.) to ~ for (to require) (the position ~s for an experienced engineer; they ~ed for him to resign) 5. (d; intr.) to ~ for (to seek) (to ~ for help) 6. (d; intr., tr.) ('to order by telephone') to ~ for (they ~ed the pharmacy for aspirin) 7. (d; tr.) ('to summon') to ~ into (she was ~ed into the room) 8. (D; intr.) to ~ on (+ inf.) (she was ~ed away from the office; I always ~ Bill by his first name) 9. (s) ('to report by telephone') to ~ to; with (he ~ed in to the chat show/talk show; she ~ed in with a comment = she ~ed in (in order) to comment) 3. (s) ('to report by telephone') to ~ sick
call on v. 1. (D; tr.) ('to visit') to ~ at, on (she ~ed in at our place this morning; the doctor ~ed in on her patient) 2. (D; intr.) ('to telephone') to ~ to; with (he ~ed in to the chat show/talk show; she ~ed in with a comment = she ~ed in (in order) to comment) 3. (s) ('to report by telephone') to ~
call out v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for a pupil for an answer) 2. (H) the mayor ~ed on the people to remain calm = the people were ~ed on by the mayor to remain calm
callous adj. 1. ~ to (~ to suffering) 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of him to say that)
call out v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for (to smb.) for help) 2. (D; intr., tr.) ('to shout') to ~ to (he ~ed out to me to help him = "help me!") he ~ed out to (me)
call over v. (D; tr.) to ~ to (I ~ed him over to our table) call up v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ for (they were ~ed up for military service) 2. (D; intr.) ('to shout') to ~ to; from (to she ~ed up to us from the basement (to come down)) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ on (to ~ on smt. on a computer screen) 4. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ on (to ~ smb. on the telephone) 5. (D; tr.) to ~ to (she was ~ed up to the podium) 6. (H) he was ~ed up to serve in the army
call upon v. see call on
calm I adj. to keep, remain, stay ~
calm II n. 1. to shatter the ~ 2. (a) dead, perfect; un-easy ~ (an uneasy ~ descended on the city after the riots) 3. (misc.) the mayor appealed to the people for calm; the ~ before the storm
calories n. 1. to count ~ 2. to burn ~ 3. empty ~ (in junk food)
calumny n. to heap ~ on
camel n. an Arabian, one-humped; Bactrian, two-humped ~
camera n. [-‘apparatus for taking or transmitting pictures’] 1. to load a ~ 2. an automatic; box; miniature ~ 3. a cine (BE), motion-picture (AE), movie (AE); miniature; television; TV; video ~ 4. a security ~ 5. off ~ ('not being filmed') 6. on ~ ('being filmed') 7. (misc.) to face the ~ (in order to be photographed); the ~s are ready to roll (in a film studio); candid ~ ('taking pictures of people without their knowledge') [judge’s chamber] 8. in ~ (the trial was held in ~; the case was heard in ~)
cameraman, camerawoman n. a motion-picture (AE); television ~
Camouflage n. 1. to use, utilize ~ 2. natural ~ 3. by ~ (to conceal by ~)

Camp n. 1. to make, pitch, set up ~ 2. to break, strike ~ 3. an army; base; boot; training ~ 4. a prisoner-of-war, POW, PW (AE) ~ 5. a labor; work ~ 6. a displaced-persons, DP; refugee; repatriation ~ 7. a concentration; detention; internment; transit ~ 8. a day; overnight; summer ~ 9. a trailer ~ (AE; BE has caravan park, caravan site) 10. (misc.) the enemy; opposing; rival ~

Campaign I n. 1. to launch, mount, orchestrate, campaign I ~ 2. actively, aggressively, vigor ~

Campaign II n. 1. to + inf. (they launched a ~ to fight smoking)

Camp bed n.

Campus n. (esp. AE) 1. a college, university ~ 2. n. ~ing actively to reduce teenage smoking

Campfire n. 1. to build, construct, dig a ~ 2. to dredge

Canal n. 1. to paddle a ~ 2. in a, by ~ (to cross a river)

Candle n. 1. to dip ~s 2. to light a ~ 3. to blow out, extinguish, snuff out a ~ 4. the ~ was burning; was flickering; was going out; was sputtering 5. a wax ~ 6. a household; votive ~ 7. the flame of a ~ = a ~ flame 8. (misc.) to burn the ~ at both ends ("to dissipate one’s energy by doing too many things both by day and at night"); not to hold a ~ to smb. or smt. ("to be far inferior to smb. or smt.")

Candlelight n. by ~ (to read by ~)

Candlestick n. 1. brass; silver ~ 2. a pair of ~

Candid adj. 1. complete; disarming ~ 2. ~ about 3. ~ metastasizes, spreads

Candidate, candidature n. 1. to announce, file (AE) one’s ~ 2. to withdraw one’s ~

Capability n. 1. to demonstrate, display, show one’s ~ ticks 2. a defense; first-strike; military; nuclear ~ 3. the ~ to + inf. (the ~ to win) 4. beyond; within smb.’s ~ ticks (doing this job is well within my ~ ticks)
capable
adj. 1. perfectly, truly ~ 2. ~ of (he is ~ of anything)
capacity
n. ["ability to hold"] 1. to ~ (filled/packed to ~) 2. lung ~ 3. seating ~; storage ~ 4. a ~ of (a ~ of twenty gallons) ["ability"] 5. intellectual, mental ~ 6. smb.’s earning ~ 7. a ~ for (a ~ for making friends) 8. the ~ to + inf. (she has the ~ to make friends) 9. beyond one’s ~: within one’s ~ (doing this job is well within my ~!) ["ability to produce"] 10. plant; productive ~ (our country’s productive ~) 11. full, peak ~ 12. at ~ (to operate at peak ~) ["function"] 13. an administrative ~; advisory ~; professional ~; supervisory ~ 14. an official ~; unofficial ~ 15. in a ~ (she acted in an advisory ~; in his ~ as legal adviser, he helped us a great deal)
cape
n. ["piece of land, headland"] 1. to round a ~ 2. on a ~
caper
n. 1. to cut a ~ 2. a childish ~
capital
n. ["wealth"] 1. to borrow ~; raise ~ to invest, put up; tie up ~ (I hope to get a good return on the ~ I’ve invested) 3. to sink ~ in, into 4. to withdraw ~ (from) 5. borrowed; circulating, working; fixed, permanent; foreign; idle; venture ~ ["gain"] 6. to make ~ out of smt. 7. political ~ (they made political ~ out of the incident) ["official seat of government"] 8. to establish a ~ 9. a national ~; provincial ~; state ~ 10. foreign ~; world ~s ["main center"] 11. a diamond; fashion; film ~ (where is the film ~ of the world?)
capitalize
v. (d; intr.) to ~ on (to ~ on smb.’s mistakes)
capital punishment
n. 1. to impose; introduce ~ 2. to abolish ~
capitulate
v. (D; intr.) to ~ to (to ~ to the enemy)
capricious
adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of you to act like that)
capsule
n. 1. a space ~; time ~ 2. a seed ~
captain
n. 1. (AE) a bell ~ 2. a group ~ (BE); ship’s ~; captain ~ 1. a space ~; time ~ 2. a seed ~
capsule
n.
car
n. ["automobile, motorcar"] 1. to drive, operate; park; run; start; steer a ~ to bring a ~ to a stop, to stop a ~; to get in, into a ~; to get out of a ~ 3. to back (esp. AE), reverse (esp. BE) a ~ 4. playing ~ 5. a deck (esp. AE), pack of ~ 6. (misc.) to stack the ~ ("to prepar- range conditions to one’s own advantage") (the ~ were stacked and the dice were loaded against us); to hold all the ~ ("to be in a strong negotiating position"); to be in (AE), on (BE) the ~ ("to be destined by fate") (Carmen thought her death was in the ~); to lay, put one’s ~ on the table ("to reveal one’s position"); to play one’s ~ right ("to negotiate skillfully")
care
n. ["caution"] 1. to exercise, take ~ 2. great, meticulous, painstaking, scrupulous, (the) utmost ~ 3. ~ to + inf. (she took ~ to avoid catching cold) 4. ~ that + clause (take ~ that you don’t catch cold!) 5. with ~ (to handle smt. with ~) ["solicitude"] ["maintenance"] ["keep"] 6. to provide ~ for ~ 7. to take ~ of ~ 8. to entrust smt. / smt. to smb.’s ~ to put smb. in smb.’s ~ 9. (tender) loving; parental ~ ("I thank them for their tender loving ~") — Shakespeare,
carte blanche

1. to give smb. ~ 2. to get, have ~

3. carte blanche

n.

cartel

1. to form a ~ 2. to break up a ~ 3. a drug (CE), drugs (BE); international, multinational; oil ~

cartilage

n. (a) torn ~

cartoon

n.

1. to draw a ~ 2. an animated ; political ~

cartridge

v.
carve

1. (C) he ~d an ornament for me ; or : he ~d me an ornament 2. (D ; tr.) to ~ from, out of (to ~ a figure from ivory) 3. (d ; intr.) to ~ in (to ~ in wood) 4. (D ; tr.) to ~ into (he ~d the ivory into an ornament for me)

carve out

v. (D ; tr.) to ~ for (she ~d out a new career for herself)

carve up

v. (D ; tr.) to ~ into (they ~d up the region into three areas = they ~d the region up into three areas)

carving

n. an ivory ; wood ~

case

n. ["legal action"] ["argument"]

1. to hear, try a ~ (the court will not hear this ~) 2. to dismiss, throw out a ~ (the judge dismissed the ~) 3. to take; turn down a ~ (the lawyer agreed to take the ~) 4. to build; prepare a ~ (we can build a strong ~ with the available data) 5. to make (out), present, state a ~ (she made out a convincing ~ for her client; he presented a good ~ for the new legislation) 6. to argue, plead a ~ (the lawyer argued the ~ skillfully) 7. to rest one’s ~ ("to cease introducing evidence") (the defense lawyer rested her ~) 8. to lose; win a ~ 9. to decide; settle a ~ (they persuaded their client to settle the ~ out of court) 10. an airtight, ironclad, open-and-shut, watertight; clear, convincing, prima facie; strong ~ 11. a benchmark, landmark ~ 12. a borderline; weak ~ 13. a court ~ 14. a pending; test ~ 15. a civil; divorce ~ 16. a criminal; murder ~ 17. a ~ goes to trial 18. a ~ against (we had an airtight ~ against him) 19. (misc.) to strengthen a ~; to weaken a ~; the president took her ~ to the people; the first recorded ~ under the new law; to have a good ~ ("to have a convincing argument"); is there a ~ for capital punishment? ("can capital punishment be justified?") ["crime, felony"] 20. to break, clear up, crack, solve a ~ (the detective broke the ~) 21. to investigate, work on a ~ (the police worked on the ~ for a year) ["instance, occurrence, example"] 22. to cite a ~ 23. an attested; authenticated; clear; open-and-shut ("easily settled") ~ 24. a borderline; doubtful; hypothetical ~ 25. a celebrated; classic, textbook, typical; similar; special; test ~ 26. an extreme, flagrant; isolated, rare ~ 27. (med.) an acute; advanced; bad; chronic; hopeless; lingering; mild; terminal ~ 28. in a certain ~ (in this ~; in any ~; in ~ of emergency) 29. (misc.) to be the ~ ("to be so"); a ~ in point ("a pertinent case") ["inflectional form"] 30. to govern, take a ~ (certain Russian verbs take the dative ~) 31. the ablative; accusative; dative; genitive; instrumental; locative; nominative; oblique; prepositional; vocative ~ ["misc."] 32. as the ~ may be; in ~ it rains/should rain; in ~ of (the alarm will go off in ~ of heavy rain); a basket ~ ("smb. without arms or legs or who is in a completely hopeless situation") (fig.) (unless sales rise, your company will be a basket ~!); by ~ (deal with each applicant ~ by ~ deal with each applicant on a case-by-case basis); to get off smb.’s ~ (slang) ("stop criticizing smb."); on the ~ (slang) ("in action about smb./smt." ) (don’t worry, boss: I’m already on the ~!) (see also caseload)

case load

USAGE NOTE: "In case of" means ‘in the event of’: the alarm will go off in case of heavy rain. "In case + clause" means ‘lest’: I took an umbrella in case it rained/should rain; don’t lie in case you are/should be found out. Some Americans may also be able to say I used to open my umbrella in case it rained, meaning ‘I used to open my umbrella if/when it rained.’

case II

n. ["container"] ["cover"] an attaché; display; jewelry; packing; pillow ~; suitcase; watch ~

case III

n. ["type of print"] lower; upper ~

case history

n. 1. to get, take a ~ (on) 2. a detailed ~

caseload

n. 1. to carry, have a ~ to increase; reduce smb.’s ~ 3. a heavy; light ~ (the social worker carries/has a heavy ~)

cash

n. 1. to pay (in) ~ 2. to run out of ~ 3. out of, short of ~ 4. cold, hard; loose; ready; spare ~ 5. petty ~ 6. (misc.) she never carries ~; ~ on the barrel (head) (esp. AE)/on the nail (BE) ("pay now in cash”); ~ on delivery ("pay when the order is delivered")

cash II

v. (D ; tr.) to ~ for (she ~d the money order for me)

cash in

v. (colloq.) (d ; intr.) to ~ on (to ~ on one’s sudden popularity)

casino

n. a gambling ~

casserole

n. 1. to do, make a ~ 2. a meat; vegetable ~

cassette

n. a blank ~

cast

n. ["set of performers"] 1. to head a ~ 2. to select a ~ 3. an all-star, star-studded ~ 4. a supporting ~; a ~ of characters; a ~ of thousands ["rigid dressing of gauze"] (med.) 5. to put a ~ on (to put a ~ on a broken leg = the broken leg was put in a ~) 6. a plaster ~

cast II

v. 1. (D ; tr.) ("to assign to a role") ~ to ~ (he was cast as Hamlet = he was cast in the role of Hamlet) 2. ("to be chosen for a play") ~ to ~ in (he was cast in Hamlet) 3. (d ; tr.) ("to throw") ~ to ~ on, over (his actions have cast doubts on our entire campaign) 4. (H) ("to assign to a role") he was cast to play Hamlet
catch about, around v. (d; intr.) to ~ for ("to seek") (to ~ for a solution)
caste n. 1. a high; low; warrior ~ 2. (misc.) a ~ system (to belong to a low ~ in a rigid ~ system)
cast in v. to ~ one’s lot with smb. ("to join forces with smb.")
casual adj. ~ about (she was very ~ about winning the prize)
casualties n. 1. to cause ~ to; inflict ~ on 2. to incur, suffer, take ~ 3. to report ~ 4. heavy, serious; light ~ (the enemy inflicted heavy ~ on our troops) 5. civilian; military; traffic ~
cat n. 1. to neuter a ~; to spay a (female) ~ 2. an alley; stray ~ 3. an Angora; Burmese; feral; marmalade (BE); Persian; Siamese; tabby ~ 4. ~s arch their backs; meow (AE); miaow (BE); purr; scratch 5. a young ~ is a kitten 6. a male ~ is a tomcat 7. (misc.) ~s have fur or hair and dogs have hair; to let the ~ out of the bag ("to reveal a secret"); to play ~ and mouse with ("to toy with"); to fight like ~ and dog (BE); to fight like ~s and dogs (AE); a fat ~ (derog.) ("a profiteer")
catalog, catalogue n. 1. to compile, make up a ~ 2. an author; card; subject ~ 3. a college, school, university ~ (esp. AE; BE has prospectus) 4. a mail-order ~ (it was in the mail-order ~ from which we ordered it) 5. a museum ~
catapult v. (P; intr., tr.) he was ~ed to fame; she ~ed v. (d; intr.) to ~ for ("to seek") 
catch up 1. (D; intr.) to ~ on (to ~ on one’s arm) 6. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ in (his shirt caught on a nail) 7. (D; tr.) to ~ from (she caught a cold from small fish) 3. (d; tr.) to ~ by (she caught him by the small fish) 8. (J) we caught him stealing 9. (colloq.) (esp. BE) we caught him one in the eye 10. (misc.) we ~d them a lot of trouble; or:
catch on v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ to ("to comprehended") (he caught on to what I said immediately) 2. (D; intr.) ("to become popular") to ~ with (to ~ with the public)
catch up v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ on (to ~ on one’s correspondence) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ to (AE), with (I’ll ~ with you later; BE also has: I’ll ~ you up later) USAGE NOTES: (1) With a non-personal subject, only catch up with is used: his past has finally caught up with him. (2) Esp. in BE, to catch up with smb. can also mean to manage to find someone (such as someone you want to speak to): the presenter said, “Before tonight’s concert I caught up with the conductor and asked him what he thought of the music to be performed.”
catechism n. (rel.) to learn; recite the ~
categorize v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ according to, by (the books were ~d by language) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ as (she was ~d as a liberal) 3. (D, tr.) to ~ into (the voters were ~d into liberals, conservatives, and undecided)
category n. 1. to establish, set up a ~ 2. to assign to, put into a ~ 3. a main, major ~ 4. to fall into, fit into a ~ 5. a separate; special ~; a ~ of its own (such phenomena belong in a ~ of their own)
cater v. (d; intr.) to ~ for (BE), to (to ~ to all tastes) USAGE NOTE: In BE cater to is rare and typically pejorative, meaning "to pander to."
cater-cornered, catty-cornered adj., adv. (AE) ~ to 
catering n. to do the ~ (who is going to do the ~ for our party?)
catheter n. (med.) to change; insert; irrigate; remove a ~
Catholic n. a devout; lapsed; practicing; Roman ~ Catholicism; Anglo-Catholicism; Roman ~
cattle n. 1. to breed; raise, rear (BE) ~ 2. to drive; graze; herd; round up ~ 3. to brand; rustle ~ 4. beef; dairy; prize ~ 5. ~ graze 6. several head of ~; a herd of ~; young ~ are calves 8. female ~ are cows 9. male ~ are bulls
catty adj. (colloq.) ["malicious"] ~ about
catty-cornered see cater-cornered
caucus n. 1. to form; (esp. AE) hold a ~ 2. a party; (BE) trade-union ~
caught adj. to be, get ~ (we were ~ in the rain; the kite got ~ in the tree) caught up adj. ["involved"] ~ in (~ in radical movements)
cause I n. ["movement"] ["objective"] 1. to advance, champion, fight for, further, help, promote a ~ 2. to serve a ~ 3. to advocate, espouse, plead a ~ 4. to take up a ~ 5. a common; good, just, noble, righteous, worthwhile, worthy ~ (to make common ~ with smb.) 6. a lost ~ ["reason"] 7. to give; show ~ for 8. (legal) probable ~ 9. the biggest (single), chief; a deep-rooted, root, underlying; immediate; leading, major; primary; secondary; ultimate ~ (is smoking the biggest single ~ of cancer or just a major ~ ?) 10. natural ~s (to die of natural ~s) 11. (a) ~ for (there is no ~ for alarm/complaint) 12. ~ to + inf. (to find ~ to rejoice; there is no ~ to complain; she had good ~ to be disappointed)
cause II v. 1. (C) we ~d them a lot of trouble; or:
we ~d a lot of trouble for them 2. (rare) (H; no passive) the incident ~d me to reflect

cautious adj. 1. ~ about, of (be was ~ about committing himself; she was ~ of strangers) 2. ~ in (~ in using firearms) 3. ~ with (she was ~ with strangers)
central adj. 1. ~ as (~ as a painter) 2. ~ for (~ for piano) 3. ~ with (of, over figures were ~ed from the report) 4. ~ 5. film ; government(al) ; military ; press ~ 6. ~
century n. 1. ~ as (~ as a painter) 2. ~ of activity (~ of an organization)

celebrate v. 1. (D tr.) to ~ about, against; (esp. BE) for (she ~ed us against drinking the water; to be ~d for dangerous driving) 2. (H) she ~ed us not to drink the water 3. (L; must have an object in BE; may have an object in AE) she ~ed (us) that we should not drink the water
celerity n. 1. a cyclone, storm (AE); wine ~ 2. (misc.) a saltcellar (CE; AE also has saltshaker)
cello n. 1. to play the ~ 2. to string, tune a ~ 3. for; on the ~ (a sonata for unaccompanied ~; a sonata for ~ and piano; to play smt. on (~) (see also cello concerto at concerto)
cellular adj. 1. crisp ~ 2. a bunch; stalk of ~
cell n. 1. to fill a ~ (in a tooth) 2. the abdominal; chest; oral ~

cement n. 1. ~ heavily (the report was heavily ~ed) 2. ~ sets
censor n. 1. to carry out, conduct, take a ~ 2. a national ; military ~
censorship n. 1. impose, introduce ~ 2. to exercise, practice ~ 3. to abolish, lift ~ 4. rigid, strict ~ 5. ~ in using firearms) 3. ~ with (she was ~ with strangers)
certain

1. to make ~
2. absolutely, completely, adj.

adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ to (such values are ~ to our way of life)

certainty n. 1. from; to a ~ (from the fifth to the tenth ~ / ~ ries) 2. during, in; throughout a ~ (in the ninth ~; throughout the whole of the ninth ~) 3. over, (down) through the ~ ries 4. (misc.) at the beginning of the last / next / past / present ~; at the turn of the ~

century n. 1. to express ~
2. absolute, dead; mathematical; moral; (BE) a racing ~ 3. ~ ries) 2. during, in; throughout a ~ (in the ninth ~; throughout the whole of the ninth ~) 3. over, (down) through the ~ ries 4. (misc.) at the beginning of the last / next / past / present ~; at the turn of the ~

ceremony n. 1. to express ~
2. absolute, dead; mathematical; moral; (BE) a racing ~ 3. ~ ries) 2. during, in; throughout a ~ (in the ninth ~; throughout the whole of the ninth ~) 3. over, (down) through the ~ ries 4. (misc.) at the beginning of the last / next / past / present ~; at the turn of the ~

certitude n. 1. absolute, complete, utter ~ (my utter ~ in attesting to her good character) 2. ~ that + clause (it is with ~ that I can attest to her good character)

certify v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ as (he has been ~ fied as a critical-care nurse; the psychiatrist ~ fied him as insane) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ in (he has been ~ fied in critical-care nursing) 3. (L) the psychiatrist ~ fied that he was insane 4. (M) did the psychiatrist ~ him to be insane? 5. (N; used with an adjective) he was ~ fied insane

certification n. 1. to grant ~ 2. to receive ~
3. ~ as (he was granted ~ as a kindergarten teacher) 4. ~ in (she has her ~ in critical care nursing)

center II centre v. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ around, on, round (BE), upon (attention ~ ed on their opening statements) USAGE NOTE: Some purists reject to center around / round as incorrect or illogical.

center stage n. 1. to occupy, take ~
2. at ~

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2. at ~

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chairman n. 1. a department(al) ~ 2. ~ of the board
USAGE NOTE: BE also has department head, head of (the) department (in an educational institution); in order to promote non-sexist language, the terms chair or chairperson are used more and more in place of chairman or chairwoman.
chairperson see chairman 1
chairwoman see chairwoman 1
chalet n. 1. to write in, with ~ (on a blackboard) 2. a piece, stick (BE) of ~ (see also long chalk)
chalkboard n. (AE) see blackboard
chalk up v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ against (to ~ ten victories against two defeats) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ for (to ~ another victory for our team) 3. (d; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ smt. up to experience/lack of experience)
challenge I n. [*'dare*] 1. to issue, send a ~ to. 2. to make, mount; pose, present, represent a ~ for; (to; for) (a fresh candidate mounting a formidable ~ to the party leader; a fresh candidate mounting a formidable ~ for the party leadership) 3. to accept, respond to, take up a ~ from 4. to face, meet a ~ rise to a ~ 5. a direct; formidable, real, serious; leadership ~ (a fresh candidate mounting a formidable leadership ~) 6. a ~ to (it was a serious ~ to our very existence) 7. a ~ to + inf. (it was a real ~ just to survive) [*demand for identification*] (usu. mil.) 8. to give the ~ (the sentry gave the ~) [*objectivation*] (Juror) legal 9. a peremptory ~ to (use one’s peremptory ~)
challenge II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ for (I ~d her for the championship) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ on (to ~ the government on its policies) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ smb. to a duel) 4. (H) he ~d me to fight
challeger n. 1. to take on a ~. 2. a formidable, strong; serious ~
chamber n. [*'hall used by a legislative body or the body itself*] 1. the lower; upper ~ 2. an assembly; council; parliamentary; senate ~ 3. ["room"] compartment ~ 4. a gas; torture ~ 4. a combustion; decomposition ~ ["misc."] 5. to hold a trial in ~s (without spectators or the press)
chameleon n. ~s change their color
champ v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ at (to ~ the bit) 2. (E) they were ~ing to get home
champagne n. 1. to drink; (literary or humorous) quaff; sip ~ 2. a bottle; glass of ~
champion n. 1. a defending; national; world ~ 2. ~s defend their titles against challengers
championship n. [*"position of a champion*] 1. to hold; win a ~ to 2. to regain; retain a ~ to give up. lose, relinquish a ~. an individual; national; team; world ~
championships n. [*"contest"] 1. to compete in; hold ~ 2. (the) national; world ~ 3. ~s take place
cchange I n. [*"opportunity"] ["possibility"] 1. to be in with; have, stand a ~ of (she has a good ~ of success; "how do you rate his ~s?" he doesn’t have a ~ the ghost of a ~) 2. to give smb. a ~ to let a ~ slip by; to miss one’s ~; to pass up a ~; to spoil smb.’s ~s 4. a. fighting; good; strong ~; every ~ (of) she has every ~ of winning if she doesn’t lose her nerve) 5. an even, fifty-fifty; fair; sporting ~ (he has an even ~ of being elected) 6. a faint, fat (colloq.), outside, poor, slight, small, small ~ ("I may still win first prize!" "fat ~!) 7. a last; only ~ 8. little; no ~ (there is little ~ of that happening) 9. a ~ against (she doesn’t stand a ~ against such strong competitors) 10. a ~ at, for, of (a ~ for success) 11. a ~ to + inf. (she had a ~ to visit her family) 12. a ~ that + clause (there is no ~ that she will win; I came to see you on the off ~ that you might have a screwdriver) ["luck"] 13. to take a ~ on ("to try one’s luck at") 14. to leave smt. to ~ 15. pure, sheer ~ 16. a lucky ~ 17. by ~ it was by pure ~ that we met; would you by any ~ happen to have a screwdriver? ["misc."] 18. (the) ~s are [~ the odds] are that they will not come; I can do it given half a ~ !; ("I may still win first prize!" ~ would be a fine thing!"") BE = fat chance, no chance
chance II v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ on, upon ("to find by chance") (to ~ upon a rare item) 2. (formal) (E) ("to happen") I ~d to be there when they arrived
chandelier n. a crystal ~
change I n. [*"alteration"] ["transition"] 1. to bring about, effect, make a ~ (to make a couple of ~ in/to the text; "how’s retirement?" "well, it makes a ~ not having to go to work every morning = well, it makes a ~ not to have to go to work every morning") 2. to propose a ~ to 3. to undergo (a) ~ 4. an abrupt, quick, sudden ~ 5. a. complete, dramatic, drastic, great, major, marked, momentous, profound, quite a, radical, significant, striking, sweeping; irreversible ~ 6. a discernible, visible; quantitative; qualitative, step ~ 7. a long overdue, (much) needed, welcome ~ 8. (a) little, minor, slight ~ (we noticed a slight ~ in her condition; there was little ~ in his condition) 9. climate; cultural; economic; political; régime; social ~ 10. a ~ occurs, takes place 11. a ~ for (a ~ for the better/worse) 12. a ~ from; into, to (the ~ from spring to summer) 13. a ~ in, of (a ~ of clothing; a ~ of direction; a ~ of heart; a ~ of pace; a ~ in the weather; ~s in personnel; a ~ of diet; the ~ of (the) seasons) 14. for a ~ (let’s eat out for a ~) [*"money returned"] [*"metal coins"] 15. to count out; give; make ~ for (can you give me ~ for a pound?) 16. to count; get one’s ~ 17. to keep the ~ (I told the driver to keep the ~) 18. loose; small; spare ~ 19. (misc.) could you spare a little ~ ?; (slang) (AE) it cost me $35 and change [*"$35 + a little more"] ["change of clothing"] 20. to make a ~ 21. a quick ~ (to make a quick ~)
change II v. 1. to ~ beyond/out of all recognition; to ~ completely, drastically, greatly, radically; suddenly ~ 2. (C) ("to exchange") could you ~ a dollar for me? or: could you ~ me a dollar? 3. (D; intr.) ("to transfer") to ~ for (we must ~ at the next station for Chicago) 4. (D; tr.) ("to exchange") to
change back v. 1. (d.; intr.) to ~ from; to (they ~d back to peacetime production) 2. (d.; intr.) to ~ into (we ~d back into casual wear)

cchangeover n. 1. a complete, radical, thorough, total ~ 2. a ~ from; to (a ~ from a peacetime to a war economy)

cchange over v. (d.; intr.) to ~ from; to (the country ~d over to a war economy; to ~ to the decimal system)

cchanger n. a coin; record ~

channel I n. 1. to change ~s 2. a cable; television; TV (~ a TV ~ that broadcasts/is on the air 24/7) 3. on a ~ (what’s on the other ~s?)

cchannel II v. 1. (D.; tr.) to ~ into (we had to ~ their channel II) 2. (D.; tr.) to ~ towards (we must ~ our efforts towards worthy goals)

channels n. 1. back; diplomatic; military; official; (the) regular, usual ~ 2. through ~ (he sent his request for transfer through (the) regular ~; to go through ~; back-channel negotiations to bypass the official ~s) 3. (misc.) ~ of communication

chaos n. 1. to avert, prevent; cause, create ~ 2. complete, total, utter ~ 3. economic; political; social ~ 4. ~ ensues, results 5. a state of ~ 6. (misc.) on the brink/verge of ~

cchap n. (colloq.) a decent, fine, good, nice ~

chapel n. ["place of worship"] 1. (a) hospital; military; prison; ship’s ~ 2. interdenominational, nonde-nominational ~["Nonconformist place of worship"] (BE) (used as an adjective) 3. are you church or ~?

chaplain n. a college; university; hospital; military; prison; school; ship’s ~

chapter n. 1. a closing ~ 2. an introductory, opening ~ 3. a ~ about, on 4. (misc.) a closed ~ (in one’s life) ["smt. that belongs to the past"]; to cite/give/quote ~ and verse ["to cite the exact source or give lots of details"] ["period"] 5. to close; open a ~ (the event opened a new ~ in her life)

character n. ["personality"] ["behavior"] 1. to build, form, mold smb.’s ~ 2. smb.’s moral; true ~ 3. an excellent, fine, good; impeccable, irreproachable, stainless, unblemished; upright ~ 4. a firm, strong ~ 5. a lovable ~ 6. a bad, disreputable, unsavory ~ 7. a weak ~ 8. the national ~ (their recent actions are not in keeping with their national ~) 9. of ~ (a person of good ~) 10. (misc.) defamation of ~ ["person in or as if in a work of fiction"] 11. to play, portray a ~ 12. to create; delineate, depict, draw; develop a ~ 13. to kill off a ~ 14. a cartoon; fictitious; historical ~ 15. a leading, main, major, principal; minor, supporting ~ 16. in ~; out of ~ (his behavior was in ~ with his upbringer; it was completely in ~ for them to answer their correspondence promptly; her actions were out of ~ (for her)) ["person, esp. dubious or eccentric"] 17. a colorful; curious, strange, weird; larger-than-life; reformed; unfor-gettable ~ 18. a dangerous; disreputable; seedy, shady; suspicious; tough; underworld ~ (he used to be a completely disreputable ~ but now he’s a thoroughly reformed ~) ["letter, figure"] 19. to form, trace; write ~s (to write a complete set of Greek ~s)

20. Arabic; Chinese; cuneiform; Cyrillic; Greek; Hebrew; Latin; mathematical; special ~s ["nature, special quality"] 21. to have a ~ of its/one’s own 22. an official; political; subversive; unofficial ~ (the statements were of a political ~) 23. (misc.) this is a quaint town with a lot of ~

characteristic I adj. 1. ~ of 2. ~ to + inf. (it was completely/very ~ of them to answer their correspondence promptly)

characteristic II n. 1. a distinctive, marked; distinguishing; identifying; dominant, outstanding; unique ~ 2. a family; individual; national ~ 3. facial; physical ~s

characterize v. (d.; tr.) ["to describe"] to ~ as (he can be ~d as a fanatic/as fanatical)

charades n. to play ~

charcoal n. 1. to burn ~ 2. activated ~

charge I n. ["accusation"] 1. to bring, file, level, make a ~; to prefer, press ~s 2. to concoct, cook up, fabricate, trump up a ~ (they trumped up various ~s against her) 3. to prove, substantiate a ~ 4. to answer; face a ~ (of) 5. to dismiss, throw out a ~ (the judge dismissed all ~s) 6. to drop, retract, withdraw a ~ 7. to deny; refuse; repudiate a ~ 8. a baseless, fabricated, false, trumped-up; frivolous ~ 9. a civil; criminal ~ 10. a ~ against smb. (to bring a ~ of forgery against smb.) 11. a ~ that (he denied the ~ that he had taken bribes) 12. on a ~ of (he was arraigned on a ~ of embezzlement; to be arrested on various ~s) ["attack"] 13. to lead; make a ~ against 14. to sound the ~ 15. to fight off, repel, repulse a ~ 16. a bayonet; baton; cavalry; infantry ~ ["explosive"] 17. to set off a ~ 18. a depth ~ (see also depth)

charge II n. ["responsibility"] 19. to place, put smb. in ~ of (I was put in sole ~ of the child/department) 20. to take ~ of (I took ~ of the child/department) 21. to be in ~ of (I was in ~ of the child/department) ["custody"] 22. in smb.’s ~ (the child was in my (sole) ~) ["cost"] ["price"] 23. to make; waive a ~ 24.
to reverse, transfer (BE) (the) ~s (when telephon-
ing) 25. an exorbitant, unreasonable; reasonable ~
26. an admission; carrying; call-out (~ for going to
a customer); cover; minimum; service ~; interest
~s; prescription ~s; shipping ~s 27. a ~ against, to
(a ~ to smb.'s account) 28. a ~ for (there will be no
~ for installation) 29. (misc.) free of ~ (the instal-
lation is free of ~) "[infusion of stored energy"] 30. to
give (a battery) a ~ 31. an electric; quick; slow ~
"[thrill"] ( slang) 32. to give smb. a big ~ 33. to get a
~ out of smt. 34. an emotional ~ ("instructions") 35.
to give one's ~ (the judge gave her ~ to the jury)
36. a ~ to (the judge's ~ to the jury)

charge II
1. ("to ask in payment") to ~ double
2. (D; intr.) to ~ at, towards (the bull ~d us)
3. (d; intr.) ("to ask payment") to ~ for (they didn't ~ for it)  4. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ ("to ask
in payment") they ~d ten dollars for shipping
our books; he ~s by the hour for laying a carpet
5. (d; intr.) ("to rush") to ~ into; out of (to ~ into
a room)  7. (D; tr.) to ~ out of ("to borrow from")
6. (to ~ a book out of a library) 8. (D; tr.) ("to impose
as an obligation") to ~ to (~ it to my account) 9.
10. (D; tr.) ("to accuse") to ~ with (he was ~ with
mugger) 10. (D; tr.) ("to suffice") to ~ with (the air
was ~ with tension) 11. (D; tr.) ("to assign") to ~
with (our agency has been ~d with the responsibil-
ity of gathering all pertinent information) 12. (L)
("to accuse") they ~d that he had cheated them 13.
(O; may be used with one object) ("to ask pay-
ment") she ~d (me) fifty dollars for her services;
how much did she ~ (for her services)? did she ~
you (for her services)? they ~d me three hundred
dollars (in) rent

chargeable adj. ~ to

charge ahead v. (D; intr.) to ~ with (they ~d ahead
with the project)

charged adj. 1. emotionally; erotically; highly ~ 2. ~
with (tension/emotion)

charisma n. 1. to have ~ 2. personal ~ 3. of great ~
charitable adj. 1. ~ of 2. ~ towards 3. ~ to + inf. (it
was not very ~ of her to say that)

charity n. ['kærəti] 1. to dispense, distribute, give ~
to 2. to bestow ~ on, upon) 3. to accept; receive ~
tag for, beg for, plead for ~ 5. an act of ~ 6. for
(~ for the needy); "With malice toward none; with
~ for all" – Abraham Lincoln, “Second Inaugural
Address,” 1865) 7. (misc.) (proverb) ~ begins at
home ("organizational") 8. to donate, give ~

charm I n. ["charml"] 1. to wear a ~ 2. a good-luck,
lucky ~ ["attractive quality"] 3. to turn on the one's,
use one's ~ 4. to exude, ooze ~ 5. to have, possess
~ 6. to lend ~ 7. great, irresistible; natural; par-
ticular, special; unfailing ~ 8. the ~ to + inf. (she
has enough ~ to win anyone over) (see also to work
like a charm at work II, 13)

charm II v. (D; tr.) to ~ into (she ~d him into agreeing)

charged adj. ~ to + inf. (she was ~d to receive
flowers from her grandchildren)

charmer n. 1. (to be) a real ~ 2. a snake ~

charming adj. 1. ~ to (~ to everyone) 2. ~ to
charter I n. 1. to compile a ~ 2. an aeronaughtical; bar;
clinical; eye; flip; flow; genealogical; pie; statist-
cal; wall ~ (the flow ~ shows how our sales have
increased) 3. from; in; on a ~ (from the ~ you can
see how our sales have increased)

chart I v. (D; tr.) to ~ for (he has ~d a difficult
course for us)

charter II n. to organize a ~

charity adj. 1. ~ about (~ doing smt.) 2. ~ of (~ of strangers)

chase I n. 1. to give ~ to 2. to abandon, give up the
~ 3. a car; police ~ 4. a wild-goose ~ 5. in of (in
full ~ of the suspect) 6. (misc.) the thrill of the ~;
(AE) to lead smb. a merry ~ BE has to lead smb.
a merry dance

chase II v. (d; intr.) to ~ after (to ~ after fame)
2. (D; tr.) to ~ from, out of (~ the dog out of our
yard) 3. (P; intr., tr.) they ~d the children into the
barn; the police ~d the suspect through the park;
we ~d across the field into the station

chaser n. 1. a submarine ~ 2. (misc.) (colloqu.) an
ambulance ~ (esp. AE) ("a lawyer who seeks
clients among accident victims"); whiskey with a
beer ~ ("whiskey served with a glass of beer")

chasm n. 1. to bridge a ~ 2. deep; gaping, yawning
~ 3. a ~ between

chat I n. 1. to have a ~ 2. a friendly, nice, pleasant;
little ~ 3. a ~ about; with (we had a pleasant ~ with
them about our new grandchild) 4. a ~ between

chat II v. (D; intr.) to ~ about; to (BE) with

chatter I n. constant, endless, idle, incessant ~

chatter II v. 1. ("to talk fast") to ~ constantly, end-
lessly, incessantly 2. (D; intr.) ("to talk fast") to ~
about 3. (D; tr.) ("to click") to ~ from, with (his
teeth were ~ing with the cold)

chauvinist n. a male ~

cheap adj. 1. dirt (colloqu.), ridiculously ~ 2. to
be going; come ~ (rubber gloves are going ~ in
that shop; those new cars don’t come ~) 3. ~ to + inf.
(it’s not ~ to live in the city; it is ~ to live there
than here) 4. (misc.) to hold life ~ and cheerful; ~ and nasty; on the ~ (you can get rubber
gloves on the ~ in that shop)

cheat I n. 1. a downright; notorious ~ 2. a tax ~
cheat II v. 1. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ at (to ~ at cards) 2.
check I n. [*order to a bank*] (BE has *cheque*) 1. to issue, make out, write (out) a ~ to, make a ~ payable to (write out a ~ for £100 made payable to me) 2. to draw a ~ against one’s account; to draw a ~ on a bank 3. to cancel; cash; clear; deposit; honor; present a ~ to; to cover a ~ (by making a deposit) 5. to endorse; negotiate; sign a ~ 6. to pass a (bad) ~; to kite a ~ (“to write a bad ~”); to raise (“increase fraudulently”) a ~ 7. to stop payment of, on a ~ 8. a bad (“not covered”); blank; cashier’s; certified; crossed (BE) ~; Eurocheque (obsolescent); negotiable; traveler’s ~ 9. a ~ bounces; clears 10. by ~ (to pay by ~) [*verification*] [*control*] 11. to carry out, conduct, do, make, run a ~ of, on 12. a background; bed; loyalty; random; security; spot ~ (to run a background ~ on all new employees) (see also *spell check*) [*endangered position of the king*] (chess) 13. to give ~; to put into ~ 14. to discover ~ 15. discovered; perpetual ~ 16. in ~ (your king is in ~) [*bill in a restaurant*] (AE) 17. one ~; separate ~s (give us separate ~s, please, waiter) 18. (misc.) to ask (the waiter) for the ~; to pay the ~, pick up the ~ [*token of ownership, of a right*] (esp. AE) 19. a baggage; claim; hat ~ (see also *rain check* [*blocking of an opponent*] (ice hockey)) 20. a board; body; hook ~ [*restraint*] 21. to hold, keep in ~

check II v. 1. (D; intr.) to -into (to “verify”) (to ~ into smb.’s story) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ into ~ (to register at) (to ~ into a hotel) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ out of (to announce one’s departure from) (to ~ out of a hotel) 4. (d; intr.) to ~ out of (to borrow from) (she ~ed the book out of the library) 5. (D; tr.) to ~ through (to “look through”) (to ~ through the files) 6. (esp. AE) (d; tr.) to ~ through to (to register as far as) (she ~ed her suitcase through to Chicago) 7. (D; intr.) (to “verify”) to ~ with (I’ll ~ with the porter) 8. (E) I’ll ~ to see whether he’s in 10. (L) I’ll ~ that he’s in 11. (Q) I’ll ~ whether he’s in; I’ll ~ where he is

checkbook n. (AE) (BE has *chequebook*) 1. to balance a ~ 2. to reconcile a ~ with (a bank statement)

checkers n. (AE) (BE has *draughts*) 1. to play ~. Chinese ~ (BE has *Chinese chequers*)

check in v. (D; intr.) to ~ at (to ~ at a hotel)

checking account n. (AE) (BE has *current account*) to balance a ~ (every month)

checklist n. 1. to compile, make up a ~ 2. to go down, go through a ~

check out v. (D; tr.) (“to borrow”) to ~ from (she ~ed out a book from the library)

checkpoint n. at; through a ~ (we were stopped at a ~ the army had set up but they let us through (it))

checkup n. 1. to do, give a ~ (the doctor gave me a thorough ~) 2. to go for, have a ~ (I had a ~ at the hospital yesterday) 3. an annual; periodic ~ 4. a careful; thorough ~ 5. a general; regular ~

check up v. (D; intr.) to ~ on (to ~ on smb.’s story)

check n. [*side of the face*] 1. to puff (out) one’s ~ 2. burning, flushed; dimpled; chubby, full, rounded; hollow, sunken; pale; rosy, ruddy ~ [*impudence*] (colloq.) 3. the ~ to inf. (she had the (barefaced) ~ to phone me at home!) [*misc.*] 4. to turn the other ~ (“to refuse to respond to an attack or insult”); (with) tongue in ~ (“not seriously, wryly”) (a tongue-in-cheek remark that didn’t offend anybody)

checkbones n. high, prominent ~

cheeky adj. (colloq.) [*impudent*] ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of her to phone you at home)

cheer I n. [*rallying cry*] [*cry of approval*] 1. to give, shout a ~ (let’s give him three ~s: three ~s for him!) 2. to draw a ~ (from) (her performance drew ~s) 3. to acknowledge the ~s (of the crowd) 4. a jubilant; loud, resounding, ringing, rousing ~ (she left amid/to loud ~s from her admirers) 5. (AE) a school ~ (let’s give the school ~!) (see also *Brocky cheer*) 6. a ~ rang out; a ~ went up [*good mood*] 7. Christmas; good ~ 8. of ~ (to be of good ~)

cheer II v. 1. to ~ enthusiastically, loudly, wildly 2. (D; intr.) to ~ for (they ~ed loudly for their team) 3. (misc.) they ~d themselves hoarse

cheerful adj. ~ about (they are ~ about the future)

cheese n. 1. to slice ~ 2. cream; full-fat (BE) ~; grated; grilled (AE), toasted (BE); hard; melted; mild; processed; semi-soft; sharp; smoked; soft ~ 3. a piece, slice of ~ (a piece of ~ on toast) 4. (misc.) (colloq.) say ~! (*“smile”!*

chemistry n. [*science that deals with substances*] 1. analytical; inorganic; organic; physical ~ [*chemical characteristics*] 2. the ~ of (the ~ of carbon; the ~ of blood) [*personal feelings*] (colloq.) 3. personal ~; the right; wrong ~ 4. the ~ between

chemist’s n. (BE) (see *drugstore*)

cheque (BE) see *check* I, 1–10

chequebook (BE) see *checkbook*

chess n. 1. to play ~ 2. (misc.) a ~ game; match; a ~ master

chest n. [*thorax*] 1. to beat; throw out one’s ~ (with pride) 2. a barrel ~ 3. in; on the ~ (he was stabbed in the ~ and was burned on his ~) 4. smb.’s ~ swells with pride [*“box”*] 5. a hope (AE; BE has *bottom drawer*); ice; medicine; silver; tool; treasure ~ (see also *chest of drawers at drawer*)

chestnuts n. 1. to roast ~ 2. (misc.) to pull smb.’s ~ out of the fire (“to extricate smb. from an unpleasant situation”)

chew v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ on (to ~ on bread) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ through (the mouse ~ed through the wall) 3. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ with (she had difficulty ~ing the steak with her new dentures)

chewing gum n. a piece; stick of ~

chic I adj. [*fashionable*] ~ to + inf. (it’s very ~ to give up smoking)

chic II n. 1. an indefinable ~ 2. designer; radical ~
chick n. 1. to hatch ~s 2. ~s cheep 3. a brood, clutch of ~s
chicken I n. 1. a battery; free-range ~ 2. ~s cluck; peck; roost 3. a brood of ~s 4. a young ~ is a chick 5. a female ~ is a hen 6. a young female ~ is a pullet 7. a male ~ is a cock (esp. BE)/rooster (esp. AE) 8. a young male ~ is a cockeral (esp. BE); a male castrated ~ is a capon 9. (as food) baked; barbecued; broiled (AE); grilled; fried; roast; stewed ~ (please have another piece/slice of fried ~) 10. (misc.) to count one’s ~s before they are hatched (“to rejoice prematurely”)
chicken II v. (colloq.) (d; intr.) to ~ out of (“to abandon”) (to ~ out of an agreement)
chickenpox n. to catch (the) ~, come down with (the) ~, get (the) ~
child v. (D; tr.) to ~ for
chief n. 1. an Indian, Native American ~ 2. a fire (AE); police (AE) ~ 3. a tribal ~
chieftain n. a clan; tribal ~
child n. 1. to adopt; bear, give birth to, have a ~ (she had four children) 2. to carry a ~ (a mother carries a ~ for nine months) 3. to beget; conceive a ~ 4. to bring up, raise a ~ 5. to feed; nurse; wean a ~ 6. to indulge, pamper, spoil a ~ 7. to toilet-train; train a ~ 8. to acknowledge a ~ (as one’s own) 9. to marry off one’s ~ 10. an adopted; dependent; foster; illegitimate (old-fashioned); only; unwanted ~ 11. a mischievous; problem (old-fashioned) ~ 12. a pampered, spoiled ~ 13. a good, well-behaved ~ 14. a bright, gifted, intelligent ~ 15. a poster (esp. AE); precocious; young ~ (his success made him a poster ~ for early-childhood education) (see also child prodigy at prodigy) 16. a handicapped (old-fashioned); retarded (old-fashioned) ~ 17. a flower ~ (of the 1960s); a latchkey ~ (who has his own house-key because his parents are out at work) 18. a happy; loving; well-cared for ~ 19. a healthy; outdoor ~ 20. a ~ of colors) 8. (a) free; individual; limited ~ (to one’s opinion) 10. by; of one’s ~ (we did it ~)
childbirth n. 1. natural; prepared ~ 2. in ~ (she died in ~)
childhood n. 1. to spend one’s ~ (somewhere) 2. smb.’s second ~ 3. a happy; loving; well-cared for ~ 4. a careful; difficult ~ 5. a tall ~
childish adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of him to do that) 2. to ~ of (that’s ~) 3. a box of ~s
childplay n. (colloq.) “easy task” 1. ~ to (that’s ~ to her) 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ to solve that riddle)
child I n. 1. (fig.) to cast a ~ on, over 2. to cast; feel a ~ 3. to take the ~ off (take the ~ off the milk) 4. (misc.) there was a ~ (a sudden ~) 5. a ~ of (a sudden ~) 6. a careful; difficult ~ 7. a wide ~ (you have a wide ~ of colors) 8. a ~ of (she made a good ~) 9. a ~ among, between, in; of (a ~ between two jobs; did you have any ~ in the matter?)
chill I n. (fig.) (“to frighten smb.”) 2. (misc.) ~ up and down smb.’s spine 3. a cold, sharp, sore ~}
chill II n. (colloq.) (D; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with one’s opinion) 2. an abused, (old-fashioned) ~ 17. a flower ~ 18. a happy; loving; well-cared for ~ 19. an abused, (old-fashioned) ~ 20. a ~ of colors)
chimpanzee n. 1. to sound ~ 2. organ ~ 3. ~ sound
chimney n. 1. a double; receding, weak; smooth ~ 2. smoke goes up a ~ 3. smoke comes out of a ~ 4. a (sudden) ~ in our relations; her ~ 5. a tall ~
chin n. 1. a double; receding, weak; smooth ~ 2. (misc.) ~ed to the bone 3. there was a (sudden) ~ in our relations; her ~
choke v. (D; intr.) to ~ about, over (we ~d about it afterwards) 2. a hearty ; throaty ~ about, over

cholesterol n. 1. to cut down on ~ 2. high ; low in ~

choose v. (D ; intr.) to ~ among, between, from (to ~ between two jobs) 4. (D ; tr.) to ~ as (they chose her as their spokesperson) 5. (D ; intr., tr.) to ~ by (to ~ by lot ; to ~ by tossing a coin) 6. (D ; tr.) to ~ for (~ curtains for a room) 7. (D ; tr.) to ~ from (they chose her as their spokesperson from (among) a large number of candidates) 8. (E) she chose to remain at home 9. (H) they chose her to serve as their spokesperson or of one’s own ~

choosy (also choosey, AE) adj. (colloq.) ~ about

chop I n. ["cut of meat"] 1. a chump (BE) ; lamb ; mutton ; pork ; veal ~ (see also lamb chops) ["blow"] 2. a karate ~

chop II v. 1. (C) ~ some wood for me ; or: ~ me some wood 2. (D ; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ into small bits) 3. (D ; tr.) to ~ off (she ~ped off a branch off the tree) ~ off v. (D ; tr.) to ~ from (she ~ped off a branch from the tree)

chopper n. a food ; meat ~

chopsticks n. to use ~

chop v. 1. (C) ~ some wood for me ; or (colloq.): ~ me up some wood 2. (D ; tr.) to ~ into (he ~ped the log up into firewood)

chord I n. ["combination of three or more musical notes"] 1. to play ~s 2. a dominant ; major ; minor ~

chord II n. ["feeling, emotion"] 1. to strike, touch a ~ 2. a popular ; responsive, sensitive, sympathetic ~ (to strike a responsive ~)

chores n. 1. to do one’s/the ~ 2. daily ; domestic, household ; routine ~

chortle v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ about, over 2. (D; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with glee)

chorus n. ["group of singers"] 1. a dawn ~ (of birds); female ; male ; mixed ~ ["simultaneous utterance"] 2. to join in, swell the ~ 3. a ~ of (A Chorus of Disapproval – play by Sir Alan Ayckbourn (1984))
cider  n. hard (AE = ‘alcoholic’); sweet (AE = ‘non-alcoholic’) – USAGE NOTE: In GB, cider is typically alcoholic; in the US it is typically non-alcoholic. In both countries non-alcoholic cider is like apple juice.
cigar  n. 1. to light (up); puff on; smoke a ~ 2. a Havana ~
cigarette  n. 1. to have; light (up); puff on, smoke a ~ 2. to roll a ~ (he used to roll his own ~s) 3. to extinguish, put out, stub out a ~ 4. a live ~ 5. a filter-tip; king-size; low-tar; mentholated ~ 6. a carton; pack (esp. AE), packet (BE) of ~s

cinach  n. (colloq.) “[certainty]” 1. (AE) a ~ to + inf. (she’s a ~ to win) 2. (esp. AE) ~ that + clause (it’s a ~ that she’ll win)
cinders  n. to spread ~ (on a snow-covered road)
cinema  n. to present, put on a ~ 2. to go to; join the ~ (she liked the ~ she went to so much she decided to join it) 3. a three-ring; traveling ~ 4. at a ~
circumcise  v. 1. to break; solve a ~ 2. in ~ (to send a message in ~)
circuit  n. ”[circular geometric figure]” 1. to describe, draw a ~ (to draw the ~ that the missile described in flight; to draw concentric or interlocking ~s) 2. to square a ~ (to square a ~ is impossible) 3. the Antarctic; Arctic; polar ~ (at the Arctic ~) 4. the great ~ (on the earth’s surface) 5. a traffic ~ (AE; BE has roundabout) 6. (sports) the center ~; the winner’s ~ (at a racetrack) 7. the area; circumference; diameter; radius of a ~ ”[group resembling the figure of a circle]” 8. to form; be in a ~ 9. to join a ~ (she joined the ~ of dancers) ”[group]” 10. academic; artistic; literary; professional ~s 11. business; financial; court; diplomatic; official; political; ruling ~s 12. exclusive; select; high ~s (to move in the highest ~s) 13. informed, well-informed ~s 14. a charmed (”exclusive”); close, closed, inner, intimate, narrow; wide ~ (a close ~ of friends that no one wanted to widen) 15. a quilting; sewing ~ 16. a family ~ 17. in a ~ (in our ~ of friends; in informed ~s) ”[cycle]” 18. to come full ~ ”[misc]” 19. a vicious ~ (”an insoluble, never-ending problem”); to go around in ~s (”to keep coming back to the starting point without finding a solution”); a dress ~ (”the first row of raised seats in a theater”)
circuit breaker  n. to trip a ~
circular  n. 1. to send out a ~ 2. to distribute ~s
circulate  v. 1. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ among (the host ~d among the guests; to ~ the memo among the staff members) 2. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ through (blood ~s through the body) 3. (D; intr., tr.) (to ~ the memo to all staff members)
circulation  n. ”[distribution]” 1. to put into ~ (to put more money into ~) 2. to take out of ~; to withdraw from ~ (to withdraw old banknotes from ~) 3. (an) enormous, large, wide; general, unrestricted ~ (this magazine has attained a wide ~) 4. (a) national, nationwide ~ 5. (a) limited, restricted, small ~ 6. in; out of ~ (this money is no longer in ~) 7. (misc.) this journal has a ~ of one hundred thousand ”[movement]” 8. blood ~; or: ~ of the blood 9. good, healthy, normal ~ 10. abnormal, poor ~
circumference  n. in ~ (ten feet in ~)
circumspect  adj. ~ about; in
circumstance  n. pomp and ~
circumstances  n. 1. favorable; unfavorable ~ 2. adverse, difficult, trying; desperate; tragic ~ 3. reduced, straitened ~ 4. extenuating, mitigating ~ 5. compelling; exceptional, special ~ 6. mysterious; suspicious ~ (he was apprehended under the very suspicious ~ surrounding the case) 7. unforeseen ~ 8. a combination of ~ 9. due to ~ (our absence was due to ~ beyond our control) 10. in, under ~ (in certain ~, I would agree; she will not go under any ~ in no ~ will she go; they lived in difficult ~; in these (present) ~ we can’t continue; under the ~, we can’t continue)
circus  n. 1. to present, put on a ~ 2. to go to; join the ~ (she liked the ~ she went to so much she decided to join it) 3. a three-ring; traveling ~ 4. at a ~
citement  n. ”[attestation]” 1. the earliest ~ (of the use of a word) 2. a ~ from ”[summons]” 3. to issue a ~ for 4. a contempt ~ 5. a ~ to + inf. (she received a ~ to appear in court) ”[mention of meritorious performance]” (AE) (mil.) 6. to write smb. up for a ~ 7. to receive a ~ for bravery (BE has to be mentioned in dispatches) 8. a unit ~
cite  v. 1. (B) she ~d an interesting passage to us 2. (D; tr.) to ~ as ~ to ~ smt. as an example) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ for (to ~ smb. for bravery) 4. (misc.) to be ~d in divorce proceedings; the example ~d above/below
citizen  n. 1. a law-abiding; eminent, leading, prominent; respectable, solid, upright, upstanding ~ 2. a senior ~ 3. a private; second-class ~ 4. a native-bom (esp. AE); naturalized, new ~
citizenness  n. an informed ~
citizenship  n. 1. to grant ~ to apply for ~ to acquire, receive ~ 4. to revoke smb.’s ~ 5. to give up, renounce one’s ~ 6. dual ~
city  n. 1. to govern, manage (AE), run a ~ 2. a big; capital; cosmopolitan; densely populated; garden (BE); planned; great; major; port; provincial ~ 3. twin ~s 4. (the) central ~ (see also inner city) 5. be beleaguered; open ~ (during wartime) 6. in a ~ (to live in the ~) (see the Usage Note for town)
clause  

1. a conditional; coordinate; dependent, subordinate; independent, main; nominal, noun; nonrestrictive; relative; restrictive; verbless (~ the main verb in the main ~) "[provision]["article"] 2. (esp. AE) a grandfather (~ "a clause that exempts those already engaged in an activity prohibited by new legislation") 3. an escalator; penalty ~ 4. a most-favored-nation ~

claw I 1. to get, sink one’s ~ into 2. to retract one’s ~ (cats retract their ~s) 3. sharp ~ 4. nonretractile, retractile ~

claw II v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ at (the cat ~ed at my hand) 2. (misc.) to ~ one’s way to the top

claw back v. (BE) (D; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ some of the payment from the government = to claw some of that payment back from the government)

clay n. 1. to knead, model, shape, work ~ 2. to bake ~; clay n.

clear I adj. 1. abundantly, perfectly; fairly; painfully ~ 2. (cannot stand alone) ~ about (you are ~ about the situation ?) let’s get ~ about a few things 3. ~ from (the answer is ~ from these facts) 4. ~ of (the roads were ~ of snow; to keep ~ of trouble) 5. ~ to (the situation is ~ to everyone; it was ~ to everyone that they would not come) 6. ~ + clause (it was ~ that they would not come; the teacher made it ~ that discipline would be maintained) 7. (misc.) ~ as ~ crystal ~ crystal-clear (~ perfectly clear~)

clear II adj. 1. immaculately, spotlessly ~; clean I adj.

clear III v. 1. (D; tr.) (~ to authorize~); (~ to prepare~) to ~ for (to ~ an article for export; our plane was ~ed for takeoff; ~ the deck for action) 2. (D; tr.) (~ to remove~) to ~ from (to ~ the snow from the driveway) 3. (D; tr.) (~ "free~") to ~ of (to ~ a harbor of mines; to ~ smb. of guilt; to ~ land of trees; to ~ the driveway of snow) 4. (d; intr.) to ~ off (~ "clean~") (~ off the table so that we can eat) 5. (d; intr.) to ~ off (~ "leave~") (~ off my land or I’ll call the police!) 6. (colloq.; d; intr.) to ~ out of (~ "leave~") (~ out of town) 7. (d; tr.) (~ to remove~) to ~ out of (~ things out of a cupboard) 8. (D; tr.) (~ to get authorization for~) to ~ with (to ~ a shipment with the authorities; ~ your plan with headquarters) 9. (H) (~ to authorize~) our plane was ~ed to take off

clearance n. ~ act of clearing away~; ~ "authoriza-
tion~" 2. to get give; receive ~ for 3. customs ~ 4. ~ to + inf. (~ of inf. the control tower gave our plane ~ to take off) ~ "space between parts" 5. valve ~ ~ "certifica-
tion of eligibility for access to classified material" 6. to give; receive ~ 7. (a) security ~
cleavage n. ~ "division~" 1. a sharp ~ between (a sharp ~ developed between the two factions) 2. a gown with a deep ~ = a gown with/that shows a lot of ~
cleave v. (formal; d; intr.) (~ "cling~") to ~ to (~ to ~ old customs)
cleaver n. a butcher’s ~; meat ~
clemency n. 1. to grant; show ~ 2. to beg for, seek ~ 3. to deny ~
clerk I n. 1. a booking ~ (BE; AE has ticket agent) 2. (AE) in a hotel a desk, room ~ 3. a bank (BE); cipher, code, city (AE), town; court; filing; mail, postal ~; salesclerk (AE; BE has shop assistant) shipping; stockroom ~ 4. a junior; senior ~
clerk II v. (AE) (D; intr.) (~ legal~) to for (the bending lawyer was ~ing for a prominent judge)
clever adj. 1. ~ at, in (she is ~ at arranging furniture) 2. ~ with (he is ~ with his hands) 3. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of her to think of that)
cliché n. 1. to mouth, utter a ~ (~ he’s always mouthing ~s) 2. a well-worn ~ 3. (misc.) in ~s (to speak in well-worn ~s)
click v. 1. (on a computer) (D; intr.) to ~ on; onto 2. (colloq.) (D; intr.) (~ to be successful~) to ~ with (the new show ~ed with the public)
client n. to serve a ~
clientele n. 1. to build up, establish a ~ 2. an exclusive, fashionable, select; international ~
cliff n. 1. to climb, scale a ~; a rugged ~; a steep; a towering ~
climatic n. 1. a friendly, hospitable; hostile; inhospitable; invigorating ~ 2. an arctic, frigid; cold;
climax I
in.

cloak II
v. (d; intr.) to ~ in, with (the convention ~ed with the candidate’s acceptance speech)

climb I
n. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ aboard (to ~ aboard a raft) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ down (to ~ down a hill) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ into (the child ~ed into their bed) 4. (d; intr.) to ~ onto, upon (the child ~ed onto her mother’s lap) 5. (d; intr.) to ~ out of (to ~ out of a pit) 6. (d; intr.) to ~ over (to ~ over a fence) 7. (D; intr.) to ~ to (to ~ to the top) 8. (D; intr.) to ~ up (to ~ up a hill) 9. (misc.) the road ~s from the sea to the mountains

cloak-down n. (BE) "[retreat]" a ~ from (to be forced into a ~ from an untenable position)

cloak-down v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ from (to ~ from a tree) 2. (BE) (D; intr.) "(to retreat)" to ~ from (to ~ from an untenable position)
cloaker n. 1. a mountain ~ 2. a social ~
climb up v. (D; intr.) to ~ to (she ~ed up to the top)
cloche n. in a ~
cling v. 1. to ~ tenaciously 2. (d; intr.) to ~ (on) to (to ~ to one’s possessions; to ~ to old customs; they clung to the floating wreckage; he clung to my arm) 3. (misc.) to ~ together
clinic n. 1. to hold a ~ 2. an abortion; animal; antenatal; dental; diagnostic; family-planning; mental-health; outpatient; postpartum; special; speech; walk-in; well-child (AE); well-woman ~ 3. at, in a ~ (she works at the ~)
clip I n. ["device to hold cartridges"] 1. to insert a ~ 2. a cartridge ~ ["device that fastens"] 3. a paper; tie ~ ["excerpt"] 4. a film ~
clip II n. (colloq.) ["speed"] at a ~ (to move at a fast ~)
clip III v. 1. (esp. AE) (D; tr.) to ~ to from (to ~ articles from a newspaper) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ one page to another = to ~ two pages together) 3. (N; used with an adjective) she ~ped his hair short
clipper n. 1. a nail ~ 2. a barber’s ~s 3. a coupon ~ ("one whose income is derived from stocks and bonds")
clipping n. 1. a newspaper; press ~ (from) (AE; BE has press cutting) 2. fingernail; toenail ~s
clique n. a military; ruling ~
cloak I n. ["cover"] under a ~ (under a ~ of secrecy)
cloak II v. (d; tr.) to ~ in (~ed in secrecy)
cloakroom see the Usage Note for room
clock I n. 1. to regulate, set; wind (up) a ~ 2. to advance a ~; or: to put, set, turn a ~ ahead/forward ((by) one hour) 3. to put, set, turn a ~ back ((by) one hour) 4. a digital; cuckoo; electric; grandfather; wall ~ (by/according to my digital ~, it’s ten thirty) 5. a time ~ (to punch a time ~ when starting or finishing work) 6. a biological ~ (her biological ~ keeps ticking away) 7. a ~ is fast; right; slow 8. a ~ gains time; goes, runs; keeps time; loses time; runs down; says the time, shows the time, tells the time (BE), tells time (AE); stops; ticks 9. a ~ strikes the hour 10. the dial; face; hands of a ~ 11. (misc.) to watch the ~ ("to watch impatiently for the end of the working day"); to work (around the ~ ("to work without rest"); to work against the ~ ("to strive to meet a deadline"); the ~ ran out ("the allotted time expired"); to stop the ~ ("to suspend play in a game so that the clock stops running") (see also alarm clock)
clock II v. 1. (D; tr.) ("to time") to ~ at (he was ~ed at seventy miles an hour) 2. (J) he was ~ed doing seventy miles an hour
clockwise adj., adv. 1. to go ~ 2. to turn (smt.) ~
clockwork n. (misc.) to go, work like ~ ("work perfectly"); as regular as ~ ("completely regular")
clog v. (D; tr.) to ~ up (with the pipe was ~ged up with leaves)
close I adj., adv. /klouz/ ["near"] 1. ~ to (~ to tears; we live ~ to town; ~ to the truth] ["stingy"] (colloq.) 2. ~ with (~ with one’s money) ["secretive"] 3. ~ about (~ about one’s past) ["on intimate terms"] 4. ~ to, with (~ with one’s parents) ["misc."] 5. to see smt. ~ to (BE), up; they were sitting ~ together (see also near adv.)
close II n. /klouz/ ["finish"] 1. to bring to a ~ 2. to come to, draw to a ~ ["end of a letter"] 3. the complimentary ~ (of/to a letter) (the complimentary ~ appears at or towards the ~ of a letter)
close III v. /klouz/ 1. (d; intr.) to ~ about, around, round ("to encircle") (night ~d around us) 2. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ for (to ~ a store for renovations; the store ~d for renovations) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ on ("to get near to") (the police were ~ing on the fugitive) 4. (D; tr.) ("to shut") to ~ on (she ~d the door on him) 5. (D; tr.) ("to shut") to ~ to (they ~d their eyes to the truth) 6. (d; intr.) to ~ with (~ to engage) (to ~ with the enemy) 7. (d; intr., tr.) ("to finish") to ~ with (they ~d the concert with "by playing") (a march) 8. (N; used with an adjective) ("to shut") she ~d the door tight 9. (s) stocks ~d strong; weak
closed adj. 1. for (~ for renovations) 2. ~ to the road was ~ to traffic; the store was ~ to the public for renovations
close in v. /klouz/ 1. (D; intr.) to ~ for (~ to approach and prepare for) (to ~ for the kill) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ on (~ to bring to bay) (the police ~d in on the fugitive)
closer, closest adj., adv. ~ to (the park is closer to our hotel than it is to yours; which stop is closest to Times Square?)
closemouthed adj. ~ about
closeness n. ~ to
close off v. (D; tr.) to ~ from, to (they were completely ~d off from the outside world)
closet n. ["cupboard"] (esp. AE) 1. a china; clothes; linen; walk-in ["toilet"] (esp. BE) (old-fashioned) 2. a water ~ ["misc."] 3. to come out of the ~ (about smt.) ("to come out into the open about smt.")
closeted adj. ~ with (he was ~ with the mayor for an hour)
closure n. ["act of closing"] 1. earmarked for ~ (mines earmarked for ~) 2. the ~ of (the ~ of local mines) ["emotional closure"] 3. to achieve ~ (once she knew that he was really dead she could achieve ~ and move on in her life)
clot n. 1. to form a ~ 2. to dissolve; remove a ~ 3. a blood ~ 4. a ~ forms
cloth n. 1. to dye; weave ~ 2. homespun ~ 3. a drop ~ 4. a loin ~ 5. a bolt; piece; strip of ~
clothe v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ in (~d in wool/black) 2. (misc.) fully; partially ~
clothes n. 1. to change; put on; wear (one’s) ~ 2. to take off (one’s) ~ 3. to iron; launder, wash; mend ~ 4. baby; maternity; night; summer; swaddling; old ~ 6. castoff; secondhand, used; shabby ~ 7. civilian; plain ~ 8. in ~ (the soldier was in civilian ~ rather than in uniform; the policeman was in plain ~ rather than in uniform: he was a plain-clothes policeman/officer)
clothesline n. to put up, string; take down a ~
clothing n. 1. to put on; wear (one’s) ~ 2. to take off (one’s) ~ 3. to iron; launder, wash; mend ~ 4. baby; maternity; night; summer; swaddling; warm; winter ~ 5. elegant, fashionable; new; plain; old ~ 6. castoff; secondhand, used; shabby ~ 7. civilian; plain ~ 8. in ~ (the soldier was in civilian ~ rather than in uniform: the policeman was in plain ~ rather than in uniform: he was a plain-clothes policeman/officer)
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cocktail

n. 1. to make, mix, prepare ; sip a ~ 2. fruit

cocoon
to make, spin a ~

coast

a broken, irregular, jagged ; rugged ~

coastline

a forbidding, inhospitable ; rugged ~

coastl

v. 1. a forbidding, inhospitable ; rugged ~

coal

n. 1. to mine, produce ~ 2. to burn, use ~ 3. to shovel ~ (into a furnace) 4. anthracite, hard ; bituminous, soft ; brown ~ 5. hot, live ~s (to cook meat over hot ~s) 6. ~ burns 7. a chunk, lump, piece of ~ ; a bed of ~s. (misc.) to rake smb. over the ~s ("to criticize smb. harshly")

coalesce
(v. (D ; intr.) ("to move effortlessly") they ~ed along the ~ (there are many fishing towns on the stretch of ~ between here and there) 4. (AE) on the (West) Coast ("on the Pacific Coast of the US") (he moved to the Coast and still lives on the Coast) 5. (misc.) the ~ is clear ("there is no danger in sight") ; from ~ to ~ USAGE NOTE: the bank(s) of a river or canal ; the shore of a lake or sea ; the coast (of an ocean).

coast II

v. 1. to mint, strike ~s 2. to jingle ~s 3. to drop, tote a ~ (into a grave) ; to blow away, ~s

cogitate
(v. (formal) (D ; intr.) to ~ about, on

cognate
~ to (AE), with (Dutch is ~ with English and German)

cognizance
n. 1. to design, make up ; 2. an amazing ; odd, strange ; remarkable ~ 3. other in their views)

cognizant
adj. (formal) ~ to (AE), with (Dutch is ~ with English and German)

cogitate
v. (formal) (D ; intr.) to ~ about, on

cogitation
v. (formal) (D ; intr.) to ~ about, on

college
n. (D ; tr.) to ~ in (she ~ed us)

colormen
n. (to hang / coattails)

coat II

v. 1. (D ; tr.) to ~ for (to ~ a team for a championship match) 2. (D ; tr.) to ~ in (she ~es us in math)

coalesce
v. (D ; intr.) to ~ into
colony n. 1. to establish a ~ 2. to disband a ~ 3. a Crown Colony
4. an artists’; leper; nudist; penal ~ 5. an ant ~ (many ants lived in a huge ant ~)

color, colour I n. ["hue"] 1. a bright, brilliant; contrasting; dark; dull; garish, gaudy, loud; harsh; light; matching; natural; neutral; pastel; rich; soft; subdued; vivid; warm ~ (I can’t remember her hair ~ or her eye ~ but I think they were both a dark ~) 2. (usu. fig.) glowing ~s (to picture smt. in glowing ~s) 3. complementary; primary; secondary ~s 4. ~ clash; fade; match 5. in ~ (in natural ~) 6. a combination of ~s; a riot of ~ 7. (misc.) with illustrations in full ~ ["features"] 8. local ~ ["paint"] 9. oil; water ~s 10. a ~ runs ["vividness"] 11. to add, lend ~ (to a story) ["complexion"] 12. to change, turn ~ ("to become pale; to blush") 13. (misc.) the fresh air brought the ~ back to his cheeks ~ in the fresh air the ~ came back to his cheeks ["misch"] 14. off ~ ("not proper, bawdy") (AE) 15. off ~ ("poorly") (BE)

color, colour II n. 1. a sports ; syndicated ~ 2. a fifth ~ columnist

comb v. 1. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ against (to ~ forces against a common enemy) 2. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ into (they ~d all the pieces into a whole) 3. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ with (hydrogen ~s with oxygen; to ~ initiative with/and caution; to ~ business with/ and pleasure; should business and pleasure ~ (with each other)?)

combo n. (colloq.) a jazz ~

combustion n. 1. to produce ~ 2. internal; spontaneous ~

come v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ across ("to meet or find by chance") (I came across an old friend – I came across him working in his garden; I came across a rare coin – I came across it just lying in the street!) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ after ("to follow") (the intermission ~s after the first act) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ after ("to pursue or attack") (the police came after him because he had come after me with a knife) 4. (d; intr.) to ~ around ("to turn") (to ~ around the corner) 5. (d; intr.) to ~ around ("to circle") (to ~ around the mountain) 6. (d; intr.) to ~ as ("to be") (it came as a surprise) 7. (d; intr.) to ~ at ("to attack") (he came at me with a knife) 8. (d; intr.) to ~ before ("to appear") (to ~ before the court) 9. (d; intr.) to ~ between ("to alienate; to separate") (to ~ between two friends) 10. (d; intr.) to ~ by, into ("to acquire") (she came by quite a bit of property; he came into a large inheritance) 11. (d; intr.) to ~ down ("to descend") (to ~ down the stairs) 12. (d; intr.) to ~ for ("to pick up") (she came for her book) 13. (d; intr.) to ~ for ("to participate") (to ~ for lunch; to ~ for a walk) 14. (d; intr.) to ~ from ("to originate") (she ~s from another country; milk ~s from cows) 15. (d; intr.) to ~ into ("to enter") (to ~ into being; to ~ into use; to ~ into focus; to ~ into the open; to ~ into view) 16. (d; intr.) to ~ of ("to result") (this is what ~s of being so careless; no good can ~ of his meddling!) 17. (d; intr.) to ~ off ("to fall off") (the knob came off the door) 18. (d; intr.) to ~ on, upon ("to meet") (to ~ upon a stranger; to ~ upon a shocking scene) 19. (d; intr.) to ~ on (~"begin") (~"enter") (to ~ on duty; to ~ on the scene) 20. (d; intr.) to ~ out of ("to leave") (he came out of the room) 21. (d; intr.) to ~ over ("to affect") (what has come over you?) 22. (d; intr.) to ~ to (~ amount") (the bill came to twenty dollars) 23. (d; intr.) to ~ to ("to arrive at") ("to reach") (the incident came to their attention; to ~ to grief; success came to her early; he came to his senses; it came to our knowledge that…; to ~ to terms; to ~ to the point; to ~ to a halt) 24. (D; intr.) to ~ to ("be due") (he got what was ~ing to him = he had it ~ing to him) 25. (d; intr.) to ~ to ("to happen") (no harm came to them) 26. (d; intr.) to ~ to ("to be remembered by") (her name finally came to me) 27. (d; intr.) to ~ to ("to concern") (when it ~s to politics) 28. (d; intr.) to ~ under ("to fall") (to ~ under the jurisdiction of a court; to ~ under suspicion; to ~ under smb.’s influence; to
come about 

come by

v.

1. (d ; intr.) to ~ at ("to react") (to ~ at come back)

come across

v.

1. (D ; intr.) to ~ for (she came along for the ride)

come away

v.

1. ("to leave") 1. (D ; intr.) to ~ from (I came away from the meeting with a favorable impression) 2. (d ; intr.) to ~ with (he came away with a favorable impression)

comeback n. ["recovery or return to favor"] 1. to attempt; try; make; stage a ~ 2. a successful; unsuccessful ~ ["retort"] 3. a snappy ~

come back

v. 1. (d ; intr.) to ~ at ("to react") (to ~ at smb. with a wisecrack) 2. (D ; intr.) ("to return") to ~ from (they came back from their honeymoon last week) to ~ from the dead) 3. (D ; intr.) ("to return") to ~ to (they came back to their hometown; the Pilgrims) 5. (BE) (s) ("to begin to feel") to ~ (all) faint; (all) nervous

come by

v. (D ; intr.) ("to drop in") to ~ for (to ~ for a drink)

come clean

v. (D ; intr.) ("to admit") to ~ about (he came clean about the bribe)

comedian n. an alternative (BE) ("anti-establishment"); nightclub; radio; stand-up; TV

comedown n.

an alternative (BE) ("anti-establishment") ; nightclub ; radio ; stand-up ; TV ~

come down

v. 1. (BE) (D ; intr.) to ~ from ("to leave") (to ~ from Oxford) 2. (d ; intr.) to ~ from ("to originate from") (this statue has come down to us from the fifteenth century) 3. (d ; intr.) to ~ on ("to treat") (the teacher came down hard on him for missing class) 4. (d ; intr.) to ~ to ("to amount to") (it always ~s down to the same old thing in the end) 5. (d ; intr.) to ~ with ("to catch, develop") (to ~ with a cold)

comfort

n. 1. to bring, give, provide ~ 2. to derive, get ~ from 3. to find, take; seek ~ in (she finds ~ in
helping others) 4. to enjoy the ~s (of life) 5. cold, little ~ 6. creature ~s; spiritual ~ 7. a ~ to (they were a great ~ to their parents) 8. a ~ to + inf. (it was a ~ to (us) to know that they were safe) 9. in ~ (to live in ~)

**comfortable adj.** 1. to feel ~ 2. to make smb. ~ 3. ~ with (are you ~ with this decision?) 4. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ to sit here in the shade = it is ~ sitting here in the shade)

**comforter n.** ["duvet"] (AE) a down ~

**comforting adj.** ~ to + inf. (it was ~ to be sure of their support)

**coming n.** 1. the Second Coming 2. with the ~ (of summer)

**comma n.** 1. to place a ~, put in a ~ 2. inverted ~s comma

**coming n.** 1. the Second Coming 2. with the ~ (of summer)

**command I n.** ["authority"] ["control"] 1. to assume, take (over) ~ 2. to exercise ~ 3. to give up, relinquish; lose one's ~ 4. firm ~ 5. ~ of, over (he assumed ~ of the regiment) 6. in ~ (of) (he was put in ~ of the task force; who will be placed in ~ (of the division)?) 7. under smb.'s ~ (we were under her ~) 8. the chain of ~ ["headquarters"] 9. the high, supreme ~ 10. a unified ~ ["order"] 11. to carry out, execute; give, issue a ~ 12. a ~ that + clause; subj. (we obeyed their ~ that prisoners be/should be treated properly) 13. at smb.'s ~ (at his ~ we opened fire) ["military unit"] 14. a combat; military ~ ["mastery"] 15. fluent, perfect ~ (fluent ~ of a language)

**command II v.** 1. (H) the captain ~ed the company to fall in 2. (L; subj.) the captain ~ed that the company fall in/should fall in

**commandant (mil.)** the ~ of the Marine Corps; ~ to + inf. (it is ~ for / commendable

**commander** 1. a lieutenant; naval ~ 2. a battalion; military ~

**commander-in-Chief** 3. a ~ commands a unit

**commandment** 1. to carry on, engage in ~ 2. to commence

**commerce** 1. a news; radio; sports; TV ~ 2. a ~ with the countries of Central America) 5. (misc.) a Chamber of Commerce

**commission** 1. a news; radio; sports; TV ~ 2. a ~ (of the division) ?) 7. under her ~) 8. the chain of ~

**commissioner** 1. to have, make, pass a ~ (on); to have a ~ to make (on); to invite, solicit, welcome a ~ (on) (the government would welcome ~s on its policies from the public) 2. (an) appropriate, fair, fitting; favorable; incisive; perceptive, shrewd; revealing ~ 3. a casual; passing ~ 4. an ironic, wry ~ 5. a cryptic; inappropriately; on-the-record ~ 6. a caustic, critical, derogatory, sarcastic, scathing, unfavorable; nasty, vicious; provocative; trenchant ~ 7. (a) ~ about, on (there was no ~ about the incident in the press) 8. (a) ~ from (there was no ~ from the other party) 9. a ~ that + clause (her ~ that she was very happy to be a guest in their country was greeted with delight) 10. without further ~; no ~! ["gossip"] ["talk"] 11. to arouse, cause, evoke ~ 12. considerable; critical, scathing; favorable; unfavorable ~ (the incident evoked considerable ~ in the capitals of Europe)

**commentary** 1. to give a ~ 2. a blow-by-blow, play-by-play; running; political ~ 3. a ~ on 4. (misc.) a sad ~ (as on the world situation) (international terrorism is a sad ~ on the world situation)

**commentator** 1. n. a news; radio; sports; TV ~ 2. a ~ on (a ~ on political affairs)

**commerce n.** 1. to carry on, engage in ~ 2. to develop, expand ~ 3. international; interstate; overseas ~ 4. ~ among; between; with (to carry on ~ with the countries of Central America) 5. (misc.) a Chamber of Commerce

**commercial n.** ["paid spoken advertisement"] a radio; TV ~

**commiserate** v. (d; intr.) to ~ on; with (I ~d with them on their misfortune)

**commissar** a political ~

**commission I n.** ["committee"] ["council"] 1. to appoint, establish, set up a ~ 2. to chair a ~ 3. to give, receive a ~ 18. to execute a ~ 19. a ~ to + inf. (there was no ~ from the other party) 9. a ~ that + clause (her ~ that she was very happy to be a guest in their country was greeted with delight) 10. without further ~; no ~! ["gossip"] ["talk"] 11. to arouse, cause, evoke ~ 12. considerable; critical, scathing; favorable; unfavorable ~ (the incident evoked considerable ~ in the capitals of Europe)

**comment II v.** 1. (D; intr.) to ~ about, on 2. (L) she ~ed that she was very happy to be a guest in their country

**commissary note** : Commonwealth countries exchange High Commissioners with one another and Ambassadors with other countries.

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**commission II v.** 1. (D; tr.) to ~ as (she ~d as a ~)

**commissioner** 1. to assume, (formal) 1. to ~ as (she ~d as an ~)

**commissioner** 1. (N; used with a noun) she was ~ed a captain ~ 2. (H) she ~ed an artist to paint her portrait

**commissioner** 1. a high ~ for (the high ~ for occupied territories) 2. a fire; health; police; water ~ 3. a county; township ~ 4. the Canadian, Ghanaian, etc. High Commissioners in London USAGE NOTE: Commonwealth countries exchange High Commissioners with one another and Ambassadors with other countries.
commit v. 1. (D; refl.) (“to devote”) to ~ to (to ~ oneself to a cause) 2. (D; tr.) (“to assign”) to ~ to (to ~ funds to a project) 3. (D; tr.) (“to confine”) to ~ to (to ~ smb. to a mental hospital; ~ted to prison) 4. (d; tr.) (“to place”) (to ~ a child to a relative’s care; to ~ a poem to memory; to ~ one’s thoughts to paper) 5. (H; usu. refl.; no passive) (AE) (“to pledge”) he ~ted himself to support her parents 6. (J; usu. refl.) (“to pledge”) he ~ted himself to supporting her parents

commitment n. ["promise"] 1. to have; make a ~ to affirm, honor, meet a ~ 3. a firm; prior ~ 4. a ~ to + inf. (he made a ~ to support her parents) 5. a ~ that + clause (he made a ~ that he would support her parents) ["devotion"] 6. to demonstrate, display, show ~ 7. an all-out, total; deep, passionate ~ (a ~ to (~ to a cause) (he has always displayed a high level of ~ to his principles)

committed adj. 1. deeply, firmly, totally, wholeheartedly ~ 2. to (~ to his principles) 3. to + inf. (he is ~ to support her parents (AE); or (CE), more usu.: he is ~ to supporting her parents)

committee n. 1. to appoint, establish, form, organize, set up a ~ to chair; sit on a ~ to disband; leave, resign from a ~ 4. an ad-hoc; advisory; budget; congressional; credentials; executive; finance; grievance; legislative; nominating; planning; program; select; special; standing; steering; strike; watchdog; ways-and-means ~ (~ of the whole 5. a ~ on (a ~ on problems of the elderly) 6. on a ~ (who will be serving on the ~ when it finally meets?) 7. (misc.) to report a bill out of ~

commodity n. 1. to trade in ~ties 2. a basic; firm; marketable; staple ~

common I adj. 1. pretty, quite; very ~ 2. (cannot ~ commodity) n. 1. to state a ~ 2. to exchange ~ to + inf. (it was ~ for them)

commonplace II n. 1. to apply, exercise, show, use; have ~ 2. the ~ to + inf. (he had the ~ to remain silent) 3. (misc.) good; plain ~ (just plain good old ~)

commotion n. 1. to cause, create, make, raise a ~ 2. a great ~ 3. a ~ dies down,subsides 4. a ~ about, over (they escaped in the ~ about the news) 5. in a state of ~

commune v. (d; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with nature)

communicate v. 1. to ~ clearly; officially; unofficially 2. to ~ on line 3. (B) she tried to ~ her thoughts to her children 4. (D; intr.) to ~ by, in, through (to ~ by/in code; to ~ through signals) 5. (D; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with one’s parents)

communication n. ["message"] 1. to address, direct, send (all) ~s (to a certain place) 2. to receive a ~ 3. a direct; official; personal; privileged ("confidential") ~ 4. a ~ from; to ["act, means of communicating"] 5. to establish; improve ~ 6. to cut off ~s 7. mass ~s 8. online; radio; two-way ~ 9. ~ between; with (to establish ~ with the rescue team; to cut off all ~s with the mainland) 10. in ~ (with) (she has been in ~ with her family) 11. (misc.) a means of ~ open lines of ~; a breakdown in ~

communion n. ["sharing"] 1. in ~ (with) ["a Christian sacrament, the Eucharist"] 2. to administer, give ~ 3. to receive; take ~ 4. Holy Communion (how many people were at Holy Communion today?) 5. smb.’s First Communion

communiqué n. 1. to issue a ~ 2. a joint ~ 3. an official ~ 4. a ~ about, on (they issued a ~ on the results of the conference)

communist n. an avowed; card-carrying ~

community n. ["group with common interests"] 1. an (the) academic, college, university; business; ethnic; gay; intelligence ~; the international ~; a (the) religious; scientific ~ 2. to divide, polarize, split; unite a ~ ["group who live together"] 3. to establish, found, set up; join a ~ 4. to disband, dissolve; leave a ~ 5. a closed; close-knit ~ 6. a life-care (AE); retirement ~ 7. (AE) a bedroom ~ (BE has dormitory town) 8. (misc.) a pillar of the ~

commute I n. (colloq.) ["ride to work"] 1. an easy; long ~ 2. a ~ from; to

commute II v. 1. (D; intr.) ["travel regularly"] to ~ between; from; to (to ~ between two cities; to ~ from the suburbs to the city) 2. (D; tr.) ["to change"] to ~ to (the Governor ~d his death sentence to life imprisonment)

commuter n. 1. a suburban ~ 2. a ~ between; from; to

compact n. (formal) ["agreement"] 1. to make a ~ with 2. a ~ between; with 3. a ~ to + inf. (we made a ~ not to discuss the matter further)

companion n. 1. smb.’s boon; close, constant, inseparable ~ 2. smb.’s life; traveling ~ 3. a ~ for, to (she worked as a ~ to an elderly woman)

company n. ["military unit consisting of several platoons"] 1. to command a ~ (a captain commands a ~) 2. to deploy; form a ~ 3. a cannon; headquarters; infantry ~ ["companionship"] 4. to keep (smb.). ~ to; seek smb.’s ~ 5. to part ~ with 6. good, pleasant ~ 7. (good) ~ for (the children were good ~ for us) ["guests"] 8. to expect; have; invite ~ (for) (we enjoy having ~; ~’s coming tonight!); (on a formal invitation) Professor and Mrs. Jones request the pleasure of your ~ for dinner tonight) ["associates"] ["association"] ["gathering of people"] 9. to keep ~ with 10. mixed ~ (don’t use that word in mixed ~!)

company
**compile** v. (D; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ a dictionary from various sources)

**complacency** n. ~ about; (AE) towards

**complacent** adj. 1. to become, get, grow ~ 2. ~ about; (AE) towards

**complain** v. 1. to ~ bitterly, loudly, vociferously; constantly 2. (D; intr.) to ~ about, of; to (I ~ ed to the manager about the service; she ~ ed of indigitation) 3. (L; to) she ~ ed (to the manager) that the service was bad

**complainer** n. a chronic ~

**complaint** n. 1. to bring, file, lodge, make, register, swear out a ~ 2. to express, voice; have a ~ 3. to get, receive; accept, act on, respond to a ~ 4. to disregard, ignore; reject a ~ 5. a bitter, loud, vociferous; common, frequent ~ 6. a formal, official; justified; legitimate ~ 7. a frivolous; unjustified ~ 8. a ~ about; with (she filed a ~ about the service with the manager) 9. a ~ against (they lodged a ~ against me) 10. a ~ to (our ~ to the dean was ignored) 11. a ~ that + clause (the manager rejected her ~ that the service was bad) 12. (misc.) grounds for / (a) cause for ~; a flood of ~

**complement** n. 1. a full; perfect ~ 2. (naval) a ship’s ~ (‘crew’) 3. (grammar) a predicate ~ 4. a ~ to (white wine is / makes a perfect ~ to fish)

**complementary** adj. ~ to

**complete I adj.** with (a turkey dinner ~ with all the trimmings)

**complete II v.** (G) She has just ~ d writing her second novel

**completion** n. 1. to approach, near ~ 2. on ~ of (on ~ of this dictionary we will need a rest)

**complex** n. [*bad feelings or repressed desires*] 1. to have, suffer from a ~ (about) 2. to give smb. a ~ (about) 3. an Electra; Oedipus ~ 4. a guilt; persecution ~ 5. an inferiority; superiority ~ [*large system*] 6. the military-industrial ~ 7. an apartment (AE); housing; shopping; sports ~

**complexion** n. [*skin, esp. on smb.’s face*] 1. a clear; dark; fair; flawless; florid, ruddy; good; healthy; light, pale; pasty; sallow; smooth ~ [*aspect*] 2. to put a new and more favorable ~ on smt. that had previously taken on an unfavorable ~ 3. a political ~ (the political ~ of the new administration)

**complexity** n. of (great) ~ (a problem of great ~ = a problem of a high degree of ~)

**compliance** n. 1. ~ with (~ with the law) 2. in ~ with (in ~ with regulations)

**complication** n. 1. to cause ~s 2. to avoid; prevent ~s (to prevent the ~s of pregnancy) 3. ~s arise, occur, (esp. AE) set in

**complicity** n. 1. ~ between; with 2. ~ in (~ between gangsters in a crime)

**compliment I n.** [*praise*] 1. to pay smb. a ~ 2. to lavish, shower ~ on 3. to return a ~ 4. to accept a ~; to take smt. as a ~ 5. to angle for, fish for ~s 6. to bandy ~s 7. a backhanded, dubious, left-handed; nice, pretty; sincere ~ 8. a ~ on; to (she paid him a nice ~ on his success; her remarks were meant as a ~ to him on his success = (AE) her remarks were meant as a ~ to his success)

**compliment II v.** (D; tr.) to ~ on (I ~ ed him on his performance)

**complimentary** adj. 1. highly ~ 2. ~ about

**compliments** n. [*greetings*] 1. to convey, present, send one’s/smb.’s ~ 2. (misc.) with the author’s ~; with the ~ of the management; ~ to the chef

**comply v.** (D; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with the law; to ~ with smb.’s request)

**component** n. a basic, essential, key, main, principal ~

**comport** v. (formal) (P: refl.) to ~ oneself with dignity; ~ oneself well

**compose v.** 1. (D; tr.) to ~ for (to ~ an ode for an emperor; to ~ a symphony for a special concert) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ an ode to an emperor (= ‘to compose an ode in honor of an emperor’)

**composed** adj. [*‘comprising’*] (cannot stand alone) ~ of (the team was ~ entirely of seasoned players) (see the Usage Note for *comprised*)

**composer** n. a classical; major; minor; popular ~

**composition** n. [*essay*] 1. to do, write a ~ on (~ of music*) 2. to perform, play a ~ (they performed a ~ by Mozart for violin and piano)

**composure** n. 1. to keep, retain; recover, regain one’s ~ (despite the insult he managed to retain his ~ unruffled) 2. to lose one’s ~ 3. to ruffle smb.’s ~ 4. with great ~

**compound I n.** [*mixture*] a chemical; organic ~

**compound II n.** [*enclosure*] an embassy; factory; prison ~

**comprehend** v. 1. (K) can you ~ his behaving like that? 2. (L) she did not ~ that he would not return 3. (Q) she could not ~ why he would not return 4. (misc.) she gaped at me with a ~

**comprehension** n. 1. to defy, elude ~ 2. ~ reading ~ 3. beyond ~ 4. (misc.) she gaped at me with a ~

**comprehensible** adj. 1. ~ 2. (misc.) it is not ~ to me why they refused to come

**comprehensives** n. [*comprehensive examination*] (AE) to take one’s ~

**compress I n.** 1. to apply a ~ to 2. a cold; dry; hot; smooth ~

**compress II v.** (D; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ a whole paragraph into two sentences)

**comprised** adj. [*‘comprising’*] (cannot stand alone) ~ of USAGE NOTE: Some purists prefer composed of to comprised of

**compromise I** n. 1. to agree (BE), agree on, agree to, arrive at, come to, reach, work out a ~ to reject a ~ 3. an acceptable, reasonable ~ 4. a ~ between; with (we reached a ~ with them on the payment)
compromise II n. (D; intr.) to ~ on, over; with (they ~d on certain items with us)

compromiser n. the Comptroller General (AE)

compulsion n. 1. to feel a ~ 2. (a) moral ~ 3. a ~ to + inf. (he felt no ~ to do it) 4. under ~ (to give in under ~)

compulsory I n. 1. a ~ 2. ~ on, over; with (they ~d on certain items with us)

computer n. 1. to boot up; reboot a ~ to operate, use a ~ 3. to switch on, turn on a ~ 4. to switch off, turn off a ~ 5. to program a ~ 6. an analog desktop; digital; electronic; general-purpose; handheld; home; laptop; mainframe ~; microcomputer; minicomputer; parallel; personal; serial ~ 7. the ~ is down ("the computer is not functioning") 8. the ~ is up ("the computer is functioning") 9. a ~ bombs (AE), crashes; freezes up 10. by ~ (the book was typeset by ~) 11. in a ~ (to store data in a ~) 12. on a ~ (to run a program on a ~)

comrade n. 1. a fallen ~ 2. a ~ in arms 3. an old ~

concede v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ from 2. (Q) they tried to ~

conceal v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ smb. into doing smt.) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ out of (he ~ned me out of my money)

concede v. 1. (B) he finally ~d the election to his opponent 2. (L; to) she reluctantly ~d (to us) that she had been mistaken

conceded adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ to + inf. (this painting is ~ to be her best work)

conceit n. insufferable, overwhelming ~

conceivable adj. 1. barely, hardly; just (about) ~ 2. ~ that + clause (it is just about ~ that they knew of it beforehand)

conceive v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ of (can you ~ of such cruelty?) 2. (L; I) I could not ~ that he would do such a thing 3. (Q) I could not ~ how he could have done that 4. (misc.) to ~ of smb./smt. as smb./smt. else (to ~ of life as a struggle)

concentrate v. 1. to ~ hard 2. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ in (to ~ all the government departments in the capital) 3. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ on (to ~ all our efforts on solving the problem; to ~ hard on solving the problem)

concentration n. 1. to disrupt, disturb smb.'s ~ 2. deep, intense ~ 3. ~ in (the ~ of all government departments in the capital) 4. ~ on 5. in ~ (in deep ~) 6. (misc.) smb.'s powers of ~

concept n. 1. to develop; formulate, frame a ~ 2. to grasp, understand a ~ 3. an abstract ~ 4. the ~ of (the ~ of God) 5. the ~ that + clause (the ~ that trade lessons international tensions is valid)

conception n. ["concept"] 1. to have a ~ (you have no ~ of the problems we must face) 2. a clear; vague ~ 3. the ~ that + clause (the ~ that the superpowers must fight is dangerous) ["becoming pregnant or being conceived"] 4. to prevent ~ 5. at ~ (at the moment of ~)

conceptualize v. (d; tr.) to ~ as (the author ~d the war as a crusade)

concern I n. ["interest"] ["apprehension"] 1. to arouse, cause, give ~ 2. to express, voice; show ~ 3. to feel; share ~ 4. (a) deep, grave, serious; major; paramount; primary ~ (there is grave ~ about the national debt) 5. (a) growing; overriding; widespread ~ 6. (a) common; particular ~ (we have a common ~ over the problems of pollution) 7. (a) national ~ 8. (a) public ~ 9. considerable, utmost ~ (this is a matter of utmost ~ to all of us; they have expressed considerable ~ about the growing crime rate) 10. an object ~ 11. ~ about, for, over, with (~ about debts; ~ for the children; ~ over the future) 12. ~ to + inf. (~ to know the truth) 13. ~ that + clause (to express ~ that they might fail) 14. of ~ to (the matter was of deep ~ to us; climate change seems of no ~ to him) 15. in one's ~ (in their ~ over the debt) 16. out of ~ (she did it out of ~ for her children) ["firm"] 17. to manage a ~ 18. (misc.) a going ("successful") ~

concern II v. 1. (d; refl.) to ~ oneself about, over, with (she ~d herself with the problem with illiteracy) 2. (R) it ~s her that there is still so much illiteracy

concerned adj. 1. deeply, gravely, greatly; very ~ 2. ~ about, for, over, with (~ about safety) 3. (esp. BE) ~ to + inf. (~ to know your decision) 4. ~ that + clause (she is ~ that there is still so much illiteracy; we are ~ that they might have missed the train) 5. (misc.) as far as I'm ~ USAGE NOTE: The phrase concerned about, concerned over, and, less frequently, concerned for mean "worried about" (concerned about your safety). The phrase concerned with means "interested in" (concerned with establishing the truth).

concert n. ["musical program"] 1. to attend, go to; give, hold, stage a ~ 2. to cancel a ~ 3. a band; benefit; charity; chamber-music; live; orchestral; pop; (BE) prom, promenade; rock; subscription ~ (to hold a series of benefit ~s) (see also live in concert at live I adv.) 4. a ~ by (to attend a ~ by the Berlin Philharmonic) 5. a ~ of (a ~ of Mozart piano concertos) 6. at a ~ (we met at a ~ to raise money for charity) ["harmony, agreement"] 7. in ~ (with) ("together") (to work in ~; voices raised in ~)

concerto n. 1. to compose, write a ~ 2. to perform, play a ~ 3. a cello; clarinet; piano; violin ~ 4. ~ for a ~ for piano and orchestra

concession n. ["yielding"] 1. to grant, make a ~ 2. a ~ on, to (to make no ~ to foreign policy to the opposition) ["right to conduct business"] 3. to grant; receive a ~ 4. a parking; refreshment ~ 5. a ~ to + inf. (their firm received a ~ to prospect for oil) ["discount"] (BE) 6. a ~ for (are there any ~s for Old-Age Pensioners?)

conclave n. ["meeting"] a party ~

conclude v. 1. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ by, with (she ~d the meeting by asking us to pray, she ~d the meeting
with a prayer) 2. (D ; tr.) to ~ from (what did they ~ from the evidence ?) 3. (L) from the evidence, they ~d that war was inevitable

**conclusion** n. 1. to arrive at, come to, draw a ~ 2. to jump, leap to a ~ ; point to a ~ 3. to bring to a ~ 4. a correct ; logical ; reasonable, tenable, valid ~ 5. a foregone ; inescapable, inevitable ~ 6. an error- noine, false, invalid, wrong ; hasty ~ 7. a ~ that + clause (the evidence pointed to the inescapable ~ that war was inevitable) 8. at the ~ (at the ~ of the meeting she asked us to pray) 9. in ~ (in ~, I repeat that war is wrong) 

**concord** n. (formal) in ~ (with)

**concomitant** adj.

**concoction** n.

**conclusion** (rel.) 1. to conclude, draw up a ~ 2. a ~

**concrete** n.

**condescend** (formal) 1. (d ; intr.) to ~ to (don't ~ v.)

**concussion** n. 1. to get, have, receive, sustain a ~ 2. a ~

**concurrent** ~ with

1. to ~ bitterly, harshly, roundly, condemn

**condemnation** n. 1. to issue a ~ 2. (a) bitter, harsh, scathing, strong ; sweeping, universal ; unfair, unjust ~ (strong ~ of the measure came from all political ~)

2. (D ; tr.) to ~ as (they ~d him for her ~)

3. (H) he was ~d to death

~d to hard labor 5. (H) he was ~d to die

**condemnation** n. 1. to issue a ~ 2. (a) bitter, harsh, scathing, strong ; sweeping, universal ; unfair, unjust ~ (strong ~ of the measure came from all parties)

**condemn** v. (G) I don't / condone v. 1. (BE) to ~ from (what did they ~ from the evidence ?) 3. (L) from the evidence, they ~d that war was inevitable

**condemn** v. 1. (D ; refl.) to ~ like (he ~ed himself like a good soldier) 2. (P ; refl.) to ~ oneself with dignity 3. (formal) (P ; tr.) she was ~ed into the conference room ; they ~ed us through the museum

**condenser** n. (smt. that conducts) 1. a lightning ~ ["person who collects fares"] (BE) 2. a bus ~ ["director"] 3. a guest ; orchestra ~
cone n. 1. an ice-cream ~ 2. a fir; pine ~
confederacy n. 1. to enter, join; form a ~ 2. a ~ among, between; with
confederate v. (D; intr.) to ~ with
confederation n. 1. to enter, join; form a ~ 2. a loose, weak ~ 3. a ~ breaks up, dissolves; forms 4. a ~ among, between; with 5. in a ~
confer v. 1. (D; intr.) ("to converse") to ~ about; with (we will ~ with them about this matter) 2. (D; tr.) ("to bestow") to ~ on (to ~ an award on smb.)
conference n. 1. to give, have, hold; schedule; stage a ~ 2. to converse, organize a ~ 3. to broadcast; televise a ~ 4. to attend a ~ (we attended a ~ that took place in July and met in a big hotel) 5. an annual ~ 6. an international ~ 7. a press; peace; staff (AE); summit ~ (see also news conference) 8. a ~ between 9. a ~ on (to hold a ~ on disarmament) 10. at a ~ (you’ll see her at the press ~) 11. in ~ (he is in ~ and cannot come to the telephone)
confess v. 1. to ~ frankly, honestly; publicly; voluntarily, willingly 2. (B) he ~d his crime to the police 3. (D; intr.) to ~ to (to ~ a crime; to ~ to the police; he ~d to cheating on the exam; he ~d to having been bored by the opera) 4. (L; to) he ~d (to the police) that he had committed a crime; I must ~ I was bored by the opera
confession n. 1. to make; sign a ~ 2. to extort, extract, force a ~ from; to beat a ~ out of (the police beat a ~ out of him) 3. to repudiate, retract, take back, withdraw a ~ 4. a deathbed; forced; full; public; voluntary ~ 5. (rel.) to hear smb.’s ~ 6. (rel.) to go to ~ (before the birth of a child)
confetti n. to sprinkle, throw ~
confidence n. 1. to enjoy, have; public; willingly, voluntarily 2. (B) he ~d his secret to us 3. (L; to) she ~d (to us) that she was about to retire
confident adj. 1. supremely, very ~ 2. ~ about, in 3. ~ of (~ of success) 4. ~ that + clause (she was ~ that she would succeed)
confidential adj. 1. highly, strictly ~ 2. to keep smt. ~
confidentiality n. 1. to maintain ~ 2. to violate ~ 3. strict ~
confine v. 1. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ ~ to bed; ~ to a wheelchair; ~d to quarters; the lecturer ~d herself to one topic; ~ yourself to the facts; please ~ your comments to the topic under discussion) 2. (misc.) the difficulty is not ~d to Plan A; it also affects Plan B
confinement n. ["imprisonment"] ["being confined"] 1. solitary ~ (they put him in solitary ~) 2. ~ to (~ to quarters) 3. in ~ (in solitary ~) ["lying-in"] (obsol.) 4. in ~ (before the birth of a child)
confines n. beyond; within the ~ (impossible within the ~ of the system)
confirm v. 1. (L) the president ~d that a summit conference would take place 2. (Q) the president did not ~ when the summit conference would take place 3. (misc.) to ~ in writing
confirmation n. 1. official; unofficial; written ~ that + clause (we have received ~ that the summit conference will take place) 3. in ~ of
confiscate v. (D; tr.) to ~ from
conflagration n. a major ~
conflict I n. 1. to provoke a ~ 2. to come into ~ with 3. to avert, avoid a ~ 4. to resolve a ~ 5. (an) armed, military, cultural; direct; ethnic; inter-communal; internecine; religious ~ 6. (a) bitter ~ 7. (a) ~ about, over; among, between; with a ~ between neighboring countries over their common border; a ~ with one’s relatives about the terms of a will) (see also conflict of interests at interest I 14) 8. in ~ (your version is in ~ with mine)
conflict II v. (D; intr.) to ~ with (your version ~s with mine)
confluence n. at a ~ (the city lies at the ~ of three rivers)
confuse v. (D; intr.) to ~ to, with (to fail to ~ to specifications)
conformance n. in ~ with
confusen. 1. strict ~ 2. ~ to 3. in ~ with
confuse v. (D; tr.) to ~ about, over; with (to ~ a prisoner with a witness)
confrontation n. 1. to have; provoke a ~ 2. to avert, avoid a ~ 3. an armed, military; direct, head-on ~ 4. a bitter ~ 5. a ~ about, over; among, between; with a ~ between neighboring countries over their common border
confuse v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ with (I always ~ him with/ and his brother) 2. (R) it ~s me that he and his brother look so much alike
confused adj. 1. easily; very ~ 2. ~ about, over 3. to become, get ~ 4. ~ + inf. (I was ~ to learn of his latest decision)
confusing adj. 1. ~ for, to (the complicated testimony
was ~ to us = the complicated testimony was ~ for us to listen to) 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ (for us) to listen to the testimony) 3. ~ that + clause (it’s ~ that he and his brother look so much alike)

**confusion** *n.* 1. to cause, create; lead to ~ 2. to avoid; clear up ~ 3. ~ arises; reigns 4. to throw into ~ (their unexpected arrival threw our plans into ~) 5. complete, general, mass, total, utter 6. ~ about, over; between (let’s try to clear up the ~ between us about who does what) 7. in ~ (to withdraw in utter ~; in the ~ they escaped) 8. a scene; state of ~ (it was a scene of utter ~)

**congestion** *n.* 1. traffic ~ 2. nasal; lung, pulmonary ~

**conglomerate** *n.* a financial; industrial; international, multinational, transnational ~

**congratulate** *v.* 1. to ~ heartily, sincerely, warmly 2. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ on, upon (you are to be ~d on your promotion)

**congratulations** *n.* 1. to extend, offer ~ on 2. deepest, heartfelt, heartiest, hearty, sincere, warm, warmest ~ 3. ~ on, upon (my warmest ~ on your promotion!) 4. ~ to (~ to you on your promotion)

**congress** *n.* 1. to convene, hold a ~ 2. annual; biennial; international; party ~ 3. a ~ meets 4. (misc.) an act of Congress

**congruence** *n.* (formal or technical) (in) ~ with

**congruent** *adj.* (formal or technical) ~ to, with

**congruity** *n.* (formal or technical) (in) ~ with

**congruent** *adj.* (formal or technical) ~ to, with

**conjecture** *I* *n.* (formal) "guess" 1. to make a ~ 2. pure ~ 3. a ~ about 4. a ~ that + clause (the press’s ~ that a summit conference would take place proved to be true) 5. (misc.) it is a matter for/of ~ whether they can still win = it’s open to ~ whether they can still win

**conjecture** *II* *v.* (formal) (L) ("to guess") the press ~d that a summit conference would take place

**conjugation** *n.* [verb forms] an irregular; regular ~

**conjunction** *n.* [connecting word] 1. a coordinating; subordinating ~ ["cooperation"] ["coincidence"] 2. in ~ with

**connect** *v.* 1. to ~ closely, intimately; loosely 2. (d; intr.) to ~ to, with (this bus is supposed to ~ with a train) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ to, with (are you ~ed with this firm? to ~ a TV set to an antenna)

**connection, connexion** *n.* ["association"] 1. to establish, make a ~ 2. to break, sever a ~ 3. a close, intimate; direct; loose, tenuous ~ 4. a foreign; international ~ 5. a ~ between; to; with (there was no ~ between the two phenomena; to have a ~ with smb.) 6. in a certain ~ (in this ~; in ~ with the other matter) ["acquaintance"] ["tie"] 7. business; professional; social ~ ["transfer during a trip"] 8. to make; miss a ~ ["linking of two telephone"] 9. to get a ~ ["link, linking"] 10. a faulty; loose ~ ["misc"] 11. to have ~s ("to have influential supporters"); to use one’s ~s

**connect up** *v.* (D; tr.) to ~ to, with (to ~ a TV set up to an antenna)

**connexion (BE) see connection**

**connivance** *n.* ["strong emotional reaction"] (AE) (collog.) to have a ~ (mom will have a ~ if we get back late!)

**connive** *v.* 1. (D; intr.) to ~ at; in; with (to ~ in cheating smb.) 2. (E) they ~d (with each other) to cheat her

**conquest** *n.* 1. to make a ~ 2. to consolidate; extend one’s ~s 3. military; sexual; world ~ 4. by ~ (what the tyrant gained by ~ he lost by his subjects’ rebellion)

**conscience** *n.* 1. to appeal to; arouse, stir smb.’s ~ 2. to have a ~ 3. to have smt. on one’s ~ 4. to ease, salve one’s ~; to wrestle with one’s ~ 5. a clear; guilty ~ (to have a guilty ~) 6. a matter of ~ 7. (misc.) in all ~ (CE), in good ~ (AE), in all good ~ (AE); pangs of ~

**conscientious** *adj.* ~ about (she is ~ about her work)

**conscious** *adj.* 1. fully ~ (cannot stand alone) ~ of (~ of danger) 3. ~ that + clause (she became ~ that everyone was staring at her)

**consciousness** *n.* ["conscious state"] 1. to lose; recover, regain ~ ["awareness"] 2. to raise smb.’s ~ 3. class; political; social ~ ["misc"] 4. (the) stream of ~

**conscript** *v.* 1. (D; tr.) to ~ for (to ~ troops for national defense) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ youths into the armed forces)

**conscription** *n.* 1. to introduce ~ 2. to abolish, end ~ 3. military; universal ~

**consecrate** *v.* 1. (D; tr.) to ~ as (he was ~d as archbishop)

**consensus** *n.* 1. to reach a ~ 2. a general ~ 3. (a) ~ among; on (there is a degree of ~ among the experts on what should be done) 4. a ~ that + clause (there is (a) general ~ among the experts that we should abstain) USAGE NOTE: The phrase "*consensus* of opinion" is disliked because "consensus" alone will typically do the trick.

**consent** *II* *v.* (D; intr.) to ~ to (~ to you on your promotion)

**consciousness** *n.* 1. energy; forest; soil; water; wild~

**conservation** *n.* 1. to es~ 2. to consolidate; extend ~

**consecution** *n.* to (his ~ as archbishop; the ~ of his life to helping the poor)

**consensus** *n.* 1. to reach a ~ 2. a general ~ 3. (a) ~ among; on (there is a degree of ~ among the experts on what should be done) 4. a ~ that + clause (there is (a) general ~ among the experts that we should abstain) USAGE NOTE: The phrase "*consensus* of opinion" is disliked because "consensus" alone will typically do the trick.

**consent** *I* *n.* 1. to give one’s ~ 2. to refuse, withhold one’s ~ 3. common; general; informed; mutual; parental; tacit; unanimous ~ 4. by ~ (by mutual ~) 5. (misc.) the age of ~

**consent** *II* *v.* 1. (D; intr.) to ~ to (~ to a proposal) 2. (E) she ~ed to help

**consequence** *n.* ["importance"] 1. of (~ to) (a matter of some/no ~) ["result"] 2. in ~ of

**consequences** *n.* ["results"] 1. to have ~ for 2. to accept, bear, face, suffer, take the ~ 3. dire, diastrophic; grave, serious ~ 4. far-reaching, fateful; inevitable; unforeseeable; unforeseen ~

**conservation** *n.* 1. energy; forest; soil; water; wild-life ~ 2. (the) ~ of natural resources

**conservative** *I* *adj.* 1. deeply, staunchly; politically ~ 2. ~ in (~ in one’s views)
conservative II n. a diehard, dyed-in-the-wool, staunch, true-blue (BE); political ~
consider v. 1. ("to regard") to ~ favorably; seriously 2. (D; tr.) ("to regard") to ~ as (we ~ ed him as a possible candidate) 3. (D; tr.) ("to regard as a candidate") to ~ for (he cannot be ~ ed for the job) 4. (G) ("to contemplate") she ~ ed resigning 5. (L) ("to take into account") you must ~ that she has been here only one month 6. (M) ("to believe") we ~ ed him to be a possible candidate 7. (N; used with an adjective, noun, past participle) ("to believe") we ~ her qualified; we ~ her a genius; we ~ ed him a possible candidate 8. (Q) ("to contemplate") they ~ ed where to hide the money 9. (misc.) we ~ ed it difficult to believe that she had been here only one month USAGE NOTE: Note the contrasts between consider as and consider in the following text – In her book she considers ("examines") Shakespeare as a playwright and as a poet. She considers ("believes") Shakespeare (to be) both a great playwright and a great poet. However, she considers ("believes") Shakespeare (to be) even greater as a playwright than as a poet.
considerate adj. 1. of (he was ~ of everyone) 2. ~ towards 3. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of her to do that nice thing)
consideration n. ["thought"] ["concern"] 1. to give to (to give some ~ to a matter) 2. to show ~ for 3. to take something into ~ 4. to deserve ; require ~ (to give some ~ to a matter) 5. careful, detailed; due; serious 6. a major; minor; overriding 7. financial; humanitarian; personal ~ 8. for smb.'s (I submit ~ d to overthrow the government) 9. in ~ of (in ~ of past services) 10. on careful ~ (of) 11. out of ~ for smb. 12. under ~ (the matter is under ~) 13. with ~ for (with due ~ for your feelings, we must reject your request) ["fee"] 14. for a ~ (for a modest ~, he'll do anything)
consult v. 1. (B) they ~ ed the shipment to us 2. (d; tr.) to ~ to (the paintings were ~ ed to our care)
consignment n. ["a sale allowing the dealer to return unsold merchandise"] to sell; ship on ~
consign v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ to (the paintings were ~ ed to our care)
consist v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ of ("to be composed of") (our state ~ s of thirty counties) 2. (formal; d; intr.) to ~ in ("to be equivalent to") (freedom ~ s in the absence of oppressive laws) 3. (d; refl.) to ~ with (I ~ ed myself with the thought that no one was actually killed)
consultant n. 1. clear ~ 2. a bowl; cup of ~
consultation n. in ~ with
consonant I adj. (formal) ~ with
consonant II n. 1. to articulate, pronounce a ~ 2. a dental; double, geminate; final; guttural; hard; labial; liquid; palatal; soft; unvoiced, voiceless; velar; voiced ~ (see also consonant cluster at cluster I: consonant sound at sound II n.)
consult v. (formal; d; intr.) ~ to with
counselor n. to form, organize a ~
conspicuous adj. 1. ~ for, in 2. (misc.) to be ~ by one’s absence
conspiracy n. 1. to hatch, organize a ~ to crush; foil; uncover a ~ 3. (a) criminal ~ 4. a ~ against; with 5. a ~ to ~ inf. (a ~ to overthrow the government) 6. (misc.) a ~ of silence
conspire v. 1. (D; intr.) ~ to against; with 2. (E) they ~ d to overthrow the government
constable n. (BE) ["police officer"] a chief ~
consecration n. 1. to cause ~ 2. to express; feel ~ 3. ~ in 4. to smb.'s ~ (to our ~, the current was turned off)
consistency n. a core ~
constituent n. (ling.) an immediate; ultimate ~
constitute v. (S; used with a noun) this ~ s a problem
constitution n. ["basic law"] 1. to adopt, establish; ratify a ~ 2. to draw up, frame, write a ~ to preserve, safeguard a ~ 4. to abrogate; amend, change a ~ 5. to violate a ~ 6. a written; unwritten ~ ["physical makeup"] 7. a feeble, frail; iron, rugged, strong ~
constitutional adj. ~ to + inf. (it is not ~ to censor the press)
constitutionality n. to challenge, question, test; establish the ~ (of a law)
constrain v. (formal) (H) to ~ smb. to do smt.
constrained adj. (formal) (cannot stand alone) ~ to + inf. (we were ~ to act)
constraint n. ["restriction"] 1. to impose, place, put a ~ on, upon 2. financial; legal ~ s ["compulsion"] 3. under ~ (to act under ~)
construct I n. a theoretical ~
construct II v. (D; tr.) to ~ of, out of (the house is ~ ed of wood)
construction n. ["building industry"] 1. in ~ (he is in ~) ["act of building"] 2. shoddy; solid, sturdy ~ 3. commercial; modular; residential ~ 4. of ~ (buildings of shoddy ~) 5. under ~ (the new skyscraper is under ~) ["interpretation"] 6. to put a ~ on (he put the wrong ~ on my statement) ["syntactic phrase"] 7. an absolute; idiomatic ~
construe v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ as (he ~ d the statement as a threat) 2. (M) he ~ d the statement to be a threat
counsel n. a ~ general; an honorary ~
consulate n. a ~ general
counsel v. 1. (D; intr.) ~ to, about, on; with; without
consultant
1. a business; legal; medical; nursing; political ~ 2. a ~ for, on; to (a ~ to the president on foreign policy) 3. (med.) a ~ in (a ~ in obstetrics and gynecology)

consultation
n. 1. to have, hold ~s 2. ~s about, on; with 3. in ~ with (they solved the problem in ~ with several experts) 4. (misc.) was there any sort of public ~ before the government went ahead with its plans?

consulting
n. online ~

consumed
adj. with (~ with guilt)

consumption
n. 1. conspicuous; mass ~ 2. fuel ~ 3. consumption ~ with (~ with guilt)

content
v. 1. to use ~s 2. a chemical; oral; n. 1. to practice, use ~ 2. a method

contention
n. ["argument"] 1. to rebut, refute; reject a ~ 2. to substantiate, support a ~ 3. a ~ about 4. a bone of ~ ("something contentious") 5. a ~ that + inf. (it is his ~ that taxes are too low) ["competition"] 6. in ~ (for) ; (with) (which teams are in ~ for the title ?)

contents
n. 1. to disclose, divulge, reveal the ~ (of a letter) 2. to inspect the ~ (of) 3. a table of ~

contest
n. 1. a formidable, leading, main, serious, strong; likely; unlike ~ 2. a presidential ~ 3. a ~ for (the leading ~ for the heavyweight crown)

content I
adj. 1. perfectly, very; quite 2. ~ with (they were perfectly ~ with their lot) 3. ~ to + inf. (she was not ~ to remain at home)

content II
n. to one’s heart’s ~ ("to one’s complete satisfaction")

content III
v. (formal) (d; refl.) ~ with (to ~ oneself with a simple life)

contentment
n. ["argument"] 1. to rebut, refute; reject a ~ 2. to substantiate, support a ~ 3. a ~ about 4. a bone of ~ ("something contentious") 5. a ~ that + inf. (it is his ~ that taxes are too low) ["competition"] 6. in ~ (for) ; (with) (which teams are in ~ for the title ?)

contents
n. 1. to disclose, divulge, reveal the ~ (of a letter) 2. to inspect the ~ (of) 3. a table of ~

contest I
n. 1. to have, hold, organize, run, stage a ~ 2. to adjudicate, judge a ~ 3. to enter; take part in a ~ 4. to lose; win a ~ (in this ~ only one contestant can win) 5. a bitter, hard-fought; close; one-sided ~ 6. a beauty; public-speaking ~ 7. a ~ among, between; for 8. a ~ to + inf. (a ~ between college chums to see who can drink the most beer)

contest II
v. to ~ bitterly; successfully; unsuccessfully (the lawyers ~ed the court’s decision successfully)

contestant
n. a ~ for

contested
adj. bitterly, closely, hotly, vigorously ~

context
n. 1. a historical; social ~ 2. in; out of ~; within a ~ (to cite a passage out of ~; ideas that must be set within the historical ~ that produced them)

contingent
adj. ~ to, with

continent
n. on a ~

contingency
n. 1. to provide for every ~ 2. a ~ arises 3. an unforeseen ~

contingent
adv. (pompous) (cannot stand alone) ~ on, on (the time of his arrival is ~ on the weather)

continuance
n. ["adjournment"] (legal) (AE) to grant a ~

continue
v. 1. to ~ unabated 2. (D; intr.) to ~ as (she will ~ as chairperson) 3. (D; intr.) ~ by (she ~d by citing more facts) 4. (D; intr.) ~ to with (she ~d with her work) 5. (E) they ~d to write 6. (G) they ~d writing 7. (misc.) to be ~d

continuity
n. 1. to break the ~ ~ between (there was no ~ between the first and second acts)

continuum
n. 1. to constitute, form a ~ 2. the health-illness ~ 3. along a ~ 4. a ~ from; to

contorted
adj. with (her face was ~ with rage)

contraband
n. 1. to smuggle ~ 2. to seize ~ 3. ~ of war

contraception
n. 1. to practice, use ~ 2. a method of ~

contraceptive
n. 1. to use ~s 2. a chemical; oral; vaginal ~
contrast I n. 1. to conclude, sign; enter into; land (colloq.), secure; negotiate; ratify; tender for a ~ 2. to carry out, execute; honor a ~ to draft, draw up, write (up) a ~ to assign (after bidding), let; award a ~ to 5. to abrogate, cancel, repudiate a ~ 6. to breach, break, violate a ~ 7. a binding; exclusive; legal, valid; void ~ 8. an oral, verbal; written ~ 9. (colloq.) (AE) a sweetheart ~ (“an agreement favorable to the employer that was reached without the participation of the union members”) 10. (AE) a yellow-dog ~ (“a contract that obligates the workers not to join a union”) 11. a marriage ~ 12. a ~ for; with; 13. a ~ to + inf. (they landed a ~ to build a bridge) 14. under ~ to, with (that player is under ~ with our team) 15. (misc.) to exchange ~s (with) (“to complete the purchase of a house in England; in Scotland you exchange missives (with)”; to put out a ~ on smb. (“to arrange to have smb. murdered”) (see also (a) breach of contract at breach 6) contract II v. 1. (d.; intr.) to ~ for; with (the city ~d for a new library with their firm) 2. (E) the firm ~d to construct the bridge contract III v. (“to shorten”) (D.; intr., tr.) ~ to (in spoken English, “it is” often ~s/is often ~ed to “it’s”) contractions n. to time (labor) ~ (in childbirth) contractor n. a building; defense; electrical; general; plumbing ~; a sub-contractor contract out v. 1. (D.; intr.) ~ of (esp. BE) (to ~ of a company pension scheme) 2. (D.; tr.) ~ to (the work was ~d out to several local firms) contradict v. to ~ flatly contradiction n. 1. an apparent; basic; direct; flat, outright; glaring; inherent ~ 2. a ~ between 3. in ~ to, with (his words and his deeds are in ~ to/with each other = his words are in ~ to/with his deeds) 4. (misc.) a ~ in terms contradictory adj. ~ to contradistinction n. (formal) in ~ to contrail n. to leave a ~ (high-flying aircraft leave ~s) contralto n. 1. to sing ~ 2. a rich ~ contraption n. (colloq.) to build, put together, slap together a ~ contrivance n. (colloq.) to build, put together, slap together a ~ contrary I adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ to (his actions are ~ to the rules) contrary II n. 1. on the ~ (“does your back feel any better?” “on the ~, it feels much worse”) 2. to the ~ (I will come next month unless you write to the ~) USAGE NOTE: AE also allows “does your back feel any better?” “to the ~, it feels much worse.” contrast I n. 1. to present a ~ 2. a harsh, sharp, stark, startling; marked, striking, vivid ~ 3. a favorable; unfavorable ~ 4. a ~ between, to, with 5. by ~ (with) (their neighbors live opulently; by ~, they live modestly = they live modestly by ~ with their neighbors, who live opulently) 6. in ~ to (in ~ to their neighbors, they live modestly) 7. (misc.) for (the sake of) ~ contrast II v. 1. to ~ sharply 2. to ~ favorably; unfavorably 3. (D.; intr., tr.) to ~ with (their deeds ~ with their words) contravention n. (formal) in ~ of (to act in ~ of international law) contribute v. 1. (D.; tr.) to ~ for (we ~d clothing for the flood victims through a charity) 2. (D.; intr., tr.) to ~ to, towards (to ~ generously to charity; we ~d clothing to the flood victims through a direct donation; lack of communication ~d to the breakdown of their marriage) contribution n. (AE) a donation, gift] 1. to make a ~ (to) 2. to send in a ~ 3. a charitable; in-kind; monetary; voluntary ~ 4. a big, generous, large; small, token ~ (to make a generous ~ to charity) “[accomplishment, presentation]” 5. to make a ~ (to) 6. a brilliant, great, notable, outstanding, remarkable; important; invaluable, key; major, significant, substantial; minor; modest; valuable ~ (she made an outstanding ~ to science) 7. a ~ to, towards contributor n. (AE) one who gives money] 1. an anonymous; generous; major; regular ~ 2. a ~ to (a generous ~ to charity) “[one who contributes by writing or drawing]” 3. a prolific; regular ~ 4. a ~ to (a regular ~ to a journal) contrition n. 1. to show ~ 2. to express; feel ~ (often rel.) an act of ~ 4. ~ for contrive v. (E) she somehow ~d to arrange a meeting control n. 1. to establish; exercise, exert, wield; gain, have; retain ~ (over) 2. to assume, take ~ of 3. to bring smt. under ~ (the fire was finally brought under ~) 4. to wrest ~ from 5. to lose; relinquish ~ of (she lost ~ of the car) 6. absolute, complete; close, strict; full ~ (to exert strict ~ over smt.) 7. lax, loose; remote ~ 8. government; parental ~ 9. air-traffic; flight; mission ~ 10. arms; gun ~ 11. communicable-disease; crowd; population; weight ~ (see also birth control; self-control] 12. cost; quality ~ 13. damage; fire; flood ~ 14. emissions; pest ~ 15. stress; thought ~ 16. price; rent; wage ~ 17. ~ of, over (to establish ~ over prices) 18. in ~ (of) (she was in full ~ of the situation) 19. beyond, out of ~ (the car went out of ~; the fire got out of ~) 20. under ~ (the fire was finally brought under ~; keep them under ~; the area was placed under the ~ of the military) (see also controls; circumstances beyond smb.’s control at circumstances 9) controlled adj. tightly ~ controller n. an air-traffic, flight ~ controls n. (AE) a impose, introduce ~ (on) 2. to tighten ~ (on) 3. to lift, remove ~ (from) 4. to relax ~ (on) 5. ~ of, over (to establish ~ over prices) 6. to take over the ~ (the copilot took over the ~) 7. dual ~ at the ~ controversial adj. bitterly, extremely, highly, very ~ controversy n. 1. to arouse, cause, fuel, generate, spark (off), stir up (a) ~ 2. to settle a ~ 3. a bitter,
convalesce v. (D; intr.) to ~ from
convalescence n. a lengthy, long ~
convenience n. ["comfort"] 1. a ~ to + inf. (it’s a great ~ to live in town = it’s a great ~ living in town) 2. at smb.’s ~ (answer at your earliest ~) "device that counts"
converse v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ with (she was ~ to the idea)
 convenent adj. 1. mutually ~ 2. ~ for (will Tuesday be ~ for you?) 3. ~ to + inf. (it is very ~ to have the bus stop so close = it is very ~ having the bus stop so close) 4. ~ that + clause (it’s very ~ that the bus stop is so close)
convene n. to enter a ~ ("to become a nun") (she entered a ~ and remained in it for the rest of her life)

conversion n. ["change"] ["assembly"] ["conference"] 1. to have, hold a ~ 2. an annual; national; party; political ~ (the ~ met/take place when all the delegates could be at it) ["agreement"] 3. a copyright ~ 4. to defy, flout ~ 5. a longstanding ~ 6. ~ to + inf. (that we eat three meals a day) 7. ~

convict I n. an escaped ~
convict II n. ["assembly"] ["conference"]
conviction n. ["strong belief"] 1. to carry; lack ~ (his story carries ~; "The best lack all ~" – W.B. Yeats, "The Second Coming" (1921)) 2. a burning, deep, firm, great; strong, unshakeable; lifelong; personal; religious ~ 3. a ~ about 4. a ~ that + clause (she expressed her firm ~, shared by many others, that television was harmful to children) 5. by; with; without ~ (a pacifist by ~ who defended pacifism with great ~) 6. (misc.) to have the courage of one’s ~s ["guilty verdict"] 7. to get, win a ~ (the prosecutor got ten ~s last year) 8. to overturn a ~ (the appeals court overturned the ~) 9. a previous ~ 10. a ~ for (a previous ~ for embezzlement)

convoy v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ of (he ~d me of his sin) 2. (esp. AE) (H) we ~d ("persuaded") her to stay home 3. (L; must have an object) we ~d her that she should stay home

cool I adj. 1. absolutely, completely, firmly, thoroughly; not entirely ~ 2. ~ of (they’re still not entirely ~ of the feasibility of our project) 3. ~ that + clause (they are not ~ that our project will succeed)

cook I n. the chief, head; a good ~ 2. (AE) a short-order ~

cook II v. (C) ~ some vegetables for us; or ~ us

cooker n. (sweet) biscuit 1. to bake ~s 2. a chocolate-chip; homemade; sandwich ~ USAGE NOTE: AE sandwich cookie=BE cream (biscuit). 3. (CE) a fortune ~

cooking n. 1. to do the ~ 2. home-style ~

cookout n. (esp. AE; CE has barbecue) 1. to have a ~ 2. at a ~

cool I adj. ["calm"] 1. to keep, remain, stay ~ 2. (misc.) (as) ~ as a cucumber ["indifferent"]["unfriendly"] 3. ~ to, towards (she was ~ to the idea)
cool II n. (slang) ["composure"] to blow, lose keep one’s ~

cool III v. (D; tr.) to ~ to (boil the mixture and then ~ it to room temperature)

coolant n. to add ~

coolness n. ["indifference"] ~ to, towards

coop n. 1. a chicken ~ 2. (misc.) (colloq.) to fly the ~ ("to escape")

cooperate v. 1. to ~ closely ; fully 2. (D; intr.) to ~ in on, on; with (to ~ in/on a project with smb.)

cooperation n. 1. close; wholehearted ~ 2. ~ between; in, on; with (~ on a project with another university) 3. in ~ with (their dictionary was published in ~ with the Ministry of Education; the two research teams are working in close ~ (with each other)) 4. with smb.’s ~ 5. (misc.) to enlist smb.’s ~

cooperative, co-op, coop n. 1. to form, set up a ~ 2. a consumers’; farmers’; housing; producers’; workers’ ~

coop up v. (D; tr.) to ~ in; with (we were ~ed up in a small room)

coordinate v. 1. to ~ carefully ; closely 2. (D; tr.) to ~ with (we must ~ our operations with theirs)

coordination n. 1. close ~ 2. ~ among, between; with 3. in ~ (with) (the two research teams are working in close ~ (with each other))

cop v. (colloq.) (esp. AE) (D; intr.) to ~ out of (~ to renege on”) (to ~ out of a responsibility)

cope v. (D; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with difficulties)

cop out v. (colloq.) (esp. AE) (D; intr.) ("to renege") to ~ on (to ~ on a responsibility)

copulate v. (D; intr.) to ~ with

copy I n. ["reproduction"] 1. to make, run off a ~ 2. to Xerox (T) a ~ 3. to print ~ies (the publisher decided to print ten thousand ~ies of the book) 4. to inscribe a ~ (the author inscribed a ~ of her book for him) 5. (a) clean, fair ~; hard ("printed out") ~ to inscribe a ~ (the author inscribed a ~ of her book) 6. an advance ; back ; a red ; white ~

7. to edit, (BE) sub-edit, (AE) under ; out of ~ 8. an advance ; back ; a red ; white ~

corrections

correction n. 1. to make a ~ 2. to mark ~s (in a text)

corrector adj. ["true"] 1. ~ in (you are ~ in thinking that he is foolish) 2. ~ to + inf. (it would be ~ to say that we have committed a blunder: you are ~ to think that he is foolish) 3. ~ that + clause (is it ~ that he has resigned?) 4. (misc.) grammatically ~; politically ~ (also PC); substantially ~; ~ in all respects

correctional adj. politically ~ (also PC)

correlate v. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ with (to ~ one set of data with another set)
correspond v. 1. ("to be similar") to approximate-
1. (a) close, high, strong ~ 2. a ~
between; with
correspond v. 1. ("to be similar") to approximate-
1. (a) close, high, strong ~ 2. a ~
between; with
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count) 9. the ~ stands at... to a certain ~ (there were fifty at the latest ~) 11. by smb.'s ~ (by my ~) 'issue') 12. on a certain ~ (on all ~s) ['charge, accusation'] 13. on a certain ~ (he was guilty on all ~s)

count II v. 1. (d; intr.) ('to be taken into account') to ~ against (your previous convictions will ~ against you) 2. (d; tr.) ('to consider') to ~ among (I always ~ed her among my friends) 3. (d; intr., tr.) ('to be regarded; to regard') to ~ as (the draw ~s as a victory; we ~ed the draw as a victory) 4. (d; intr.) ('to be valued') to ~ for (his opinion ~s for very little) 5. (d; intr.) ('to rely') to ~ for; on, upon (she ~ed on us for help; she ~ed on us to help her) 6. (D; intr.) ('to name numbers') to ~ from; to (to ~ from one to ten) 7. (D; intr.) ('to be taken into account') to ~ towards (do associate members ~ towards a quorum?) 8. (N; refl., tr.; used with an adjective) ('to consider') we must ~ ourselves lucky (to have escaped)

countdown n. 1. a final ~ 2. a ~ from; to (to ~ from 10 to zero)

count down v. (D; intr.) to ~ to (to ~ from 10 to zero)

countenance I n. (biblical) a forbidding, stern: radiant I
countenance II n. 1. (G) they will not ~ cheating on the exam 2. (J) they will not ~ anyone cheating on the exam 3. (K) she ~ed that her argument would not be heeded

counter I adj., adv. to act, be, go, run ~ to (that runs ~ to all our traditions)
counter II n. ['surface, table over which business is conducted'] 1. a bargain; notions (AE) ~ 2. a check-in; check-out; ticket ~ 3. a lunch ~ 4. at a ~ 5. over the ~ ('through a broker's office'); ('without a prescription'); under the ~ ('illicitly')
counter III v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ by (she ~ed by advancing an even stronger argument) 2. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ with (she ~ed with an even stronger argument; she ~ed our argument with an even stronger one of her own) 3. (L) she ~ed that her argument had not been heeded

counter IV n. ['instrument'] 1. to set a ~ 2. a crystal; Geiger ~
counterattack n. 1. to launch, make, mount a ~ 2. a ~ against (see also attack I, 1)
counterbalance n. a ~ to
counterblow n. 1. to deal, deliver a ~ 2. a ~ against, to
countercharge n. 1. to bring, file, make a ~ 2. a ~ against (see also charge I, 1)
counterclaim n. 1. to bring, enter, make a ~ 2. a ~ against (see also claim I, 1–2)
counterclockwise adj., adv. (AE) to go ~; to turn (smt.) ~ (BE has anticlockwise)
counterespionage n. 1. to conduct ~ 2. a ~ against (see also espionage)
counterfeit n. a crude; skillful ~
counterfoil n. (BE) a cheque ~
counterintelligence n. to conduct ~
countermeasures n. 1. to take ~ 2. ~ against
counteroffensive n. 1. to launch, mount, undertake a ~ 2. to go over to the ~ 3. a ~ against 4. on the ~ (the candidate went on the ~ against his opponent)
counteroffer n. to make a ~ (see also offer I, 2–3)
counterpart n. 1. a direct, exact ~ 2. to have a ~ in (British diplomats are negotiating with the ~s they have in Russia) 3. a ~ of, to
counterplot n. 1. to hatch a ~ 2. a ~ against (see also plot I, 1–6)
counterpoint n. ['accompanying melody'] 1. double; single; triple ~ 2. in ~ to ['contrasting element'] 3. to provide a ~ to; to serve as a ~ to
counterproductive adj. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ to raise so many objections)
counterproposal n. to make, offer a ~ to (see also proposal I, 1–3, 8–9)
counterpunch n. to deliver, throw a ~ (see also punch I, 1)
counterrevolution n. 1. to foment, stir up a ~ 2. to carry out; organize a ~ 3. a ~ against (see also revolution I, 4–6)
countersign n. to give the ~
countersuit n. (legal) 1. to bring a ~ 2. a ~ against (see also suit I, 1–4)
counterweight n. a ~ to (her realism serves as a ~ to his hysteria)
country n. ['nation'] 1. to govern, lead, rule, run a ~ 2. a civilized ~ 3. smb.'s adopted ~ 4. smb.'s mother ~; smb.'s native ~ 4. a host; neighboring ~ 5. a democratic; developing; foreign; free; industrialized; occupied; third-world; underdeveloped ~ ['rural area'] 6. the back ~ 7. open; rough, rugged ~ (in open ~) 8. in the ~ (to live in the ~) 9. (BE) to go to the ~ ('to call a general election')
count up v. (d; intr.) to ~ to (the child could ~ to twenty)
coup n. ['successful action'] 1. to pull off, score a ~ 2. an attempted; bloodless; military ~ (see also coup d'état)
coup de grâce n. ['finishing blow'] to administer, deliver, give the ~ (to)
coup d'état n. ['sudden overthrow of a government'] 1. to carry out, mount, stage a ~ 2. an attempted ~ 3. a bloodless; bloody; military ~ (against)
couple I n. 1. a childless; courting; elderly; newlywed; odd; unmarried; young ~ 2. at their wedding we toasted the happy ~ by saying "(Here's) To The Happy Couple!"
couple II v. (D; tr.) to ~ to, with (to ~ a dining car to a train)
coupled adj. ~ with (poverty ~ with unemployment can lead to crime)
couplet n. a heroic; rhyming ~
coupon n. 1. to detach; redeem a ~ (misc.) to clip ~s ('to profit from stocks and bonds")
courage
n. 1. to demonstrate, display, show; have (the) 2. to gather (up), get up, muster, pluck up, screw up, summon up, work up (the) 3. to draw, take ~ (from) 4. to take ~ to + inf. (it takes ~ to tell the truth) 5. dauntless, great, immense, indomitable, sheer; moral; physical 6. an act of ~ 7. the ~ to + inf. (she lacked the ~ to tell the truth) 8. for ~ (to get a medal for ~) 9. of ~ (a person of great ~) 10. (misc.) to have the ~ of one’s convictions; take ~ and press on
courageous adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of her to tell the truth)
courier n. 1. to dispatch a ~ 2. a diplomatic; motorcycle ~ 3. a ~ to 4. by ~ (the message came by ~)
course n. "organized program of study" 1. to conduct, do (esp. BE), give, offer, teach a ~ 2. to do (esp. BE), take a ~ to audit (AE), sit in on a ~ 4. to enroll for, join, register for, sign up for a ~ 5. to fail; pass a ~; to take a ~ pass-fail (AE) 6. to complete; drop out of; withdraw from a ~ 7. to introduce; organize, plan a ~ 8. to cancel a ~ 9. a demanding, difficult, rigorous; easy, gut (AE; colloq.) ~ 10. an advanced; beginning, elementary, introductory; intermediate ~ 11. (at a university) a core; crash; elective; graduate, postgraduate (esp. BE); intensive; interdisciplinary; laboratory; lecture; noncredit; pass-fail; remedial; required; survey; undergraduate ~ (see also coursework at work I n.) 12. a correspondence; day-release (BE); extension; makeup; modular; refresher ~ 13. a ~ covers, deals with, treats a subject; lasts, runs (our history ~ covered the nineteenth century and lasted for three terms) 14. a ~ in, on (she took a ~ in mathematics; they offered a ~ on lexicography) ["itinerary"] ["path"] 15. to chart, map out, mark out, plot a ~ 16. to follow, pursue, take a ~ (the law must take its ~) 17. to set ~ for (we set ~ for the nearest port) 18. to alter, change ~ (it’s not for the law must take its ~) 19. to stay the ~ for the nearest port) 20. the ~ to + inf. (he didn’t have the ~ to answer my letter) 7. by ~ of 8. (misc.) she did me the ~ of remaining silent; a basket of fruit was delivered to our door ~ of the management
courthouse n. (esp. AE; CE has court) a county; federal; state ~
court martial I n. 1. to hold a ~ 2. to try smb. by ~ 3. to court-martial II v. (D; tr.) to ~ for (he was ~ed for desertion)
courtesan n. a whirlwind ~
cousin n. 1. a distant; first; second ~; a first ~ once removed 2. a ~ of, to (she is a first ~ to the countess) 3. (colloq.) kissing ("friendly") ~
covenant I n. a ~ between
covenant II v. (D; tr.) to ~ for (he was ~ed for desertion)
courtesy n. 1. to display, extend, show ~ (they showed us every ~) 2. common; unfailing ~ 3. professional; senatorial (US) ~ 4. an act of ~ 5. to, towards (it was done as a ~ to you) 6. the ~ to + inf. (it was done as a ~ to you) 7. by ~ of 8. (misc.) she did me the ~ of remaining silent; a basket of fruit was delivered to our door ~ of the management
courteous adj. 1. ~ to, towards, with (she is ~ to everyone) 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of him to do that) (see also kind and courteous at kind I, 4)
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coverage n. ['insurance'] 1. to provide ~ against, for 2. comprehensive, full ~ [reporting] 3. to give; receive ~ 4. complete, extensive, full, wide; front-page ~ (the story received wide ~) 5. live; media; newspaper; television ~
covered adj. ~ in, with (~ in blood)
covering n. a light ~ of (snow)
cover-up n. a light ~ of (snow) 8) [boat*] 3. a landing ~ 4. (in plural) pleasure; small ~
crafted adj. artfully, beautifully; carefully, skillfully ~
craftsman, craftswoman n. a master ~ USAGE NOTE: Note also the term crafts person.
cram v. 1. (D ; tr.) to ~ for (to ~ for a friend) 2. (D ; tr.) to ~ for (a ~ for an exam) 3. (d ; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ into a suitcase) 3. (D ; tr.) ~ with (the basement was ~ned with debris) 4. (misc.) to ~ a suitcase full of clothes
cramp n. 1. to get a ~ (esp. AE)/get ~ (BE) 2. stomach ~ (~s); writer’s ~ 3. (BE) seized with ~
cramped adj. ~ for (space)
cranberry n. to pick ~ries
crane I n. [colloq.] a ~ to + inf. (he was a ~ to do it)
crane II n. 1. a bird ~ 2. a plane ~ (to be killed in a ~) 2. a flock, kettles of ~s 3. (misc.) a young ~ is a chick or colt
crank n. ["handle"] to turn, use ~
crap game n. (AE) a floating ~
craps n. (AE) to play, shoot ~
crash I n. ["sudden noise"] 1. a loud, resounding ~ (the plates fell on the floor with a resounding ~) 2. to ~ for (to ~ for a friend) 3. (d ; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ into a suitcase) 3. (D ; tr.) with (the basement was ~ned with debris) 4. (misc.) to ~ a suitcase full of clothes
crash II v. 1. (d ; intr.) to ~ against (waves ~ against the rocks) 2. (d ; intr., tr.) to ~ into (the car ~ed into a pole) 3. (d ; intr.) to ~ through (the car ~ed through the barrier) 4. (d ; intr.) to ~ to (to ~ to the floor) 5. (misc.) the plane ~ed in flames
crass adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of him to ask how much you earn)
2. (d; intr.) to ~ out of (to ~ out of the ruins) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ with (the city is ~ing with reporters) 4. (P; intr.) to ~ under the bed; she managed to ~ across the floor on her hands and knees; they ~ed from under the ruins
crawl out v. (D; intr.) to ~ from under (they ~ed out from under the ruins)
crayon n. 1. colored; wax ~s (a box of colored ~s) 2. in ~, with a ~ (to draw a picture with a/in ~; to color a picture in with/using a ~)
craze n. 1. the current, latest, newest ~ 2. the ~ swept
crazy adj. (colloq.) ["infatuated"] 1. (cannot stand alone) ~ about (he is ~ about her) ["foolish"] 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of her to drive without headlights = she was ~ to drive without headlights) ["insane"] 3. to drive/make (AE) smb. ~; to go ~
cream n. ["component of milk"] 1. to whip ~ 2. clotted (BE); double (BE); whipping; single (BE); sour, soured (BE); whipped ~ (see also ice cream) ["cosmetic"] 3. to apply ~ 4. cleansing; cold; face; hand; moisturizing; shaving; skin; vanishing ~ ["misc."] the ~ of the crop ("the very best")
crease n. 1. to iron out, remove, smooth down the ~s 2. a sharp ~
create n. ("to appoint") (BE) (N; used with a noun) to establish; present one's ~ (as) 2. credentials 1. to attach, give, lend ~ to 2. to gain ~
credence n. 1. colored; wax ~s (a box of colored ~s) 2. ~ to
credibility n. 1. to establish; restore ~ (one's) (as) 2. to evaluate; examine smb.'s ~s 3. excellent, impeccable, sound ~
credit card n. 1. to accept; issue a ~ 2. a ~ expires (your ~ is no longer valid: it expired last week) 3. by ~ (can I pay by ~?) 4. (misc.) to put a purchase on one's/smb.'s ~
creditor n. to pay off one's ~s
credo n. a ~ that + clause (it is our ~ that everyone is equal)
credulity n. to strain, stretch smb.'s ~s ~ (to the breaking point)
creed n. 1. to adhere to; embrace a ~ 2. a political; religious ~s 3. a ~ that + clause (it is our ~ that everyone is equal) 4. (misc.) all races and ~s
creeper n. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ into (to ~ into a hole) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ out of (an insect crept out of the pipe) 3. (P; intr.) to ~ across the floor; the baby crept around the room 4. (misc.) to ~ out on all fours; to ~ out from under a bush
creeps n. (colloq.) ["fear"] it gives me the ~
creep up v. (D; intr.) to ~ on (he crept up on me in the dark)
creepy adj. (colloq.) ["weird"] ~ about (there is smt. ~ about him)
crescendo n. 1. to reach a ~, rise to a ~ 2. a deafening; rising ~ USAGE NOTE: Except for "a deafening crescendo," all the other expressions given above are disliked by those who know that a crescendo (as in music) is an increase in loudness, not a peak of loudness. So the following are preferable: to reach a climax; to rise in a crescendo. As for "a rising crescendo," crescendos rise by definition. So "crescendo" will suffice here without "rising."
crest n. ["top"] 1. to ride on (the ~ of a wave (to ride the ~ of a wave of popularity) 2. at the ~ ["fair play"] (colloq.) 4. ~ to
crew n. ["group working together"] 1. a camera; film; ground; gun; road; skeleton; stage; tank; TV; work; wrecking ~ ["ship's personnel"] 2. a ship's ~s 3. a ~ mutinies 4. in a ~
crew I n. 1. a camera; film; ground; gun; road; skeleton; stage; tank; TV; work; wrecking ~ ["ship's personnel"] 2. a ship's ~s 3. a ~ mutinies 4. in a ~ ["towing team"] (AE) 5. a variety ~s 6. to go out for ~ [misc.] 7. a motley ~ ["a disparate group"]
crib n. (AE) 1. to assemble, put up a ~ 2. to dismantle a ~ (BE has cot)
crib II v. (colloq.) (D; intr., tr.) ["to plagiarize"] to ~ from
cricket n. ["game"] 1. to play ~ 2. the game of ~ 3. (misc.) a ~ game, match ["fair play"] (colloq.) 4. to ~ + inf. (it's not ~ to cheat at cards)
cricket II n. ["insect"] ~s chirp
crier n. a town ~
crime n. 1. to commit, perpetrate a ~ 2. to combat; deter; eradicate, stamp out, wipe out; prevent ~ 3. to prosecute; solve a ~ 4. an atrocious, brutal, heinous, horrendous, horrible, infamous, outrageous, unspeakable, vicious, violent ~ 5. a copycat ~; (a) white-collar ~ 6. (an) economic ~; (a) hate ~ (esp. AE); a victimless ~; a war ~ (see also war-crimes trial) at trial ~ 7. a daring; major; serious; minor, common sense; she is ~ed with that discovery; to ~ an account with fifty dollars)

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petty; perfect  8. gun; inner-city; juvenile; knife
  ~; street  (does inner-city  ~ often involve drugs?)
9. a  ~ of passion 10. organized  ~ 11. a  ~ against
  (a  ~ against humanity;  ~ against the person;  ~
  against property) 12. a  ~ to  inf. (it was a  ~
  to butcher French like that) 13. a  ~ that  clause (it
  is a  ~ that so many people go to bed hungry) 14.
  (misc.) to investigate a  ~; to report a  ~ (to
  the police); many  ~ go unreported; it’s a  ~
  /how one  ~ he behaves! (see also at the scene of the crime
  at scene 9; a crime wave at wave 1.5)

**criminal I adj.** 1.  ~ to  inf. (it was  ~ of him to do
that) 2.  ~ that  clause (it is  ~ that he is/should
be allowed to remain in this country)

**criminal II n.** 1. to apprehend, arrest, catch a  ~; to
  bring a  ~ to justice; to punish a  ~ to  pardon;
  parole; release a  ~ to  rehabilitate a  ~ 4. a born;
  common; dangerous; desperate; habitual; hardened;
  inveterate; vicious; infamous; notorious;
  master; petty; war  ~ 5. a band, gang of  ~

**criticism** n. 1. to arouse, provoke, stir up  ~; to
  accept, take, tolerate  ~ 5. to react to, respond
  to  ~; to deflect; reject  ~ 7. to temper one’s
  ~ 8. to subject smb. /smt. to  ~

**critic** n. 1. a harsh, severe, unkind; impartial, unbi-
  ased, outspoken  ~ of (of) 2. an art; drama, theater;
  film; literary; music; social  ~ of (misc.) an arm-
  chair  ~; to be one’s own worst/most severe  ~

**critical adj.** ['criticizing'] 1. sharply, very  ~ 2.
  ~ of (he was not  ~ of my work)  ~ indispensable
  (AE) 3.  ~ for, to  ~ (to our work) 4.  ~ that  clause; subj.
  (it is  ~ that the work  ~be/should be/BE) is/com-
  pleted on time)

**criticism** n. 1. to arouse, provoke, stir up  ~; to
  come in for; draw  ~ 3. to express, offer  ~; to level
  ~ at 4. to accept, take, tolerate  ~ 5. to react to, re-
  spond to  ~; to deflect; reject  ~ 7. to temper one’s
  ~ 8. to subject smb. /smt. to  ~

**cross** n. 1. to adopt, establish, lay down; apply
  ~ to 2. to aggravate, worsen a  ~ 3. to avert, fore-
  stall a  ~ to deal with, defuse, overcome, resolve,
  settle, tackle a  ~; to face a  ~; to ride out, weather
  a  ~ 5. an acute, grave, serious; impending, looming;
  mounting  ~ 6. a cabinet; constitutional; humani-
  tarian; international; national  ~ 7. an economic,
  financial, fiscal; energy; political  ~ 8. a family;
  food; housing; identity; mid-life; personal  ~ 9.
  a  ~ arises; deepens, worsens; looms; cases 10.
  a ~ over (there was a  ~ over the budget deficit) 11.
  a  ~ in (the  ~ in health care) 12. in a  ~

**crop I** n. ["produce grown by farmers"] 1. to grow;
  plant a  ~ 2. to gather, harvest, reap a  ~ 3. to bear,
  yield a  ~ 4. to rotate  ~ 5. to dust, spray  ~ 6. a
  bountiful, bumper, fine, record  ~ 7. a poor; sub-
  sistence  ~ 8. a cash; fodder; staple  ~ 9. a  ~ fails
  "[stick]" 10. a riding  ~

**crop II** v. (N; used with an adjective) they  ~ped the
  grass short

**cropper** n. (colloq.) ["failure"] to come a  ~ ("to fail")

**croquet** n. to play  ~

**croquettes** n. chicken; salmon  ~

**cross I adj.** ["irritable"]  ~ about, for; at, with (~ at smt.;
  are you still  ~ with me about what happened?)

**cross II n.** ["symbol of the Christian religion"] 1. to die
  on the  ~ (said of Jesus Christ) 2. to make the sign
  of the  ~ 3. (misc.) to bear one’s  ~ ("to bear a
  heavy burden") ["the figure or x"] 4. to make one’s  ~
  (in place of a signature) ["mixture"] 5. a  ~ between
  (a  ~ between a peach and a plum)

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  (they  ~ed from one bank of the river to the other;
  we  ~ed the valley from one ridge to the other) 2.
  (d; tr.) to  ~ off (to  ~ a name off a list) 3. (D; tr.)
  ("to crossbreed") to  ~ with (can you  ~ a peach
  with/and a plum?)

**cross-country adv.** to go, travel  ~

**cross-examination** n. 1. to conduct, do a  ~ 2.
  to subject smb.  ~ 3. a rapid-fire  ~ 4. during, under
  ~

**cross-examine** v. 1. to  ~ sharply; unmercifully 2.
  (D; tr.) to  ~ about, on

**cross-fire** n. 1. to be caught in a  ~ 2. to subject
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  ~; at a  ~ (said of Jesus Christ) 2. to make the sign
  of the  ~ 3. (misc.) to bear one’s  ~ ("to bear a
  heavy burden") ["the figure or x"] 4. to make one’s  ~
  (in place of a signature) ["mixture"] 5. a  ~ between
  (a  ~ between a peach and a plum)

**cross purposes** n. at  ~ to (work at ~)

**cross-refer** v. (D; intr., tr.) to  ~ between; from;
  to

**cross-reference** n. 1. to make a  ~ 2. a  ~ from;
  to

**crossroads** n. 1. to come, reach a  ~ 2. a  ~ in
(Britain has reached a  ~ in her history) 3. at a  ~ (also
fig.) (a book called Britain at the Crossroads)
crossword (BE) see crossword puzzle
crossword puzzle n. (esp. AE) to do, work (out) a ~
crow I n. 1. ~s caw 2. a flock of ~s 3. (misc.) as the ~ flies ("in a straight line"); (forced) to eat ~ (AE) ("forced into a humiliating position, (forced) to eat humble pie")
crow I v. (colloq.) ("to exult") (d; intr.) to ~ about, over (to ~ about one’s success; to ~ over an enemy’s misfortune)
crowd I n. ["strong"] 1. to attract, draw, (colloq.) pull; join; stand out from a ~ 2. to control; disperse a ~ (see also crown control at control) 3. an angry, hostile, unfriendly; cheering, friendly; enormous, huge, tremendous; lonely; overflow ~ (The Lonely Crowd (1950), David Riesman et al.) 4. a ~ collects, gathers; disperses, melts away, thins out; roars 5. a ~ of flocks, mills, swarms, throng (around an entrance); ~s line the streets (~s milled around the entrance and lined the streets nearby) 6. among; in; through a ~ (just one more face in the ~) ["audience"] 7. a capacity ~ ["group"] 8. a bad; fast, wild ~; the wrong ~ (to run around with a fast ~); she got in with the wrong ~
crowd II v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ around (to ~ around the entrance) 2. (d; intr.) to into, to (to ~ into a small room) 3. (d; tr.) to ~ off, out of (of they ~ed me off the entrance) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ into, to (to ~ into a small room) ; ~s line the streets (~s milled into powder) 4. (misc.) to ~ smb. to death; to ~; smt. underfoot
crowded adj. 1. densely ~ 2. ~ with (the streets were ~ with tourists)
crown I n. ["part of a tooth"] 1. to put a ~ on (a tooth) ["monarch’s headdress; monarchy"] 2. to offer smb. the ~; succeed to the ~; wear a ~ ["boxing title"] 3. to lose; win the (heavyweight) ~
crown II n. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ with (their efforts were ~ed with success) 2. (N; used with a noun) they ~ed him king
crucial adj. 1. ~ for, to (these negotiations are ~ for/ to the future of our firm) 2. ~ that + clause; subj. (it is ~ that this matter remain/ to the future of our firm) 3. ~ that + clause ; subj. (it was ~ of him to say that)
crude adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of him to say that)
cruel adj. 1. ~ to, towards (~ to animals) 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of him to say that)
cruelty n. 1. to display, show ~; to inflict ~ on 2. consummate, deliberate, wanton ~ 3. mental ~ 4. an act of ~ 5. ~ to, towards (~ to animals)
cruise I n. 1. to go on, set off on, take a ~ 2. an extended; long; pleasure; round-the-world, world; shakedown; short ~ 3. a ~ along; around (to take a ~ around the world) 4. a ~ from; to 5. a ~ through 6. on a ~
cruise II v. (P; intr.) to ~ along the coast; to ~ around the world; to ~ through the coastal waters
cruiser n. 1. a battle; cabin; converted; guided-missile; heavy; light; medium ~ 2. in; on a ~
crumble v. (D; intr.) to ~ into
 crunch n. (colloq.) ["shortage"] 1. a credit; energy; financial ~ ["showdown"] (colloq.) 2. ~f/ when it comes to the ~
crusade I n. 1. to conduct; launch a ~ 2. to embark on; engage in; go on; join a ~ 3. a one-man, one-woman ~ 4. a great; holy; moral ~ 5. a ~ against; for (a ~ against smoking) 6. on a ~ 7. a ~ to + inf. (they launched a ~ to ban smoking)
crusade II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ against; for (to ~ against smoking) 2. (E) they ~d to ban smoking USAGE NOTE: Because the medieval crusades were by Christians against Muslims, the word “crusade” is used sparingly nowadays.
crush I n. ["infatuation"] (colloq.) 1. a schoolboy; schoolgirl; youthful ~ 2. a ~ on (to develop/have a ~ on smb.)
crush II v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ against (the mob ~ed against the barriers 2. (D; tr.) to get ~ed between two slabs of concrete 3. (D; tr.) to ~ a substance into powder) 4. (misc.) to ~ smb. to death; to ~ smt. underfoot
crust n. ["impudence"] (colloq.) the ~ to + inf. (she had the ~ to ask for a raise!)
crutch n. 1. to walk on, with ~es 2. a pair of ~es
cry I n. 1. to give, raise (formal), utter a ~ 2. an anguished, plaintive; bloodcurdling; great; heart-rending; loud, lusty; piercing; rallying; shrill ~ 3. a battle, war ~ 4. a ~ goes up (a ~ went up from the crowd when their leader appeared); a ~ for (a ~ for help) 5. (misc.) a far ~ from ("very far from"); to have a good ~
cry II v. 1. ~ to bitterly; loudly 2. (D; intr.) ("to weep") to ~ at (they cried bitterly at the sad news) 3. (d; intr.) (["appeal"] to ~ for (to ~ for justice) 4. (d; intr.) (["weep"] to ~ to ~ for, with (to ~ for joy; to ~ with grief) 5. (d; intr.) (["weep"] to ~ over (to ~ over one’s bad luck) 6. (d; intr.) to ~ to (to complain to) (don’t come ~ing to me) 7. (L; to) (["shout"] she cried loudly to us) that the house was on fire 8. (misc.) to ~ wolf ("to give a false alarm"); to ~ one’s eyes out; to ~ over spilled (AE)/spilt milk ("to complain in vain"); she cried herself to sleep; to ~ on smb.’s shoulder ("to seek sympathy from smb."); to raise a hue and ~
cry out v. 1. (d; intr.) ("to appeal") to ~ against; for (to ~ against injustice; to ~ for equal rights) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ (to ~ scream) to ~ in (to ~ in pain) 3. (d; intr., tr.) ("to shout") to ~ to (he cried out to us to stop) 4. (L; to) (["shout"] she cried out (to us) that the rain was coming through the roof
crystal n. 1. ~ glitters, sparkles 2. fine ~ crystallize v. (D; intr.) to ~ into (their ideas finally ~d into a feasible project)
cube n. a bouillon (AE), stock (BE); ice; sugar ~ cube root to calculate, find, extract the ~
cucumber n. 1. to peel; slice a ~ 2. (misc.) (as) cool as a ~
cud n. a cow chews its ~
cuddle up v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ to (the twins ~d up to each other) 2. (misc.) to ~ together
cudgels n. ['support'] to take up the ~ for
cue n. ['signal'] 1. to give the ~ 2. to take one’s ~ from smb. 3. to miss the ~ 4. a ~ to + inf. (the applause was my ~ to enter the room) 5. a ~ for (the applause was the ~ for me to enter the room) 6. on ~
cuff n. 1. a French; trouser (AE) ~ 2. (misc.) (esp. AE) on the ~ ("on credit")
cull v. (D; tr.) to ~ from
culminate v. (d; intr.) to ~ in; with (to ~ in victory; to ~ with an appeal for unity)
cult n. 1. to join a ~ 2. a cargo; fertility; religious ~ 3. a personality ~ = a ~ of personality (Khrushchev denounced the cult of ~ surrounding Stalin)
cultivation n. under ~
culture n. ['pattern of activities, values, and artifacts of a society'] 1. to develop a ~ 2. (an) ancient; counter-culture; dependency; enterprise; ethnic; human; material; modern; pop; primitive; tribal; youth ~ (see also culture shock at shock I) 3. a ~ arises, develops; declines 4. in a ~ (different customs in tribal ~s and modern ~) ['enlightenment'] ['good taste'] 5. to bring ~ to 6. to disseminate, foster, spread ~ 7. high ~ ['vocational training'] (AE) 8. beauty ~ ['cultivation of living material in a media'] 9. to do, grow a ~ 10. a tissue ~
cunning I adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of them to do that)
cunning II n. 1. to show ~ 2. a certain low ~
cup n. ['prize'] 1. to lose; win a ~ 2. a challenge ~; the World Cup (the final round of the challenge ~) (see also cup final at final) ['small drinking vessel'] 3. to drain, empty one’s ~ 4. a china; coffee; drinking; paper; plastic ~; teacup 5. a set of (matching) ~s 6. (misc.) to be in one’s cups ("to be drunk")
cupboard n. 1. an airing (BE); built-in; kitchen ~ 2. (usu. fig.) a bare ~
cupid n. to play ~ (to)
curb n. ['restraint'] a ~ on
curd n. soybean (AE), soya bean (BE) ~
cure I n. 1. to bring about, effect, provide, work a ~ 2. a certain, known, sure; complete; magical; miraculous; spontaneous ~ 3. a rest; water ~ 4. a ~ for (there is no known ~ for this disease)
cure II v. (D; tr.) to ~ of (to ~ smb. of a disease)
curfew n. 1. to clamp a ~ on; impose a ~ (they imposed a ~; the military government clamped a ~ on the town) 2. to lift a ~ 3. to observe a ~ 4. to violate a ~ 5. a midnight ~ 6. a ~ on 7. under (a) ~ (the town is no longer under ~)
curiosity n. 1. to arouse, excite, pique, whet (smb.'s) ~ 2. to satisfy one’s ~ 3. (a) healthy; idle; insatiable, unquenchable; intellectual; morbid, unhealthy; natural ~ 4. about 5. out of ~ (he did it out of ~)
curious adj. ['eager to know'] 1. ~ about (~ about smb.'s past) 2. ~ to + inf. (I would be ~ to know what really happened) ['odd'] 3. ~ that + clause (it is ~ that she didn’t remember the incident)
curl v. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ around (the roots ~ed around the water pipes; she ~ed her finger around the doorknob)
curls n. 1. natural; tight ~ 2. in ~ (she wears her hair in ~)
curl up v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ in, into (to ~ into a ball) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ with (she ~ed up with a good book)
currency n. ['money'] 1. to issue; print ~ 2. to call in, withdraw ~ 3. to devalue (a) ~ 4. (a) blocked; convertible, hard; foreign; local; non-convertible, soft; weak; stable, strong ~ 5. (misc.) they were paid in local ~ ['general use'] 6. to enjoy, have; gain ~ (to enjoy wide ~)
current n. ['flow of electricity'] 1. to switch on, turn on the ~ 2. to switch off, turn off the ~ 3. alternating; direct; electric; high-tension; low-tension; oscillating ~ ['flow'] 4. an air; underwater ~ 5. a powerful, strong; treacherous ~ 6. against; with the ~
curriculum n. 1. to draw up, design a ~ 2. a college, university; school ~ 3. a basic, core; national (BE) ~ 4. a ~ in (the ~ in engineering) 5. in, on the ~ (which subjects are in/on the ~?)
curry n. 1. (a) hot, mild ~ 2. (a) fish; meat; vegetable ~
curse I n. 1. to pronounce, put a ~ on, upon smb. 2. to utter a ~ 3. to lift a ~ 4. a bitter ~ 5. under a ~
curse II v. 1. to ~ bitterly 2. (D; tr.) to ~ for (she ~d him for his clumsiness) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ with (he has been ~d with poor health)
cursor n. to move a ~ (on a computer)
curt adj. ~ with (the hotel clerk was ~ with the guests)
curtain n. 1. to draw; lower; raise a ~ 2. (in the theater) to ring down; ring up the ~ 3. a drop; shower; stage, theater ~ 4. a billowing; lace; net ~ 5. a ~ for (there is no known ~ for this disease)
curtain call n. to get, have; take a ~ (the actor had five curtain ~s!)
curtains n. ['drapes'] 1. to hang, put up ~ 2. to close, draw; open the ~ 3. window ~ 4. a pair of ~ ['ruin'] (colloq.) 5. ~ for (it will be ~ for him if he loses his job)
curtsy, curtsey I n. 1. to bob, give, make a ~ 2. a deep ~
curtsy, curtsey II v. (D; intr.) to ~ to (to ~ to the Queen)
curve I n. 1. "bend, esp. in a road" 2. to make a ~ (the road makes a ~ to the right) 3. a hairpin, horseshoe; sharp ~ 4. a ~ in (there was a ~ in the road) ["distribution indicated by a line, used in mathematics and statistics"] 5. to plot a ~ ("to locate a curve by plotted points") 6. (teaching) to grade (AE), mark on a ~ 7. a bell, bell-shaped, normal distribution; learning ~ (this new job has been a very steep learning ~ for me) ["misc"] 8. (baseball and fig.; AE) to throw smb. a ~ (= [cricket and fig.; BE] to bowl smb. a googly: now rare in fig. use)

curve II v. 1. to ~ gently; sharply 2. (D; intr.) to ~ to (to ~ to the right) 3. (P; intr.) the missile ~d through the air

cuss v. (D; intr.) to ~ at (he ~ed at the other drivers)
custody n. ["guardianship"] 1. to award, grant ~ 2. to gain, get, receive, win; have; take ~ of (of) 3. to lose ~ of (of) 4. joint ~ ["arrest"] 5. to take smb. into ~ 6. remanded in ~ 7. police; protective ~ 8. in ~ ["under arrest"] (held in ~)
custom n. 1. to establish a ~ to 2. to cherish, observe, practice; preserve a ~ 3. to defy ~ 4. (a) local ~ 5. an ancient, old; barbaric; native; pagan; quaint; religious; social; time-honored, traditional; tribal ~ 6. a ~ dies out, disappears; lives on, survives 7. a ~ to + inf. (it is an old ~ for men to tip their hats when greeting smb.) 8. a ~ that + clause (it is an old ~ that men tip their hats when greeting smb.) 9. by ~ 10. (misc.)(BE) old Spanish ~s ["restrictive working practices"]
customary adj. 1. for 2. to ~ + inf. (is it still ~ for men to tip their hats when greeting smb.?)
customer n. 1. to attract ~s to 2. to serve, wait on a ~ 3. an irate; prospective; regular, steady; satisfied ~ 4. a cash ~ 5. (misc.) an odd, tricky ["a strange person"] ~ 6. remanded in ~ 7. police; protective ~ 8. a ~ in ~ 9. (D; tr.) ("to reduce") to ~ by; from; to (they cut taxes by three percent from eight percent to five percent) 6. (D; tr.) ("to sever") to ~ from, off (to ~ a branch from a tree; he was cut from the team)

cutter n. 1. a cookie (AE); paper ~ 2. (a pair of) scissors ~ 3. a hairpin, horseshoe; sharp ~
cut I n. ["wound made by smt. sharp"] 1. to bandage a ~ 2. a clean; deep; nasty; superficial ~ [superficial ~s and bruises that healed quickly] ["reduction"] 3. to make; take a ~ 4. a budget; pay; personnel; staff; spending; tax ~ (we had to take a pay ~) 5. a ~ in (we had to take a ~ in pay) ["haircut"] 6. a crew ~
cut II v. 1. ("to gash") to ~ deeply 2. ("to slice") to ~ easily (the meat ~s easily) 3. (C) ("to slice") a piece of cake for me; or: ~ me a piece of cake 4. (d; intr.) ("to go") to ~ across (to ~ across a field) 5. (D; tr.) ("to reduce") to ~ by; from; to (they cut taxes by three percent from eight percent to five percent) 6. (D; tr.) ("to sever") to ~ from, off (to ~ a branch from a tree; he was cut from the team) (AE); she cut a thin slice from the loaf; ~ the crust off the bread) 7. (d; intr.) ("to slice") to ~ into (she cut into the cake) 8. (D; tr.) ("to slice") to ~ into (he cut the meat into small pieces) 9. (D; intr.) ("to break into, interrupt") to ~ into (to ~ into a conversation; work ~s into my leisure time) 10. (D; refl.) ("to gash") to ~ on (she cut herself on a knife) 11. (D; tr.) ("to remove") to ~ out of (she was cut out of the will) 12. (d; intr.) ("to go") to ~ (they cut through the woods; let’s ~ through this building) 13. (D; tr.) to ~ with (to ~ meat with a knife) 14. (N; used with an adjective) ("to trim") she cut her hair short; she cut the bread thin; ~ smt. open 15. (misc.) to ~ smb. short ("to interrupt smtb."); ~ to smb. to the quick ("to insult smtb. deeply"); ~ to smtb. to pieces; ~ to smtb. in half; to ~ and paste

cut ahead, cut in front v. (d; intr.) to ~ of ("to cut off") (the other runner cut ahead of her; they cut in front of us)
cut away v. (D; tr.) to ~ from
cutback n. a ~ in (a ~ in production)
cut back v. (D; intr.) to ~ on (to ~ on smoking)
cut down v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ on (to ~ on smoking) 2. (misc.) to ~ smb. down to size ("to deflate smb.’s ego")
cut in 1. (D; intr.) to ~ on (he cut in on me when I was dancing) 2. (slang) (D; tr.) to ~ on (he cut me in on the deal)
cutlet n. a lamb (BE); mutton (BE); veal; vegetarian ~ (a breaded veal ~ or Wiener schnitzel)
cut off v. 1. (C) ("to slice") he cut off a slice for me; or: he cut me off a slice 2. (D; tr.) ("to separate") to ~ from (we were cut off from civilization)
cut out I adj. ["suited"] 1. ~ for (she wasn’t ~ for this job) 2. ~ to + inf. (she wasn’t ~ to do this job; she wasn’t ~ to be an administrator)
cut out II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ from, of (to ~ an article out from the newspaper) 2. (G) she had to ~ driving after dark
cutter n. 1. a cookie (AE); paper ~ 2. (a pair of) wire ~s
cutting n. a newspaper; press ~ (from)(BE); AE has press clipping
cutting edge n. ["leading edge"] at the ~ of

cut up I. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ smb. up into pieces) 2. (misc.) (BE) to ~ rough ("to cause trouble")
cyberspace n. 1. in ~ 2. welcome to ~!
cycle n. ["repeating pattern"] 1. to complete a (full) ~ 2. to go through, pass through a ~ 3. a boom-and-bust, boom-bust, business; economic; estrous (AE), oestrous (BE); life; menstrual; vicious ~ 4. (as on a washing machine) a delicate; normal; permanent-press; spin ~ 5. in a ~, in ~s (some epidemics occur in ~s) ["bicycle"] (see bicycle)
cyclone n. 1. a severe, violent; tropical ~ 2. a ~ comes up; hits, strikes; rages (the ~ struck several cities) 3. a ~ blows itself out, blows over, dies down, subsides 4. (in) the eye of a ~
cynical adj. ~ about (~ about smb.’s motives)
cynicism n. 1. bitter ~ 2. with ~ (she received his promises with a certain degree of ~)
cypher (esp. BE) see cipher

cyst n. to remove a ~
czar n. (colloq.) (AE) ["a person with great power"] a drug; financial; gambling; shipbuilding ~ (BE spelling is tsar; for this meaning BE has supremo)
dab v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ at (to ~ at one’s eyes with a handkerchief) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ on (she dabbed some lotion on her face)
dabble v. (d; intr.) to ~ at, in, with (to ~ in politics; to ~ at painting)
dagger n. 1. to draw, unsheathe; sheathe a ~ 2. to stab ( smb.) with a ~ 3. (misc.) to look ~s at (“to look angrily at”)
dais n. 1. to get up on, mount the ~ 2. to stand on the ~ 3. from; on the ~
daisy n. 1. to pick ~sies 2. (misc.) as fresh as a ~
dally v. 1. (D; intr.) (“to be slow”) to ~ over (to ~ over one’s work) 2. (d; intr.) (“to play”) to ~ with (to ~ with the idea of studying abroad)
dam n. 1. to build, construct, erect a ~ 2. a hydro-electric; storage ~ 3. a ~ bursts 4. a ~ across (to build a ~ across a river)
damage I n. “[harm]” 1. to cause, do ~ to; to inflict ~ on 2. to suffer, sustain ~ 3. to repair, undo ~ 4. to assess the ~ (trying to assess the extent of the ~) 5. grave, great, extensive, heavy, incalculable, to assess the ~ (trying to assess (the extent of) the ~)
damage II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ at (to ~ at one’s eyes with a lotion on her face) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ before, in front of (to ~ bait in front of smb.)
damper n. “[deadening influence]” to put a ~ on
dance I n. 1. to do, perform a ~ (with may I have the next ~?) 3. to sit out a ~ 4. to give, hold a ~ (they held a dinner ~) 5. (the) classical ~; modern ~ 6. a barn; dinner; formal; school ~ 7. a circle, round; country; folk; line; square; sword; tap; tribal; war ~ 8. to go to a ~ 9. at a ~ (they met at a ~) 10. (misc.) (BE) to lead smb. a merry ~ (AE has to lead smb. a merry chase)
dance II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ to (to ~ to the music of a rock group) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ with 3. (D; intr.) to ~ through (they were ~ing through the park) 4. (P; tr.) he ~d her around the room 5. (misc.) to ~ for, with joy; to ~ smb.’s tune (“to conform to smb.’s wishes”); to go ~ing (see also to dance attendance on at attendance)
dancer n. a ballet; ballroom; belly; exotic; folk; lav; pole; tap; taxi ~
dancing n. aerobic; ballet; ballroom; social; belly; break; circle, round; country; folk; line; square; tap ~
dander n. “[temper]” (colloq.) (esp. AE) to get one’s / smb.’s ~ up
danduff n. a flake of ~ (there were a few ~s of danduff on his collar)
danger n. 1. to constitute, pose, represent; create (a) ~ 2. to expose to ~ 3. to confront; court; face; sense (a) ~ 4. to flirt with ~ 5. to avert (a) ~ 6. (an) acute, deadly, extreme, grave, mortal; immediate, imminent, impending; real ~ (a situation fraught with real ~ to us all) 7. (legal) a clear and present ~ 8. a ~ from; of; to (~ from wild animals; a ~ to national security; there was a real ~ of fire breaking out) 9. a ~ that + clause (there was a real ~ that a fire might break out) 10. in ~ (if our lives were in ~; the building is in imminent ~ of collapsing/collapse) 11. out of ~ (the patient is now out of ~)
dangerous adj. 1. extremely ~ 2. for ~ 3. to (~ for children to play in the street) 5. ~ that + clause (it’s ~ that so many children play in the street) (see also armed and dangerous at armed)
dangle v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ from (his keys ~d from a chain) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ before, in front of (to ~ bait in front of smb.)
dare I n. 1. to take a ~ 2. on a ~ (she did it on a ~)
dare II v. 1. (E) I don’t ~ to protest; she didn’t ~ to open her mouth 2. (F) I ~ not protest (formal); I don’t ~ protest; she didn’t ~ open her mouth; how ~ you speak to me like that? 3. (H) he ~d me to sue him 4. (misc.) she was so shy she hardly dared (to) open her mouth! USAGE NOTE: Some purists believe that I don’t dare protest is an incorrect blend of I don’t dare to protest and I dare not protest.
daring adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ (for them) to attempt the climb at night)
dark I adj. 1. pitch ("completely"); very ~ 2. to get, grow ~ 3. (misc.) as ~ as night
dark II n. ["darkness"] 1. after; before ~ 2. in the ~ (to grope for the door in the ~) 3. (misc.) the child is afraid of the ~ ["ignorance"] 4. to keep smbh. in the ~
darkness n. 1. complete, pitch, total ~ 2. ~ falls; gathers; lifts 3. in (the ~) (see also under cover of darkness at cover I)
darn n. (colloq.) ["small amount"] not to give a ~ (I don’t give a ~!)
dart I 1. complete, pitch, total ~ 2. ~ falls; darkness
dart II v. 1. (P; intr., tr.) when the rain started, we ~ed along the edge of the clearing
data n. to access; feed in, input, key in; process; retrieve; store ~ 2. to analyze, evaluate; cite; collect, gather; transfer ~ 3. to make a ~ (for) (she made a sudden ~ for the door)
dart II v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ at (to ~ a glance at smb.) 2. (P; intr.) she suddenly ~ed for the door; the hare ~ed along the edge of the clearing
darts n. to play ~ USAGE NOTE: A singular verb is used with this noun – darts is a popular game
dash I n. ["pointed object"] 1. to throw a ~ at (2) a poisoned ~ ["dash"] 3. to make a ~ (for) (she made a sudden ~ for the door)
dart II v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ at (to ~ a glance at smb.) 2. (P; intr.) she suddenly ~ed for the door; the hare ~ed along the edge of the clearing
date I n. ["time"] 1. to announce; fix, set a ~ for (we made a ~ for cover) 2. a frantic, mad ~ 3. in a ~ (I’m in a ~ to catch the next train)
dash II v. 1. (P; intr., tr.) when the rain started, we ~ed for cover 2. (misc.) (informal) sorry, must ~: I’m late for an appointment
data n. 1. to access; feed in, input, key in; process; retrieve; store ~ 2. to analyze, evaluate; cite; collect, gather; transfer ~ 3. to plot ~ (on a map or graph) 4. biographical; census; scientific; statistical ~ 5. comparative; concrete; raw; solid ~ USAGE NOTE: Purists insist on these data are available and consider this data is available to be incorrect.
database n. 1. to access; compile, create a ~ 2. to link ~s 3. a central; incomplete; online ~ 4. a ~ contains, holds 5. a ~ of (a ~ of useful information) 6. in, on a ~ (how much information is held on this ~?)
date I n. ["time"] 1. to announce; fix, set a ~ (to set a ~ for a wedding = to set a wedding ~ 2. to bring (smb.) up ~ 3. to bear a ~ (the letter bears no ~) 4. a significant ~ (in history) 5. a closing; cutoff; due; expiration, expiry (BE); opening; sell-by; target ~ 6. at a certain ~ (the meeting will be held at a later ~; at a/some future ~) 7. on a certain ~ (on this ~ in history) 8. to ~ (how many have returned their invitations to ~?) [rendezvous, meeting] 9. to have; make a ~ (I made a ~ to see them) 10. to go out on a ~ 11. to break; keep a ~ 12. a blind; double ~ 13. a ~ with (a ~ with a girl; a ~ with destiny) ["misc"] 14. out of ~; to go out of ~; up to ~; to be up to ~ on an issue; to bring smb. up to ~ on smt.; to bring a dictionary up to ~ so as to make it an up-to-date dictionary
date II v. (d; intr.) to ~ from (the temple ~s from the tenth century)
date back v. (d; intr.) to ~ to (the temple ~s back to the tenth century)
dateline n. the international ~ (to cross the international ~)
dating n. carbon ~
daybreak n. at ~
daydream I n. a ~ about, of
daydream II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ about 2. (L) she was always ~ing that she would get rich
daylight n. 1. in broad ~ 2. before ~
daylights n. (coll.) [*insides"] 1. to beat, knock the (living) ~ out of smb. [*wits"] 2. to scare the (living) ~ out of smb.
daytime n. in the ~
daze n. in a ~ (he’s always in a ~)
dazed adj. ~ at, by (~ at the sight of the carnage)
dead I adj. [*not alive"] 1. to drop ~ (of a heart attack)
2. brain; clinically: as ~ as a doornail, stone ~ 3. ~ on arrival (also [DOA]) 4. (fig.) ~ and buried (our hopes are now ~ and buried); ~ and gone (our hopes are now ~ and gone) 5. (misc.) ~ or alive (a dangerous criminal wanted ~ or alive); more ~ than alive (she was shivering and seemed more ~ than alive); to not be seen dead in (I wouldn’t be seen ~ in such cheap clothes!) (see also *given up for dead at give up; left for dead at leave; play dead at play") [*unresponsive]") 6. (cannot stand alone) ~ to (sound asleep and ~ to the world) 7. (misc.) to go ~ (the telephone suddenly went ~; after the injury my arm went ~ and I couldn’t move it)
dead II n. [*dead people"] 1. to bury the ~ 2. to honor the ~ 3. the war ~ (the war ~ were honored with a monument) 4. the living and the ~ (see also *the quick and the dead at quick II, rise from the dead at rise II)
dead III n. (see in *the dead of (the) night at night II; in the dead of winter at winter II)
dead end n. to arrive at, come to, reach a ~
deadline n. 1. to establish, set a ~ 2. to meet a ~ 3. to *transaction* ~ at, by (~ at the sight of the carnage)
deal I n. [*transaction"] 1. to close, wrap up (colloq.); to cut (colloq.), do (BE), make (AE), strike a ~ with (we closed the ~ with them yesterday) 2. to accept; offer; reject a ~ 3. a business; done; shady ~ [*treatment"] 4. a fair, square; raw (colloq.), rotten (colloq.), rough (colloq.), ~ (she got a raw ~ from her boss) 5. a ~ goes ahead; falls through 6. a ~ on (I can get you a good ~ on insurance) [*arrangement"] 7. a package ~ [*insides"] 8. a good, great ~ (of) we had a great ~ to talk about; we have a good ~ of work to do; a very great ~ of money [misc.] 9. (colloq.) a big ~ ("an impressive matter"); it means a good/great/very great ~ to her ("it is very important to her"); it’s no big ~ ("it’s not so important")
deal II v. 1. (A) he dealt a deathblow to the enemy; or: he dealt the enemy a deathblow (formal); she dealt the cards to the other players; or: she dealt the other players their cards 2. (d; intr.) to ~ in (they ~ in furs) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ with (we ~ with many customers; we ~ directly with the wholesalers and bypass the middlemen; we ~ with complaints; I’ll ~ with the children later; this chapter ~ with the problem of inflation; they dealt with me as an equal)
dealer n. 1. an antique(s); art; book; car; drug; junk ~ 2. a reputable ~ 3. a ~ in (a ~ in rare books)
dealership n. an automobile (AE), car ~
dealing n. insider ~
dealings n. [*business"] 1. business; straight; underhanded ~ 2. ~ with (I have had ~ with them)
deal out v. [*emotionally important"] 1. (cannot stand alone) ~ to (this project is ~ to my heart) 2. (misc.) to hold (smb.) ~
death n. 1. to cause ~ 2. to face ~; to meet one’s ~ 3. to feign ~ 4. to cheat, escape ~ 5. to mourn smb.’s ~ 6. to announce; register smb.’s ~ 7. (an) accidental; agonizing; certain; sure; heroic; instant, instantaneous; lingering; living; natural; painful; sudden, unexpected; tragic; untimely; violent; wrongful ~ (to die a natural ~; to meet a violent ~) 8. brain ~ 9. (a) cot (BE), crib (AE) ~ 10. by (~ by drowning; fire; firing squad; hanging; lethal injection) 11. at, upon smb.’s ~ (at her ~ the estate was broken up) 12. to ~ (beaten; bludgeoned; burnt; choked; frozen; put; shot; stabbed; starved; stoned; trampled to ~) 13. (fig.) bored; frightened; sick to ~ 14. (misc.) a fight to the ~; a ~ in the family; (sports) sudden ~ ("an overtime period that ends when the first point or goal is scored"); ~ to tyrants!; in ~ as in life; "till ~ us do part" ~ from the marriage service in The (Anglican) Book of Common Prayer (1662) (see also *life after death at life)
deathbed n. on one’s ~
deathblow n. 1. (formal) to deal a ~ (he dealt a ~ to the enemy; or: he dealt the enemy a ~) 2. a ~ to (the government’s decision has proved/dealt a ~ to heavy industry in this country)
death penalty n. 1. to impose; introduce the ~ 2. to abolish the ~
deathwatch n. to maintain a ~
debar v. (formal) (d; tr.) to ~ from (he was ~red from practice)
debatable adj. ~ whether + clause (it is ~ whether smoking should be officially banned)
debate I n. 1. to chair, moderate; close; conduct, have, hold; open a ~ 2. to encourage; provoke, spark (AE)/spark off (BE); stifle, suppress (a ~)
3. an acrimonious, bitter, heated, sharp, stormy ~ 4. a lively, spirited ~ 5. a campaign; national; parliamentary; public ~ 6. (a) formal ~ (informal ~) 7. a ~ about, on, over, between; with; in, during a ~; under (the matter is still under ~) 9. (misc.) a matter for ~

**debate II** v. 1. to ~ heatedly, hotly 2. (D; intr.) to ~ about, on (to ~ about disarmament) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ with ~ 4. (G) (esp. BE) Parliament ~ disarming 5. (Q) we ~d (with ourselves) how to do it

**debit I** n. (BE) direct ~ (to pay by direct ~)

**debit II** v. (“to charge”) 1. (D; tr.) to ~ against, to ~

**debis** n. to clear ~

**debt** n. 1. to contract, incur, run up; owe a ~; to clear ~; to collect, recover a ~ 3. to discharge, pay (off), settle; wipe out; work off; write off a ~; to cancel; repudiate a ~; a bad, outstanding, unsettled; toxic, unrecoverable ~; mounting ~s (to write off a bad ~) 6. a business; foreign; gambling; private; personal ~ 7. the national ~; 8. in ~; to (he is in ~ for a large sum, he is deeply in ~ to me; I’m in ~ to my colleagues for their excellent advice) 9. out of ~ 10. (misc.) a ~ of honor; a ~ of gratitude; deep(ly) in ~ (I owe a ~ of gratitude to my colleagues for their excellent advice)

**debtor** n. one’s ~ (to make one’s ~ in society) 2. a professional; stage ~ 3. a ~ as (to make one’s ~ as an actor)

**decadence** n. 1. to fall into ~ moral ~

**decant** v. 1. (D; tr.) (“to pour”) to ~ from; into, to ~. (fig.) (BE) the staff were ~ed from the old building to the new one

**decay** n. 1. to fall into; prevent; stop ~ 2. dental, tooth ~ 3. radioactive ~ 4. environmental; inner-city, urban ~ 5. moral ~

**decease** n. (formal and legal) upon smb.’s ~

**decide** v. 1. to ~ unanimously 2. (d; intr.) (“to make a decision”) to ~ against (to ~ against buying a car) 3. (legal) (d; intr.) to ~ against; for, in favor of (“to find for”) (the jury ~d for the plaintiff) 4. (D; intr.) (“to choose”) to ~ between (it was difficult to ~ between the two of them) 5. (d; intr.) to ~ on (“to choose in favor of”) (we have ~d on a new computer) 6. (E) (“to choose”) we ~d to stay home 7. (H) (BE) what finally ~d you to stay home? 8. (L) (“to make a decision”) she ~d that the children would stay home 9. (Q) (“to make a decision”) we could not ~ whether to go out or stay home 10. (misc.) to ~ for oneself (I can’t advise you; you’ll have to ~ for yourself)

**decision** n. ["act of deciding"] 1. to arrive at, come to, make, reach, take (BE) a ~ 2. (esp. legal) to affirm, uphold; appeal (AE), appeal against; hand down (AE), render a ~ 3. (esp. legal) to overrule, reverse a ~ 4. to defer; reconsider a ~ 5. a big, momentous; crucial; fateful; landmark (esp. legal); weighty ~ 6. a clear-cut; ethical; fair; favorable; good, sensible, wise; popular; just ~ 7. a collective, joint; unanimous ~ 8. a final; firm; irreversible, irrevocable ~ 9. an agonizing, difficult; arbitrary; hasty, rash, snap ~ 10. a bad, poor, unlike; unfair, unjust; unfavorable; unpopular ~ 11. a court; majority; split ("divided") ~ 12. a ~ about, on, 13. a ~ to + inf. (the government made the ~ to cut taxes) 14. the ~ that + clause (the government made the ~ that it would cut taxes) 15. (misc.) early ~ (AE; used in the process of admitting students to universities) ["decisiveness"] ["firmness"] 16. to lack ~ 17. of ~ (a man, woman of ~)

**deck** n. ["pack of playing cards"] (AE) 1. to cut; shuffle a ~ 2. to stack a ~ ("to arrange cards dishonestly") (also fig.) ["floor as on a ship"] 3. to swab a ~ 4. an aft, after; flight; lower; main; poop; promenade ~; sundeck; upper ~ 5. below; on ~ (she was on the lower ~; I went up on ~; is standing allowed on the upper ~ of the bus?) 6. (misc.) (usu. fig.) clear the ~s for action! ["device for tape recordings"] 7. a tape ~

**deck out** v. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ in (~ed out in their Sunday best)

**declaration** n. 1. to issue, make a ~ 2. a solemn; unilateral; written ~ 3. a currency; customs ~ 4. a ~ of (a ~ of war; the court’s ~ of the law to be unconstitutional) 5. a ~ that + clause (the court’s ~ that the law was unconstitutional)

**declare** v. 1. (B) he ~d his love to her 2. (D; tr.) to ~ against, on (to ~ war on another country) 3. (L; to) the court ~d that the law was unconstitutional 4. (M) the court ~d the law to be unconstitutional 5. (N; used with a noun, adjective, past participle) the court ~d the law unconstitutional; the government ~d him persona non grata

**declension** n. an adjective; noun; strong; weak ~

**decline I** n. 1. to go into, sink into, suffer a ~ 2. a gradual, slow; quick, sharp; steady; steep ~ 3. a ~
from; in; to (a ~ in profits of 10%, from $100,000 to $90,000) 4. in (a) ~ (profits are in ~) 5. into (a) ~ (profits fell/went into ~) 6. on the ~ (profits are on the ~) 7. (misc.) The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire (1776–88) – Edward Gibbon
define II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ by (proves have ~d by 10%) 2. (grammar) to ~ for (to ~ a noun for case) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ by; from; to (proves have ~d by 10%, from $100,000 to $90,000) 4. (E) she ~d to address the delegates
decorate v. 1. (D; tr.) (“to give a medal to”) to ~ for (to ~ a soldier for valor) 2. (D; tr.) (“to adorn”) to ~ with (to ~ a room with flowers) 3. (D; tr.) (“to paint or paper”) (BE) (the room was tastefully ~d in green) 4. (misc.) tastefully ~d
deforation n. ["medal"] 1. to award a ~ 2. (AE) to write smb. up for a ~ 3. a ~ for (the soldier was awarded a ~ for valor)
deforations n. ["ornaments"] 1. to put up ~ 2. Christ-mas ~ 3. elaborate; festive; party ~
deforator n. 1. an interior ~ 2. (misc.) (BE) a painter and ~
deforament n. 1. to display ~ 2. proper; strict ~ 3. (misc.) to behave with ~
deouple v. (D; tr.) (“to separate”) to ~ from (should the government ~ its tax policy from its inflation policy?)
decoy v. (D; tr.) to ~ into (they ~d us into a corner)
decrease I n. 1. a considerable, dramatic, large, sharp, significant, sizable, substantial; gradual; moderate; slight, small; steady ~ 2. a ~ in (a ~ in profits of 10%, from $100,000 to $90,000) 3. on the ~ (profits are on the ~)
decrease II v. 1. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ by (proves ~d by 10%) 2. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ from; to (proves ~d from $100,000 to $90,000) 3. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ in (the guards were ~d in number)
decree I n. 1. to issue a ~ 2. to rescind, revoke a ~ 3. a consent (legal) ; divorce ; executive ; govern-ment; royal ~ 4. (GB) a ~ absolute ; a ~ nisi 5. a ~ on 6. a ~ that + clause ; subj. (we had to obey the ~ that beards be / ~ on 7. by ~ (to transfer property by ~)
decree II v. 1. (D; tr.) (BE) to ~ at source (tax ~ed at source) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ a tax from one’s wages)
deductible adj. 1. tax-~ 2. ~ from
deduction n. ["subtracting"] ["deducting"] 1. to make a ~ (from) 2. to make; take a ~ for (income-tax purposes) 3. a ~ for; from (our employer makes a ~ from our salary for the income tax) ["conclusion"] 4. to make a ~ 5. an illogical; logical ~ 6. a ~ about 7. the ~ that + clause (the evidence confirmed our ~ that he was guilty; if all men are mortal and Socrates is a man, then I can make the ~ that Socrates is mortal)
deed I n. ["something done"] 1. to do, perform a ~ 2. a dirty (colloq.) ; evil, foul, wicked ~ 3. in word and ~ ["legal instrument of transfer"] 4. to transfer a ~ 5. a title ~ 6. a ~ to (hold a ~ to property) 7. by ~ (to transfer property by ~)
deed II v. (AE) (B) ("to transfer") he ~ed the prop-erty to his daughter
deem v. (formal) 1. (M) we ~d her to be worthy of support 2. (N; used with an adjective, noun) we ~ her worthy of support 3. (misc.) we ~d it proper that she be/should be supported
deep adj. 1. in (~ in thought; ~ in the forest) 2. (misc.) the well was forty feet ~; ~ down she is a good person; I was knee-~ in mud ("I was in mud up to my knees")
deep water n. ["trouble"] (colloq.) in ~
defer n. 1. a herd of ~ 2. a young ~ is a fawn 3. a female ~ is a doe 4. a male ~ is a buck, stag 5. the meat of a ~ is venison
default I n. 1. a ~ on (a ~ on one’s mortgage pay-ments) 2. by ~ (to win by ~) 3. in ~ of (anything better) ("in the absence of (anything better")
default II v. (D; intr.) to ~ on (to ~ on one’s mort-gage payments)
defeat I n. 1. to inflict (formal) a ~ on 2. to meet, suffer (a) ~ (at smb.’s hands) 3. to go down in, to ~ 4. to invite ~ 5. to accept, admit, concede ~ 6. a crushing, decisive, disastrous, humiliating, lopsided (AE), overwhelming, resounding, total, utter; ignominious, shameful ~ 7. in ~ (they were resourceful in ~) 8. (misc.) to stare ~ in the face (the former champion is now staring ~ in the face)
defeat II v. 1. to ~ decisively, roundly, resound-ingly, soundly 2. to ~ narrowly 3. (D; tr.) to ~ by (they were ~ed by three goals to one)
defect I n. 1. to correct a ~ 2. a glaring ~ 3. a minor ~ 4. a birth, congenital; character; hearing; me-chanical; mental; physical; speech; structural ~ 5. a ~ in (there was a ~ in the transmission)
defect II v. (“to desert”) 1. (D; intr.) to ~ from (to ~ from the party) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ to (to ~ to the West) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ from (to ~ from the party)
defection n. 1. a ~ from (a ~ from the party) 2. a ~ to (a ~ to the West) 2. a ~ to (a ~ to the West)
defective adj. ~ in defence (BE) see defense
defenceless (BE) see defenseless
defend v. 1. to ~ staunchly, strongly, vigorously; successfully 2. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ against, from (she ~ed herself against the attack) 3. (G) we cannot ~ drinking on the job 4. (K) I cannot ~ his drinking on the job
defendant n. to acquit, find for; arraign; charge; convict a ~
defender n. 1. a public ~ (US) (“a lawyer who represents poor people at public expense”) 2. a staunch ~ (of smt.)
defense, defence n. 1. to conduct, organize, put up a ~ to breach, overwhelm smb.’s ~ 3. an adequate; airtight, impenetrable; heroic; inadequate, weak; strong, vigorous; stubborn ~ civil; national ~ 5. military ~ 6. (sports) a one-on-one; zone ~ 7. a legal ~ 8. a ~ against 9. a ~ that + clause (her ~ that she was provoked was not accepted) 10. in ~ of 11. (misc.) (sports) in (BE), on (AE) ~; (legal) the ~ rests its case, the ~ rests (AE); to spring to smb.’s ~ (see also defense mechanism at mechanism)
defenseless, defenceless adj. ~ against (~ against any attack)
defense pact, defence pact n. a mutual ~
defensive I adj. ~ about (they were very ~ about their party’s record on tax reform)
defensive II n. on the ~ (to put smb. on the ~)
defer v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ in; to (he ~red to his partner in everything) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ for (the trial was ~red for another month) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ pending (the trial was ~red pending the arrival of the new evidence) 4. (D; tr.) to ~ until (the trial was ~red until the prisoner’s recovery) 5. (formal) (G) we ~red going 6. (formal) (K) we ~red our going
deference n. 1. to accord, show ~ to. blind; due; great ~ (with due ~) 3. in, out of ~ to 4. with all ~ to (with all ~ to you, I think you are wrong)
deferential adj. ["respectful"] ~ to
defiance n. ["resistance"] 1. to show ~ to. glare in ~ 3. ~ against, towards (~ towards all authority) 4. in ~ of (to act in ~ of one’s parents) 5. an act of ~
defiant adj. ~ towards
deficiency n. ["defect"] ["inadequacy"] 1. a hearing; hormone; iron; mental; mineral; vitamin ~ 2. a major, serious; minor, slight ~ (he suffers from/has a slight vitamin ~ that he hopes to remedy by taking supplements) 3. (a) ~ in ["incomplete work"] (as in school) (AE) 4. to make up a ~
deficient adj. ~ in
deficit n. 1. to run, show a ~ 2. to make up; reduce a ~ 3. a budget; operating; trade ~ 4. a ~ in
define v. 1. to ~ clearly 2. (D; tr.) to ~ as (we can ~ burnout as exhaustion)
defined adj. ["outlined, delineated"] 1. clearly, sharply ~; well-defined ~ against (sharply ~ against a light background)
definite adj. 1. ~ about (she was ~ about it) 2. ~ that + clause (is it ~ that they will sign the contract?)
definition n. 1. to formulate, give, provide, write a ~ 2. a dictionary; formulaic; referential; synonym ~

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defraud v. (D; tr.) to ~ of (he ~ed them of their money)
deft adj. ~ at (she is ~ at dealing with administrators)
defy v. 1. to ~ openly. (H; passive is rare) she ~ed them to prove her guilty
defend v. (D; intr.) to ~ to (to ~ to the West)
defense mechanism n. ~ed herself against the attack) 3. (G) we cannot ~ (to a ~ to the West)
defied adj. at (~ against any attack)
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define v. 1. to ~ clearly 2. (D; tr.) to ~ as (we can ~ burnout as exhaustion)
of minor ~of up to 5 minutes) 5. a ~ in (she apologized for the ~ in answering) 6. without ~ (to want a job finished without ~)
delay II v. 1. (G) he ~ed calling the police 2. (K) he ~ed my calling the police
delaying action n. to fight a ~
delegate I n. 1. a party ; pledged ; super-delegate (US), unplugged ~ 2. a ~ at large 3. a ~ attends (a convention or party congress) 4. a ~ from ; to (a ~ from the south to the convention)
delegate II v. 1. (B) he ~ed his responsibilities to a deputy 2. (H) she was ~ed to represent us
delegation n. 1. to head a ~ 2. an official ; unofficial ~ 3. a member of a ~ 4. a ~ from ; to 5. in a ~
delete v. (D ; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ smt. from a dossier)
deleterious adj. ~ to
deletion n. 1. to make a ~ 2. a ~ from (she made a ~ from the text)
deliberate I adj. ~ in (~ in one’s speech)
deliberate II v. 1. (D ; intr.) to ~ about, on, over (we ~d about where to meet) 2. (rare) (Q) we ~d where to meet
deliberations n. ~ about (our ~ about where to meet)
delicacy n. 1. extreme, great ~ 2. a matter of extreme ~
delicatessen n. 1. a kosher ~ 2. at ; in a ~ (to eat in a kosher ~) ; to buy something at a kosher ~
delight I n. 1. to feel ~ ; to take ~ in (they took ~ in watching the children play) 2. great, intense, sheer ; perverse ~ 3. ~ at (my ~ at hearing such lovely songs) 4. a ~ to + inf. (it was a ~ to hear such lovely songs = such lovely songs were a ~ to hear) 5. ~ that + clause (they expressed their ~ that they had been invited) 6. to smb.’s ~ (to my great ~, I was invited) 7. with ~ (they accepted our invitation with great ~)
delight II v. 1. (d ; intr.) to ~ in (to ~ in the beauties of nature) 2. (D ; tr.) to ~ by ; with (they ~ed the children with their funny stories = they ~ed the children by telling them funny stories) 3. (R) it ~ed me (to learn that you can attend)
delighted adj. 1. ~ at, by, with 2. ~ to + inf. (we’ll be ~ to come) 3. ~ that + clause (I’m ~ that you can attend)
delightful adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ to swim in the heated pool)
delinquency n. 1. juvenile ~ 2. (AE) ~ in delinquency I adj. (AE) ~ in (~ in paying one’s rent)
delinquent II n. a juvenile ; tax (AE) ~
delirious adj. ~ with
delirium n. in a ~ (of)
deliver v. 1. (B) they ~ed the merchandise to us 2. (D ; tr.) to ~ from ; into (they ~ed us into enemy hands = “lead us not into temptation, but ~ us from evil” ~ “The Lord’s Prayer”, The Bible: St. Matthew) 3. (pompous) (D ; refl.) to ~ of (to ~ oneself of an opinion) 4. (D ; tr.) to ~ to ~ (they ~ed the circular to each house ; the limousine ~s you to your door) 5. (misc.) to ~ on a promise (esp. AE) ; to ~ by hand ; she was ~ed of a baby girl (formal) (“she gave birth to a baby girl”)delivery n. (formal) ~ from (~ from captivity)
delivery n. “act of delivering”[“bringing”] 1. to make a ~ (to) 2. to accept, take ~ (of) 3. an emergency ~; (an) overnight ; prompt ~ (we guarantee prompt ~) 4. general (AE) ~ (BE has poste restante) ; mail (esp. AE), postal (AE) ; recorded (BE) ; rural-free (AE) ; special ~ 5. a ~ to 6. on ~ (payment on ~) 7. (misc.) door-to-door ~ (they offer door-to-door ~) [“childbirth”] 8. a breech ; caesarean ; normal ~ [“manner of speaking or throwing”] 9. an effective ~demean I v. 1. (D ; refl., tr.) to ~ into (don’t ~ yourself into thinking that she loves you) 2. (L ; refl.) don’t ~ yourself that she loves you
deluge v. (d ; tr.) to ~ with (we were ~d with offers)
delusion n. 1. to cherish, cling to a ~ 2. a ~ that + clause (he was under the ~ that she loved him) 3. under a ~ (to labor under a ~) (see also delusions of grandeur at grandeur)
delve v. 1. ~ deeply 2. (d ; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for information) 3. (d ; intr.) to ~ into (to ~ into the background of a case)
demand I n. “urgent request” 1. to make a ~ ; to state one’s ~ 2. to meet, respond to, satisfy a ~ ; to give in to, yield to a ~ ; to ignore ; reject a ~ 4. to drop, give up a ~ 5. an excessive, exorbitant, unrealistic ; final ; moderate, modest, reasonable ; non-negotiable ~ 6. union ; wage ~s on smb.’s time) 8. a ~ that + clause ; subj. (they rejected our demand that no one be /should be punished) 9. at, on ~ (payment on ~) [“desire for a commodity”] 10. to create a ~ 11. to meet, satisfy a ~ 12. (a) brisk, enormous, great, heavy, strong ; growing, increased ; inelastic ~ 13. (a) limited, little ~ 14. consumer ; popular ; public ~ 15. ~ drops off, falls off ; increases, rises 16. a ~ for (there is a brisk ~ for home computers) 17. by ~ (by popular ~) 18. in ~ (small cars are in great ~) [“misc.”] 19. the law of supply and ~ demand II v. 1. (D ; tr.) to ~ from, of (to ~ an apology from smb) 2. (E) she ~s to be kept informed of everything 3. (L ; subj.) she ~s that she be /should be kept informed of everything demanding adj. 1. emotionally ; physically ; technically ; very ~ (to play a technically very ~ sonata) 2. ~ of (she is very ~ of her employees)
demarcation n. a ~ between (lines of ~ between the two zones)
démarche n. a ~ between (lines of ~ between the two zones)
demeaning adj. 1. ~ to (is charity ~ to its recipients?) 2. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ to be kept waiting so long)
demeanor, demeanour n. a cheerful, friendly; unfriendly ~
demerit n. a ~ for (to get/receive a ~ for being late)
denise n. 1. ['death] on, upon smb.’s ~ 2. (fig.) what has led to the virtual ~ of gloves for women in the west?
demobilization n. on, upon ~
democracy n. 1. a constitutional; multi-party; parliamentary; representative ~ 2. in a ~ (in a ~ the people vote for their leaders)
Democrat n. (US) a registered ~
demon n. to exercise a ~
demonstrable adj. clearly ~
demonstrate v. 1. ~ convincingly 2. (B) (“to explain by showing”) they ~d the new computer to us 3. (D; intr.) (“to protest by marching”) to ~ against (the students ~d against the government) 4. (D; intr.) (“to display support by marching”) to ~ for, in favor of (to ~ for lower taxes) 5. (L; to) (“to prove by showing”) we ~d (to them) that a new computer would save considerable time 6. (Q; to) (“to explain by showing”) she ~d (to him) how the computer works
demonstration n. [‘explanation’] 1. to attend; give, put on a ~ 2. a practical ~ [‘protest’] 3. to go on, join, take part in; mount, organize, stage a ~ 4. to ban; break up, quell; call off a ~ 5. an antinuclear; antiwar, peace; civil-rights; political ~ 6. a disorderly, violent; non-violent, orderly, peaceful ~. 7. a mass; organized; spontaneous; staged ~ 8. a public; student ~ 9. a ~ calls for, demands; takes place 10. a ~ against (we met at/on a student ~ against the wars) [‘expression of support’] 11. to mount, organize, stage a ~ 12. a ~ for, in favor of, in support of 13. (misc.) they marched as/in a ~ of support
denote v. (D; tr.) to ~ from; to (she was ~d from major to captain)
demur I n. (formal) without ~ (they accepted the proposal without ~)
demur II v. (formal) (D; intr.) (“to object”) to ~ at, to (AE) (to ~ at a proposal)
den n. 1. a lion’s ~ 2. a gambling; opium ~; a ~ of iniquity; a ~ of thieves
denial n. [‘refusal, rejection’] 1. to issue a ~ 2. a categorical, emphatic; flat; outright; strenuous, strongly, vehemently ~ 3. a ~ that ~ clause (they issued a ~ that their firm had been involved) [‘a psychological process’] 4. in (a state of) ~ (about) (she was in ~ about the abuse she had suffered as a child)
denomination n. [‘group’] 1. a religious ~ (to belong to a religious ~) [‘unit of money’] 2. large; small ~s (the store did not accept currency in large ~s)
denominator n. 1. to find the least (math.)/lowest (math. or fig.) common ~ 2. a common ~
denounce v. 1. to ~ angrily, bitterly; openly, publicly; roundly, strongly 2. (B) to ~ smb. to the police 3. (D; tr.) to ~ as (to ~ smb. as a drunkard) 4. (D; tr.) to ~ for (to ~ smb. for drinking too much) 5. (G) she ~d drinking in the strongest possible terms 6. (K) she ~d his drinking
density n. 1. population; traffic ~ 2. high; low ~
dent n. 1. to make, put a ~ in (he made a ~ in the door; to make a ~ in the backlog of work) 2. to hammer out, remove, straighten out a ~
denture n. 1. to put in; remove, take out; wear a ~ 2. a lower; partial; upper ~ 3. complete, full ~s 4. a set of ~s
denude v. (D; tr.) to ~ of (the hillside was ~d of trees)
denunciation n. 1. to issue, make a ~ 2. an angry, bitter, scathing, strong, vehement; sweeping ~ 3. (misc.) her ~ of him to the police as a drunkard/for being a drunkard
deny v. 1. to ~ angrily; categorically, emphatically, fervently, flatly, hotly, strenuously, strongly, vehemently 2. (A; typically used without to) he ~s himself nothing; they were ~d admittance; to ~ smb. bail; Everton’s defence ~d Liverpool the winning goal; he ~d nothing to his family; or: he ~d his family nothing 3. (G) she ~d knowing anything 4. (L; to) she ~d that she had been there; there’s no ~ing that she must have been there; you can’t ~ you were there, so don’t even try to! 5. (rare) (M) he ~d it to be the case
dedorant n. 1. to apply, put on (a) ~ 2. to use (a) ~ 3. (a) cream; roll-on; spray; stick; underarm ~
depart v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for London) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ from (our train is due to ~ in five minutes from platform (BE)/track (AE) seven)
department n. [‘division of a school, of a university’] 1. to chair (esp. AE), head (esp. BE), run a ~ 2. a strong; weak ~ 3. an accounting; anthropology; astronomy; biology; chemistry; classics; economics; English; French; geology; German; history; Italian; linguistics; mathematics; music; nursing; philosophy; physics; political science; psychology; Slavic; Slavonic; sociology; Spanish ~ 4. the chair (esp. AE), head (esp. BE) of a ~; a member of a ~ USAGE NOTE: You can say both “the English Department” and “the Department of English.” [‘division of a company or government’] 5. an accounting; finance; fire (AE) (BE has fire brigade); health; housing; human-resources; personnel; police; recreation; sanitation; service ~ [‘division of a hospital’] 6. an A & E, Accident and Emergency (BE), casualty (BE), emergency (AE) ~ (the victim was taken to the emergency ~ but had to wait to be seen in the ~) [‘area, category’] 7. in a certain ~ (he’s a bit lacking in the common-sense ~ (“he lacks common sense”)) [smb.’s area of concern or responsibility?] 8. smb.’s ~ (cooking is not my ~: I leave it to the wife)
departure n. 1. to be, constitute, mark, represent a ~
depend v. 1. to ~ crucially, entirely, heavily, solely; partly; to some extent; in the last analysis, ultimately (on) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ on, upon (she ~s on her parents; the future ~s on what we decide now) 3. (misc.) she ~s on her parents for support = she ~s on her parents to support her; you can ~ on her to do the exact opposite of what you think she will!

dependence n. 1. alcohol; drug; physical; psychological ~ 2. ~ on, upon (his ~ on alcohol; her ~ on her parents for support = her ~ on her parents to support her)

dependency n. 1. a colonial ~ 2. alcohol; drug ~

dependent adj. 1. crucially, entirely, heavily, solely; partly; to some extent; in the last analysis, ultimately ~s 2. for; on, upon (she ~s on her parents for support = she is ~ on her parents to support her)

depict v. 1. (B) they ~ed the situation to us vividly

deploy v. (D; tr.) to ~; to (troops were being ~ed from Europe to Asia)

deployment n. 1. large-scale ~ (the large-scale ~ of troops) 2. ~ from; to
deport I v. (formal) (“to behave”) 1. (d; refl.) to ~ like (he ~ed himself like a gentleman) 2. (P; refl.) to ~ oneself well
deport II v. (D; tr.) (“to send out of the country”) ~ from; to
deporation n. 1. (a) mass ~ 2. ~ from; to
depose v. (D; tr.) to ~ from
deposit I n. (“money put into a bank account”) 1. to make a ~ 2. a demand; direct; minimum; time ~ 3. on ~(the money was on ~(in a bank) “[down payment; security payment]” 4. to give, leave a ~; to put a ~ down on 5. to recover, get back one’s ~ 6. to forfeit, lose one’s ~ 7. a non-refundable; refundable ~
deposit II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ in (to ~ money in a bank) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ with (she ~ed the funds with her lawyer)
deposition n. (legal) 1. (of a witness) to make a ~ 2. (of a lawyer) to defend; notice; take a ~ 3. a sworn ~ 4. a ~ that (he made a ~ that he had witnessed the accident)
deposits n. 1. rich ~ 2. coal; mineral; oil; ore ~ (rich ~ of ore)
depot n. an ammunition; arms; bus; freight (AE), goods (BE); fuel; supply ~
depreciate v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ by (to ~ by ten percent) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ in (to ~ in value)
depress v. (R) it ~ed everyone (to realize) that no progress was made during the negotiations
depressed adj. 1. clinically; deeply, very ~ about, at, over; by (~ at the bad news) 3. ~ to + inf. (everyone was ~ to realize that no progress was made during the negotiations) 4. ~ that + clause (everyone was ~ that no progress was made during the negotiations)
depressing adj. 1. deeply, profoundly, very ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ to realize that no progress was made during the negotiations) 3. ~ that + clause (it’s ~ that no progress was made during the negotiations)
depression n. “[low economic activity]” 1. to cause; come out of a ~; go into a ~ 2. a major, severe; minor ~ 3. an economic ~ (the country has gone into a major economic ~) 4. (misc.) the Great Depression (of the 1930s) “[dejection]” 5. to cause, lead to; treat ~ 6. to get over; succumb to; suffer from ~ 7. (an) acute; chronic; clinical; deep, severe, total; manic; postnatal, postpartum ~ (he was in a state of total ~) 8. ~ deepens, worsens; lifts 9. an attack, bout, episode; period of ~ (the loss of his job led to the onset of a period of severe ~) 10. in; with ~ (hospitalized with ~)
depressor n. a tongue ~
deprivation n. to suffer ~
deprive v. (d; tr.) to ~ of (~ of smb. of everything)
depth n. “[distance from top to bottom]” “[distance from front to back]” 1. in; (~ the river is thirty feet in ~) “[place at the bottom of a body of water]” 2. at; to ~ (~ the water froze to ~ of two feet; there was ice even at ~ of two feet!) 3. to reach; sink to ~ (the divers reached great ~s) “[capability]” 4. beyond, out of one’s ~ “[worst part]” 5. in the ~s (in the ~s of the Depression) “[misc.]” 6. in ~(“thoroughly”) (to analyze smt. in ~ to make an in-depth analysis of it); to plumb the ~s of smt. (“to get to the root of smt.”); in the ~s of despair; to lack ~ (“to be superficial”)~
depth charge n. to drop a ~
depute v. (formal) (esp. BE) 1. (B) (“to assign”) (he ~d the bookkeeping to me while he was away) 2. (H) (“to appoint as deputy, to delegate”) he ~d me to do the bookkeeping while he was away
dezinate v. 1. (esp. AE) (D; tr.) (“to appoint”) to ~ as (he ~d me as his assistant) 2. (esp. BE) (D; intr.) to ~ for (“to replace”) (to ~ for smb. as secretary)
deputy n. 1. to swear in a ~ 2. to act as (a) ~ 3. a special ~ 4. a ~ for
deranged adj. mentally ~
derelict adj. ~ in (~ in one’s duty)
derision n. 1. to arouse, provoke ~ 2. an object of ~ 3. ~ for (to show one’s ~ for smb. or smt. ridiculous) 4. (misc.) hoots of ~
derivation n. of a certain ~ (words of Latin ~)
describe v. 1. (d; intr.) (“to come”) to ~ from (many words ~ from Latin) 2. (D; tr.) (“to trace”) to ~ from (to ~ a word from a Latin root) 3. (D; tr.) (“to receive”) to ~ from (to ~ pleasure from music)

derogation n. ["permission to bypass typically an EU regulation"] (legal) (BE; AE has variation) 1. to grant a ~ 2. to apply for a ~

derogatory adj. ~ of, to, towards

descend v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ from; to ("to come down from") (you do know from whom you are ~ed?) to ~ from the heights to the depths) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ into ("to go into") (to ~ into a cave) 3. (d; intr.) ("to swoop down") to ~ on, upon (the tourists ~ed on the resort) 4. (d; intr.) ("to stoop") to ~ to (to ~ to a life of petty crime)

descendant n. a direct, lineal ~

descended adj. (cannot stand alone) 1. directly ~ 2. from (~ from a royal family)

descent n. ["origin"] 1. to trace smb.’s / one’s ~ 2. direct ~ 3. ~ from 4. of a certain ~ (of mixed ~) ["define"] 5. a gradual, steep ~ ("visit, influx") 6. a ~ on, upon (a sudden ~ of tourists on a resort) ["coming down"] 7. to make a ~ from; into; to (to make a ~ into a cave; to make a ~ from the heights to the depths)

describe v. 1. to ~ graphically; minutely; vividly; in detail. 2. (B) she ~d the scene to us 3. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ as (he was ~d as (being) very cruel) 4. (G) she ~d living under the occupation 5. (K) she ~d in detail their living under the occupation 6. (Q; to) she ~d (to us) how they lived under the occupation 7. (misc.) words cannot ~ how awful it was to live under the occupation!

description n. 1. to give, provide a ~ 2. to answer to a, fit a ~ (he answers to the ~ of the escaped convict) 3. to beggar, defy ~ 4. an accurate, correct, exact; clear, graphic; matter-of-fact, objective ~ 5. a glowing; lively, picturesque, vivid ~ 6. a blow-by-blow; detailed, full, lengthy, thorough; firsthand ~ 7. a brief, short; superficial ~ 8. a job ~ 9. of a certain ~ (a person of that ~ was seen here yesterday) 10. (misc.) beyond ~

desensitize v. (D; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ smb. to suffering)

desert I n. 1. to cross, traverse; reclaim a ~ of, to, towards 2. a direct, lineal ~ 3. a gradual, steep ~ 4. a ~ into a cave; to make a ~ from the heights to the depths)

desert II n. (D; tr.) to ~ for (to ~ the stage for Hollywood) 1. (D; tr.) to ~ from (he ~ed from his regiment) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ to (to ~ to the enemy)

desertion n. a ~ from (~s from the army have increased)

deserts n. ["reward"] ["punishment"] to get one’s just ~

deserve v. 1. to ~ richly 2. (E) she ~d to win; she ~d to be honored (for her work) 3. (G) she ~d being honored (for her work), she ~d honoring (for her work) 4. (misc.) to ~ better (of); to ~ ill of; to ~ well of; I hardly ~ all this bad luck: what have I done to ~ it?; richly ~d, well ~d (she got a well-deserved award for her work)

deserving adj. 1. richly ~ 2. ~ of (~ of help)

design I n. ["plan"] 1. a creative ~ 2. software ~ 3. intelligent ~ (to defend intelligent ~ against natural selection) 4. a ~ for (a ~ for a new library) 5. in; to ~ (clothes that are simple but elegant in their ~; a house built to a ~ by Frank Lloyd Wright) ["intention"] 6. by ~ (did it happen by accident or (by) ~?) (see also designs)

design II v. 1. (C) he ~ed a beautiful house for us; or: he ~ed us a beautiful house 2. (d; tr.) to ~ as 3. (d; tr.) to ~ for (~ed for recreational purposes)

designate I adj. (placed after a noun) a minister ~ (the minister ~ met the president elect)

designate II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ as (the state was ~d as a disaster area) 2. (H) we ~d him to serve as our delegate 3. (N; used with a noun) the state was ~d a disaster area

designation n. a ~ as

designed adj. (cannot stand alone) 1. ~ for (~ for operation at high altitudes) 2. ~ to + inf. (the machine was ~ to operate at high altitudes)

designer n. an aircraft; dress; fashion; graphic; interior; software ~

designs n. ["evil intentions"] 1. to have, harbor ~ against, on, upon (to have ~ on smb.’s money) 2. minister ~
desirable adj. 1. highly, very ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ (for you) to be there by two o’clock) 3. ~ that + clause; subj. (it is ~ that you ~be should be/(BE) are~ there by two o’clock)

desire I n. 1. to arouse, create, whet (a) ~ 2. to evince, express, voice a ~ 3. to feel, have a ~ 4. to satisfy a ~ 5. to repress, stifle, suppress a ~ 6. (an) ardent, blind, burning, deep, earnest, fervent, insatiable, intense, keen, overwhelming, passionate, strong; sincere; unfulfilled ~ 7. animal; sexual ~ 8. a ~ for 9. a ~ to + inf. (a ~ to excel; her ~ for the estate to be divided equally) 10. a ~ that + clause; subj. (it was her ~ that the estate be/should be/was divided evenly)

desire II v. 1. to deeply, fervently, strongly ~ 2. (E) she ~s to remain neutral in the dispute 3. (formal) (H) she ~d the estate to be divided equally 4. (formal) (L; subj.) she ~d that the estate be/should be/(BE) was divided equally

desirous adj. (formal) (cannot stand alone) 1. very ~ 2. ~ of (~ of fame) 3. ~ that; subj. (she was ~ that the estate be/should be/(BE) was divided equally)

desist v. 1. (formal) (D; intr.) to ~ from (~ from further litigation) 2. (misc.) (esp. legal) to cease and ~

desk n. ["counter"] 1. (in a hotel) a front (AE), reception (BE) ~ 2. at the ~ (I’ll meet you at the front ~) ["department"] 3. an information ~ 4. (at a newspaper) a city; copy ~ ["table for writing"] 5. to clear; leave one’s ~ 6. a cluttered ~ 7. a rolltop;
writing ~ 8. at, behind; in; on a ~ (she was at her ~ at nine, sat behind/at it all day, read the papers on it, found some pens in it, and left it at five) USAGE NOTE: In AE city desk means “local news desk” (i.e., news about the city in which a newspaper is published); in BE it means “financial news desk” (perhaps by reference to the City of London, traditionally London’s financial district).

desolation n. complete, utter ~ (in a state of complete and utter ~)

despair I n. 1. to overcome ~ 2. bitter, black, deep, sheer, total, utter ~ 3. the depths of ~ 4. in ~ (in utter ~) 5. out of ~ (to do smt. out of ~) 6. (misc.) to drive smb. to ~ (his untidiness is driving me to ~!)
despair II v. 1. to ~ deeply 2. (D; intr.) to ~ of (to ~ of success; he’s so untidy sometimes I really ~ of him!)
despacht (BE) see dispatch I, II
desperate adj. 1. ~ for (~ for help) 2. ~ to + inf. (~ to get help)
desperation n. 1. an act of ~ 2. in ~ 3. out of ~ (to do smt. out of sheer ~)
despicable adj. 1. utterly ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (it was utterly ~ of him to desert his family!) 3. ~ that clause (it was utterly ~ that he deserted/should have deserted his family!)
despise v. 1. to ~ utterly 2. (D; tr.) to ~ for (I ~d him for his cowardice) 3. (K) I ~ his refusing to accept responsibility 4. (misc.) I hate him, I loathe him, I ~ him!
despoil v. (formal) (D; tr.) to ~ of
despondent adj. 1. ~ about, over (I grew very despondent about her abandonment of me) 2. ~ to + inf. (I was despondent to hear that she had abandoned me) 3. ~ that + clause (I was despondent that she had abandoned me)
despot n. 1. an absolute; benevolent; enlightened ~
destination n. 1. to arrive at, reach one’s ~ 2. smb.’s final, ultimate ~
destine v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ for (fate ~d her for greatness) 2. (H) fate ~d her to go far in life
destined adj. (cannot stand alone) 1. ~ for (the shipment is ~ for New York; she was ~ for greatness) 2. ~ to + inf. (she was ~ by fate to go far in life)
destiny n. 1. to achieve, fulfill one’s ~ 2. to decide, shape smb.’s ~ 3. (historical) Manifest Destiny 4. ~ to + inf. (it was her ~ to go far in life) 5. ~ that + clause (it was her ~ that she would go far in life)
destitute adj. ~ of (~ of feeling)
destitution n. in ~ (to die in ~)
destroyer n. a tank ~
destruction n. 1. to carry out ~ (with a human subject: the soldiers carried out the total ~ of the village) 2. to cause ~ (with any subject: the flood caused great ~) 3. complete, mass, total, utter; wanton; widespread ~ (weapons of mass ~ = WMDs) 4. (misc.) the soldiers left a trail of wanton ~ behind them
destructive adj. ~ of

detach v. (D; tr.) to ~ from (the officer was ~ed temporarily from her unit)
detail I n. ["small part"] ["minute treatment"] 1. to bring up, cite; disclose; fill in; furnish; give; go into (the) ~ 2. to go into ~ (you don’t need to go into great ~) 3. to work out (the) ~s 4. an essential, important; mere, minor; technical ~ (can you fill in the technical ~s?) 5. (a) gory, graphic, grisly, gruesome, harrowing, lurid, revolting, sordid, unsavory; great, meticulous, microscopic, minute; petty; precise ~ (they went into lurid ~; they brought up petty ~s; the newspapers reported the gruesome ~s; he described the event in graphic ~; only the police knew the sordid ~s of the crime) 6. a wealth of ~ 7. (a) ~ about (the book gives a wealth of ~ about the campaign; they discussed the important ~s about the campaign) 8. for ~s; in ~ (turn to page 26 for further ~s; to treat a topic in minute ~) 9. (misc.) spare me the ~s! (see also spare 2); contact ~s (give us your contact ~s if you want to be on our mailing list) ["detachment"] (usu. mil.) 10. to form a ~ 11. a fatigue, work ~
detail II v. "(to assign)" 1. (D; tr.) to ~ for (to ~ a unit for fatigue duty) 2. (H) they ~ed the unit to do fatigue duty
detain v. 1. to ~ forcibly 2. (D; tr.) to ~ for (he was ~d for questioning) 3. (misc.) the precise details needn’t ~ us further
detained adj. unavoidably ~
detection n. 1. to avoid, escape ~ 2. early ~ (can early ~ of a disease increase its cure rate?)
detector n. 1. an amateur; house (obsol.); private ~ 2. a ~ investigates (the ~s assigned to the case are investigating it)
detector n. a lie; metal; mine; smoke ~
detention n. in ~ (he was kept in ~ for two hours)
deter v. (D; tr.) to ~ from
detergent n. (a) biodegradable; laundry; liquid; synthetic ~
deterioration n. 1. continuing: marked; steady ~ 2. a ~ in (I noted a ~ in her condition)
determination n. ["decisiveness"] 1. to show ~ 2. dogged, fierce, firm, great, grim, iron, sheer, strong, unflinching, unyielding ~ ["firm intention"] 3. to express one’s ~ 4. to shake smb.’s ~ 5. ~ to + inf. (she expressed her strong ~ to succeed) 6. with ~ (she struggled to succeed with great ~) ["judicial decision"] 7. to come to a ~ (of a case) 8. the final ~ (of a case)
determine v. 1. (E) she ~d to succeed (more usu. is: she is ~d to succeed) 2. (L) the police ~d that no crime had been committed 3. (Q) we must ~ where the conference will take place
determined adj. 1. very ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (she is ~ to succeed) 3. ~ that + clause (she is ~d that she will succeed)
deterrent n. 1. an effective, powerful ~ 2. a nuclear ~; the ultimate ~ 3. a ~ against, to 4. as a ~ (is it true that weapons of mass destruction serve as a ~ to war?)
detest v. 1. to ~ cordially 2. (G) he ~s working 3. (K) we ~ his constantly lying
detestable adj. 1. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ to speak like that; it was ~ of them to do that) 2. ~ that + clause (it was ~ that they did/should have done that!)
detour n. 1. to set up a ~ 2. to follow, make, take a ~ 3. a ~ around
detract v. (d; intr.; tr.) to ~ from (the scandal will not ~ from his fame)
detriment n. 1. a ~ to 2. the ~ of
detrimental adj. ~ to (smoking is ~ to health)
devastation n. 1. to cause ~ 2. complete, total, utter, widespread ~ 3. (misc.) the cyclone left a trail of ~ (behind it)
devastate v. 1. to ~ fully; rapidly; slowly 2. (D; intr.) to ~
deviation n. 1. a marked, sharp; slight ~ 2. (statis-
tics) a standard ~ from; to (the ~ of power from central government) 3. an entry in a ~
devise v. 1. to ~ sharply; slightly ~ 2. (D; intr.) to ~
deviation n. 1. a marked, sharp; slight ~ 2. (statistics) a standard ~ 3. a ~
device n. 1. a contraceptive; intrauterine (IUD) ~ 2. a laborsaving; timesaving ~ 3. a detonating; explosive; incendiary; thermonuclear ~; an improvised explosive ~ (IED) 4. a literary; mnemonic; rhetorical; stylistic ~ 5. a flotation; listening ~ 6. a ~ for

diagnose v. (D; tr.) to ~ as (they ~d her illness as diabetes)
diagnosis n. 1. to make a ~ 2. to confirm a ~ (of further tests confirmed the initial ~ of diabetes) 3. (med.) (a) differential ~ 4. a that + clause (further tests confirmed the initial ~ that she had diabetes)
diagonal I adj. ~ to
diagonal II n. on the ~ (to cut on the ~)
diagram n. 1. to draw a ~ 2. a ~ shows 3. in, on a ~
dial I n. to turn a ~ (turn the ~ to the correct position and then press the “ON” button)
dial II v. to ~ direct, directly (she ~(l)ed London direct)
dialect n. 1. to speak (in) a ~ 2. a local, regional; non-standard; social; standard ~ 3. in ~ (the stories were written in ~)
dialoging, dialling direct ~
dialogue n. 1. to enter into a ~ with (to have a ~ with 2. a constructive, fruitful, meaningful ~ 3. a ~ about, on; between; with
diameter n. in ~ (the circle is ten inches in ~ (“the circle has a ~ of ten inches”))
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dimensional adj. (a) differential ~ 4. a that + clause (further tests confirmed the initial ~ that she had diabetes)
diagnostic adj. (a) differential ~ 4. a that + clause (further tests confirmed the initial ~ that she had diabetes)
diastole n. 1. a period (in the cycle) when the heart is relaxed, filling with blood

diaphragm n. [“contraceptive device”] to insert, put in; remove, take out a ~
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dichotomy n. 1. an absolute; growing ~ 2. a ~

v. dictate v. (esp. AE) to ~ about, over; for; with
dicker v. 1. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ to (she was ~ing to her
secretary; the conqueror ~s terms to the conqueror)
2. (L; can be subj.) the financial crisis ~d that he
not begin/should not begin immediately 3. (Q; to)
they ~d (to us) how everything would be done
dictation n. "dictated material" 1. to give ~ 2. to take ~ 3. to transcribe ~ ["dictation exercise"] 4. to give a ~ 5. to do, have a ~
dictator n. an absolute; benevolent; brutal; mili-

ty; ruthless ~
dictatorship n. 1. to establish, set up a ~ 2. to overthrow a ~ 3. an absolute; benevolent; brutal; military; ruthless ~ 4. during a ~ 5. (to live) under a ~
diction n. clear ~
dictionary n. 1. to compile, write a ~ 2. to expand; revise; update a ~ 3. to consult, look smt. up in, use a ~ 4. an abridged, desk; bilingual; biographi-
cal; college (AE), collegiate (T); combinatorial, combinatorial; concise; dialect; encyclopedia; etym-
omological; general-use, general-purpose; histori-
cal; learner’s, learners’; medical; monolingual; multilingual; multivolume; names; orthographic; spelling; pronouncing; pocket; reverse; technical; unabridged ~ 5. a ~ of abbreviations; collocations; foreign words; personal names; place names; quotations; synonyms 6. an entry in a ~ 7. in a ~ (is that word (entered/listed) in any ~?)
diddle v. 1. (esp. BE) (colloq.) (D; intr.) ("to cheat") to ~ out of 2. (AE) (D; intr.) ("to fool around") to ~ with
die I n. the ~ is cast (fig.) (see Usage Note at dice)
die II v. 1. to ~ heroically; instantly; suddenly (he ~d heroically at the front) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ by (to ~ by the sword; to ~ by one’s own hand) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for one’s beliefs) 4. (colloq.) (D; intr.) (only in the progressive) to ~ for ("to want") (she’s dying for a cup of coffee) 5. (D; intr.) to ~ from, of (he died of tuberculosis; to ~ of natural causes) 6. (colloq.) (E) (only in the progressive) ("to want") she’s dying to find out 7. (S) she ~d happy; she ~d young; he ~d a poor man; (legal) to ~ intestate 8. (misc.) to ~ a horrible death; to ~ in action/battle; to ~ in one’s sleep; (fig.) to ~ laughing; rumors ~ hard; to ~ for (slang) ("to be desired very much") (she has cheekbones to ~ for!)
diet n. 1. to be on, follow, have, stick to a ~ 2. to go on a ~ 3. to prescribe a ~; to put smb. on a ~ 4. a balanced, healthy, well-balanced; unhealthy

~ 5. a crash; special; starvation; therapeutic ~ 6. a bland; high-calorie; high-carbohydrate; high-
fiber, high-fibre; high-protein; liquid; low-calorie; low-carbohydrate; low-cholesterol; low-fat; low-
residue; low-salt, low-sodium; salt-free; soft ~ 7. a reducing, slimming (esp. BE) ~ 8. a macrobiotic;
vegan; vegetarian ~ 9. in a ~ (there should be more vegetables in your ~) 10. (misc.) a steady ~ (she
was on a steady ~ of parties)
differ v. 1. to ~ considerably, greatly, markedly, radically, sharply, widely; slightly 2. (D; intr.) to ~ about, in, on, over 3. (D; intr.) to ~ from (this arrangement ~s from the one I had in mind) 4. (D; intr.) to ~ with (I ~ with you on that point) 5. (misc.) we must agree to ~ (because I can’t persuade you and you can’t persuade me); I beg to ~ (because I disagree with you) (formal; polite)
difference n. 1. to make a ~ ("I took the [road] less traveled by, And that has made all the ~") ~d that the financial crisis ~d that he
not begin / immediately 3. (Q; to) we must agree to ~ (because I can’t persuade you and you can’t persuade me); I beg to ~ (because I disagree with you) (formal; polite)
different adj. 1. basically, completely, entirely, totally, widely; quite; radically; very ~ 2. in (they are quite ~ in outlook ("their outlooks are quite different") 3. ~ from, than (esp. AE), to (BE) USAGE NOTE: Some purists consider only different from to be correct. Note that, as preposi-
tions, from, than, to can all introduce full clauses (different from/to/what we thought), but only than can, as a conjunction, become part of a clause (different than we thought).
differential n. 1. a pay; price ~ 2. a ~ between
differentiate v. 1. to ~ clearly 2. (d; intr.) to ~ be-
tween 3. (d; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ right from/and wrong)
differentiation n. to make a ~ between
differing adj. widely ~
difficult adj. 1. to (typing is ~ for me) 2. to ~ inf. (it is ~ to please him = he is ~ to please = he is a ~ person to please = pleasing him is ~; it is ~ to translate this book = this book is ~ to translate = this is a ~ book to translate; it is ~ for me to translate such material = such material is ~ for me to translate) 3. (misc.) notoriously ~ (weather conditions are notoriously ~ to predict)
difficulty n. 1. to cause, create, make, present ~ties (for) 2. to come across, encounter, experience, face, get into, have, meet, run into ~ties 3. to
diffuse v. (formal) (D; tr.) to ~ through, throughout (~d through the air)

diffident adj. ~ about

diffuse v. (D; tr.) to ~ through, throughout (~d through the air)

dig I n. (colloq.) ["excavation"] 1. to go on a ~ 2. an archeological ~ ["pocket"] 3. to give smb. a ~ in (the ribs) ["critical remark"] 4. (colloq.) to get in, have, take (AE) a ~ at smb.

dig II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ for ("to search for") (to ~ for gold) 2. (d; intr.) ("to delve, search") to ~ into (to ~ into a report; he dug deep into his own pocket) 3. (d; intr., tr.) ("to jab") to ~ into (his elbow was ~ing into his ribs; he dug his spurs into the sides of the horse) 4. (D; intr., refl., tr.) ("to move earth" and fig.) to ~ into (they dug themselves into a hole) 5. (D; intr., refl., tr.) ("to free, liberate" and fig.) to ~ out of (they dug themselves out of a hole) 6. (D; intr., tr.) ("to move, move earth" and fig.) to ~ through, under (to ~ a tunnel through a mountain; they had to ~ through a lot of red tape; they dug under the street)

dignified adj. ~ to + inf. (it was not ~ to behave like that)

dignify v. (D; tr.) to ~ by, with (I would not ~ that she call him a hotel; she did not ~ his comment by responding to it; she did not ~ his comment with a response)

dignitary n. a local; visiting ~

dignity n. 1. to have, possess ~ 2. to maintain one’s ~ 3. the ~ to + inf. (does he have enough ~ to cope with a hostile press?) 4. (misc.) to live in ~; to die in ~ with ~; to behave with ~; beneath smb.’s ~; a person of great ~

digress v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ from 2. (misc.) but I ~ (to go on a dig) 3. (misc.) to ~ into a report; he dug deep into his own pocket) 4. (d; intr.) ("to drop") to ~ below (the sun ~ped in the sky) 5. (misc.) to ~ into "drop"

diligate adj. ~ to + inf. (does she have enough ~ to finish the job on time?)

diligent adj. ~ about; in (~ in one’s work)

dillydally v. (D; intr.) to ~ over; with

dilute v. (D; tr.) to ~ with (to ~ the punch with water)

dimension n. ["importance"] 1. to add, introduce; assume, take on a ~ (the issue assumed serious ~ and the invasion added a whole new ~ to the problem) 2. (misc.) a problem of international ~s ["measurement"] (can be fig.) 3. a third ~ 4. in a ~ (in two ~s) 5. (misc.) time has been referred to as the fourth ~

diminish v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ by (~ ten percent) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ in (~ in value)

din n. ["noise"] 1. to make a ~ 2. an infernal ~ 3. above, over the ~

dine v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ on ("to eat") (to ~ on steak) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ with 3. (misc.) to ~ at home, to ~ in; to ~ out

dining n. congregate ~ (AE)

dinner n. 1. to eat (esp. AE), have ~ 2. to cook, make, prepare; serve ~ 3. to give a ~ 4. a cold; formal; hot; light; nutritious, wholesome; substantial; TV ~ 5. at, during; over (~ they were all ~; what did you discuss at/during/over ~?) 6. for ~ (what are we having for ~?) 7. (misc.) to give smb. ~ (esp. BE); to take smb. to ~

dint n. by ~ of (by ~ of hard work)

dioxide n. carbon ~

dip I n. ["short swim"] 1. to have (BE), take (esp. AE) a ~ ["soft food"] 2. a cheese ~ ["drop"] 3. to make a ~ (the road makes a ~) 4. a sharp ~. (misc.) there is a sharp ~ in the road up ahead; a ~ in share prices

dip II v. 1. ("to drop") to ~ sharply (the road ~s sharply; the news made share prices ~ sharply) 2. (d; intr.) ("to drop, fall") to ~ below (the sun ~ped down) 3. (d; tr.) ("to lower") to ~ into, into (she ~ped her pen into the ink) 4. (d; intr.) to ~ into (~ "to withdraw from") (~ into one’s savings)

diphtheria n. to come down with, contract, get; have; prevent ~

diploma n. 1. to award, confer, present a ~ 2. to earn; receive a ~ 3. a college; high-school (AE) ~ 4. a ~ in (a ~ in Applied Linguistics)

diplomacy n. 1. to rely on, resort to ~ 2. dollar; gunboat; high-level; media; public; quiet; shuttle ~ 3. (misc.) with tact and ~ (to resolve a problem with tact and ~)

diplomat n. a career, professional; foreign ~

diplomatic adj. ~ to + inf. (it was not ~ to make such demands)

diplomatic immunity n. 1. to grant ~ 2. to claim; have ~ 3. to withdraw ~

direct v. 1. to ~ mainly, principally; specifically 2. (d; tr.) ("to point") to ~ against, at (the enemy ~d their attacks mainly against our seaports) 3. (d; tr.) ("to address") to ~ at, to (the remark was ~d specifically at you) 4. (D; tr.) ("to guide") to ~ to (can you ~ me to the palace?) 5. (d; tr.) ("to aim") to ~ to, towards (our efforts were ~d towards the
elimination of poverty and away from lesser problems 6. (H) ("to order") the government ed us to send supplies to the flooded areas 7. (L; subj.) ("to order") the government ed that supplies be/ should be/were (BE) sent to the flooded areas
direction n. ["course"] 1. to change 2. the general; opposite; right; same; wrong 3. an anticlockwise (BE), counterclockwise (AE); clockwise 4. from; in a ~ (from the opposite ~) in my ~; in the general ~ of London; in a clockwise ~; a step in the right ~ 5. a sense of ["supervision"] 6. under smb. 's ~ ["guidance"] 7. to give ~ to (beginners need ~ from someone qualified to give ~ to them)
directions n. ["instructions"] 1. to ask for; give, issue ~ 2. to follow; read (the) ~ 3. clear; explicit, precise, specific; stage ~ 4. ~ for; to (~ for using the printer; they gave us ~ to the palace) 5. ~ that + clause; subj. (she gave ~ that her estate be given/ should be given to charity) ["courses"] 6. all; both (shots came from both ~ and people were running in all ~)
directive n. 1. to issue a ~ 2. a ~ requires smt.; takes effect 3. a ~ about, on; against (the latest EU ~ requiring stricter standards takes effect from next Monday) 4. a ~ that + clause; may be used with the subj. (the government issued a ~ that all firearms be/must be/should be handed in) 5. in accordance with, under the terms of a ~ (under the terms of the latest EU ~, stricter standards will be required) 6. an advance ~ (a living will giving smb. 's wishes in case of terminal illness)
director n. 1. an acting; deputy; managing ~ 2. an athletic (AE); funeral; music; program ~ 3. a casting; film, movie (esp. AE) ~ 4. a board of ~s; the post/position of ~
directorate n. interlocking ~s
directory n. 1. to consult, look smt. up in, use a ~ 2. a business; city; classified; telephone ~ 3. in a ~ (is that name (entered/listed) in the ~?)
dirge n. a funeral; mournful ~
dirt n. 1. in the ~ (to play in the ~) 2. a speck of ~ 3. (misc.) to hit the ~ ("to fall to the ground") (AE); to dig up ~ about smb. ("to seek and find negative information about smb."); to dish the ~ about smb. (BE) ("to say or write bad things about smb.") (see also pay dirt)
dirty linen n. to wash one's ~ in public ("to air one's problems in public")
disability n. 1. to have a ~ 2. a learning; mild; moderate; physical; serious, severe ~ (children with learning ~-ties)
disabled adj., n. learning; physically ~ (learning-disabled children; help for the learning ~)
disability v. (D; tr.) to ~ of
disadvantage n. 1. to have, suffer a ~ 2. to offset, outweigh a ~ 3. an added; clear, decided, definite, distinct, obvious ~ 4. a ~ for, to (his poverty was an obvious ~ to him) 5. a ~ to + inf. (it was a ~ not to have a car available = it was a ~ not having a car available) 6. at a ~ (many factors worked to place/ put us at a decided ~) 7. to smb.'s ~ (many factors worked to our ~)
disadvantaged adj. culturally; economically; educationally; physically ~
disadvantageous adj. 1. clearly, obviously ~ 2. ~ for; to (his decision was ~ to us) 3. ~ to + inf. (it would be clearly ~ for us to delay)
disagree v. 1. to ~ bitterly, profoundly, sharply; completely, entirely, totally, utterly 2. (D; intr.) to ~ about, on, over; with (to ~ with smb. about smt.; to ~ on a plan) 3. (of food) to ~ with (the sauce ~d with me) 4. (misc.) I could not ~ more
disagreeable adj. ~ to
disagreement n. 1. to express (a) ~ 2. to have a ~ (with) 3. to resolve, settle a ~ 4. a bitter, marked, serious, sharp; slight; total ~ 5. a ~ among, between, with 6. a ~ about, on, over 7. in ~ (with) (we were in bitter ~ with them on all points = we were bitterly in ~ with them on all points) 8. (misc.) both sides are (locked) in total ~ over the terms of a settlement
disappear v. 1. to ~ completely 2. (D; intr.) to ~ from (to ~ from view; the story has ~d completely from the media) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ in, into (they ~d into the darkness)
disappearance n. 1. a mysterious; sudden ~ 2. a ~ from (the story’s mysterious ~ from the media)
disappointed adj. 1. bitterly, deeply, greatly, very; obviously, visibly ~ 2. ~ about, at, in, with (~ at/ with the results; I was deeply ~ in/with him) 3. ~ to + inf. (she was ~ to learn that she had failed the course) 4. ~ that + clause (everyone was ~ that she had failed the course)
disappointing adj. 1. deeply, very ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ to analyze the results) 3. ~ that + inf. (it was ~ that she had failed the course)
disappointment n. 1. to express; feel ~ 2. (a) bitter, cruel, deep, great, keen, profound, terrible ~ 3. ~ about, at, over (she felt deep ~ at having failed the course) 4. a ~ for, to (her failure was a bitter ~ to everyone) 5. ~ that + clause (everyone expressed keen ~ that she had failed the course) 6. to smb.'s ~ (to everyone’s great ~, she failed the course)
disapproval n. 1. to express; indicate, show, voice (one's) ~ 2. complete, total; public; strong ~ 3. in; of; with ~ (she reacted to his plan with ~ and sneered in ~ of it) 4. (misc.) a chorus of ~; a note of ~; a show of ~
disapprove v. 1. to ~ completely, strongly, thoroughly, utterly 2. (D; intr.) to ~ of (we ~d strongly of his decision)
dismantlement n. general, universal; multilateral; nuclear; phased; unilateral ~
disarray n. 1. complete, sheer, total, utter ~ 2. in ~ (to break up in total ~) 3. (misc.) a state of ~; to throw a meeting into ~
disassociate, dissociate v. (D; refl.) to ~ from USAGE NOTE: Some purists prefer dissociate, which is also the prevailing variant.
disaster n. 1. to bring ~ in its wake; cause (a); to invite ~ to experience, face, meet, suffer (a) ~ 3. to court, risk ~ to spell ~ (for) 5. to cope with; recover from (a) ~ to avert, prevent (a) ~. 7. a major, terrible, tragic, unmitigated, unqualified ~. 8. a near ~. 9. an ecological; environmental; impending; national; natural ~. 10. (a) ~ looms, strikes
disastrous adj. 1. ~ for, to 2. ~ to + inf. (it would be ~ for us not to wait)
dishar v. (D; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ from practice)
disbelief n. 1. complete, total, utter; mock ~ 2. in (~ in astrology) 3. in (~ to shake one’s head in ~)
disburse v. (B) to ~ funds to the states
disc n. (tag)” (BE) (mil.) 1. an identification; tax ~ [“recording”]. 2. to cut a ~ (see disk) 3. a compact ~ (also CD); laser ~ (see also disk)
discern v. (formal) 1. (L) they soon ~ed that he was lying 2. (Q) they could not ~ who was telling the truth
discharge I n. 1. a dishonorable; general; honor~ (formal) 1. (L) they soon ~ed that he was ~ v.
discharge II n. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ from practice) v.
disassociate, dissociate 1. to bring ~ in its wake; cause (a) ~ 2. to cut a ~ (see disk) 3. a compact ~ (also CD); laser ~ (see also disk)
discipline II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ from practice) 2. (H; usu. refl.) (she ~d herself to exercise every day)
discipline I n. [”control; training”] 1. to enforce, keep; establish; maintain ~ 2. to crack down on violations of ~ 3. to ease up on, relax ~ 4. to undermine ~ 5. to violate ~ 6. firm, harsh, iron, rigid, severe, stern, strict ~ 7. lax, loose, slack ~ 8. military; party ~ 9. ~ breaks down 10. the ~ to ~ inf. (they didn’t have enough ~ to cope with the job) (see also self-discipline) [”branch of learning”] 11. an academic ~ 12. across ~s (similar problems can be found across a whole range of academic ~s)
discipline II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ from practice) 2. (H; usu. refl.) (she ~d herself to exercise every day)
disclosed adj. highly, profoundly, very ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ (for us) to learn that they had refused our offer) 3. ~ that + clause (it was ~ (to us) that they had refused our offer)
disconnect v. (D; tr.) to ~ from
disconsolate adj. ~ about, at, over
discontent n. 1. to cause, fuel, stir up ~ 2. deep; outspoken; public; simmering; widespread ~ 3. ~ about, at, over, with; ~ among 4. (misc.) to fan the flames of ~; murmurs of ~ rumblings of ~ (the government’s announcement fanned the flames of ~ among consumers over price increases)
discontinue v. (G) she ~d paying rent
discord n. 1. to arouse, foment, generate, stir up; spread ~ 2. domestic; family, marital ~ 3. bitter; widespread ~ 4. ~ among, between 5. ~ in (~ in smb.’s family relationships) 6. (misc.) a note of ~
discount n. 1. to give ~ 2. a cash ~ 3. a ~ of; on (to give a ~ of 10% on all purchases over £30) 4. at a ~ (she sold it at a ~)
discourage v. 1. to ~ actively; strongly 2. to ~ greatly, no end, very much 3. (D; tr.) to ~ from (she strongly ~d me from loving her) 4. (P.; intr.) (“to get discouraged”) (I don’t ~ easily) 5. (R) it ~d us no end (to learn) that so many had/should have failed 6. (misc.) it ~s us no end when so many have failed
disconsolation adv. 1. deeply, very ~ 2. ~ about, at, over (we were deeply ~ at the failure of so many) 3. ~ to + inf. (we were very ~ to learn that so many had/should have failed) 4. ~ that + clause (we were very ~ so that many had/should have failed)
disconsolation n. 1. deep ~ 2. ~ at, on, upon (our deep disconsolation upon learning that so many had/should have failed) 3. ~ to + inf. (our deep disconsolation to learn that so many had/should have failed) 4. ~ that + clause (our deep disconsolation that so many had/should have failed)
disconsolate adj. 1. deeply, very ~ 2. ~ about, at, over (we were deeply ~ at the failure of so many) 3. ~ to + inf. (it’s deeply ~ (for / to us) to learn that so many had/should have failed) 4. ~ that + clause (it’s deeply ~ (for / to us) that so many had/should have failed)
discourse II v. (formal) (D; intr.) to ~ on, upon
discourse I n. [”connected speech”] 1. (grammar) direct; indirect ~ [”speech, talk”] (formal) 2. to deliver a ~ (on, upon)
discourse II v. (formal) (D; intr.) to ~ on, upon
discourteous adj. 1. ~ to 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of him to say that)
discourtesy n. 1. to show ~ 2. (a) grave ~
discover v. (J) we ~d him cooking in our kitchen 2. (L) we ~d that he could cook 3. (rare) (M) we were surprised to ~ him to be a good cook 4. (Q) I never have ~d how to cook
discovery n. [”finding”] 1. to make a ~ 2. a dramatic; exciting, startling, surprising, world-shaking 3. a scientific ~ 4. a ~ that + clause (we made the surprising ~ that he was a really good cook) [”pretrial disclosure of facts”] (legal) 5. to conduct ~
disconcerting adj. 1. highly, profoundly, very ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ (for us) to learn that they had refused our offer) 3. ~ that + clause (it was ~ (to us) that they had refused our offer)
discredit n. 1. to bring ~ on, to 2. a ~ to (they are a ~ to our family) 3. to smb.’s ~
discreet adj. 1. ~ in 2. ~ to + inf. (it was not ~ of her to say that)
discrepancy n. 1. a glaring, striking, wide ~ 2. a ~ between; in
discretion n. 1. to exercise, show, use ~ in (remember to exercise in this matter all the ~ it requires) 2. complete, full, wide ~ 3. parental; viewer ~ 4. ~ to + inf. (she has full ~ to make decisions) 5. at one’s ~ (to act at one’s own ~) 6. with; without ~ (to proceed with ~) 7. (misc.) the soul of ~
discriminate v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ against; in favor of (to ~ against minorities on specious grounds) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ among, between (to ~ between right and wrong) 3. (d; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ right from wrong)
discrimination n. 1. to practice ~ 2. to subject smb. to ~ (I was subjected to the worst ~ I have ever experienced) 3. age; racial; religious; reverse; sex ~ 4. blatant; outright ~ 5. ~ occurs 6. instances; levels of ~ 7. ~ against; in favor of (instances of blatant ~ against minorities have been known to occur) 8. ~ among, between (~ between right and wrong)
discus n. to throw the ~
discuss v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ with (to refuse to ~ smt. with smb.) 2. (Q) we ~ed how we would do it
discussion n. 1. to arouse, provoke, stir up (a) ~ 2. to conduct; have; hold; moderate a ~ 3. to be up for; bring smt. up for ~; to come up for ~ 4. an animated, brisk, heated, lively, spirited; brief; candid, frank, open; lengthy; long; quiet, peaceful; serious; wide-ranging ~ 5. a group; panel; round-table ~ (to lead a panel ~) 6. a ~ about, of 7. open for, open to ~ 8. under ~ (their case is now under ~) 9. (misc.) the point of a ~
discussions n. 1. to have, hold; schedule ~ 2. to curtail, end, terminate ~ 3. high-level; preliminary ~ 4. ~ among, between; with 5. ~ about
disdain n. 1. to adopt, assume a ~ 2. to shed, throw ~ed everyone (to learn) that they had taken bribes
disharmony n. 1. to stir up ~ 2. ethnic; racial; religious ~
dishonest n.
dishes v.
dischard 1. deeply, very 2. ~ about, at, over (we were deeply ~ at the failure of so many) 3. ~ to + inf. (we were very ~ to learn that so many had/should have failed) 4. ~ that + clause (we were very ~ to so many had/should have failed)
dishheartening adj. (formal) 1. deeply, very 2. ~ for; ~ to 3. ~ to + inf. (it’s deeply ~ (for/to us) to learn that so many had/should have failed) 4. ~ that + clause (it’s deeply ~ (for/to us) that so many had/should have failed)
dishonest adj. 1. intellectually; morally 2. ~ in (~ about; in; with) (don’t be ~ about this matter with us!); to be ~ in one’s dealings) 3. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ to lie about one’s age)
dishonor, dishonour n. 1. to bring ~ on, to 2. a ~ to + inf. (it is deeply ~ (for / to) with 3. in, with ~ (to moan in ~ over what had happened) 4. to smb.’s ~ (to my great ~, she was absent again = much to my dismay, she was absent again)
dismay II v. (formal) (R) it ~ed him (to learn) that the project had been canceled
dismayed adj. 1. ~ at, over, (AE) with 2. ~ to + inf. (he was ~ to learn that the project had been canceled) 3. ~ that + clause (he was ~ that the project had been canceled)
dismaying adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ to learn that the project had been canceled)
dismiss v. 1. ~ curtly, summarily; lightly; out of hand 2. (D; tr.) ~ to ~ as (he was ~ed as incompetent) 3. (D; tr.) ~ to ~ for (I was ~ed for being late) 4. (D; tr.) ~ to ~ from (she was ~ed from her job) 5. (misc.) (BE; cricket) the bowler ~ed the next batsman for six runs
dissipate 1. an abrupt, curt; constructive (BE), summary ~ 2. a ~ from
dismount v. (D; intr.) ~ to ~
disobedience n. 1. blatant; willful ~ 2. civil ~ (see also civil disobedience) 3. ~ to (~ to orders)
disobedient adj. ~ to
disorder n. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ with (to ~ with)
disdemeanor n. 1. to equal justice to all 2. (d; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with)
dismissal n. 1. abrupt, curt; constructive (BE), summary ~ 2. a ~ from

disoriented, disorientated adj. ~ about, as to (~ as to time and place)
disparity n. 1. a considerable, great, wide; growing ~ 2. a ~ between, in (a considerable ~ in wealth is opening up between different parts of the country)
displace n. 1. a considerable, great, wide; growing ~ 2. a ~ between, in (a considerable ~ in wealth is opening up between different parts of the country)
displace v. (D; tr.) ~ to ~ as (she was ~d as champion)
display I n. 1. to make, put on a ~ (to make a vulgar ~ of one’s wealth; to make a public ~ of one’s ignorance to everyone) 2. to put smt. on ~. 3. a dazzling, imposing, impressive; lavish, ostentatious, conspicuous; modest; public; vulgar ~ (to make a public ~ of grief; to put on a dazzling ~ of one’s skill) 4. a firework (BE), fireworks (AE) ~. 5. a graphic ~ (of a computer) 6. on ~ (the new models were on ~)

display II v. (B) he ~ed his ignorance to everyone

displeased adj. 1. greatly, highly, very ~ about

displeasure n. 1. to incur smb.’s ~ about

disposal n. [“availability”] 1. to have at one’s ~ (I had a huge car at my ~) 2. to place, put smt. at smb.’s ~ (if I can be of help in any way, remember that I’m always at your ~)”[elimination]” 4. bomb; garbage (esp. AE), rubbish (esp. BE); sewage; waste ~ [“device used to grind up garbage”] (esp. AE) 5. a garbage ~; or: a garbage-disposal unit

dispose v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ of (“to deal with”) (to ~ of the opposition) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ of (“to get rid of”) (to ~ of the rubbish) 3. (formal) (H) (“to incline”) what ~d him to do it?

dispersed adj. (formal) [“inclined”] (cannot stand alone) 1. ~ to, towards (he seems favorably/well ~ towards us) 2. ~ to + inf. (she is ~ to accept our offer)
disposition n. [“inclination”] 1. a ~ to + inf. (a ~ to argue) [“personality”] 2. a bland; buoyant, cheerful; genial, happy, lively, pleasant, sunny; mild; nervous; sour, unpleasant ~ (people of a nervous ~ should not watch this program)
dispossess v. (D; tr.) to ~ of (they were ~ed of their wealth)
disproportionate adj. ~ to (the punishment was ~ to the crime)
dispute I n. 1. to stir up a ~ about 2. to adjudicate; arbitrate; resolve, settle a ~ (to settle a ~ out of court) 3. an acrimonious, bitter, heated, sharp ~. 4. a public ~. 5. a border; demarcation; industrial, labor; international; jurisdictional; legal; pay; territorial ~ (a long-simmering territorial ~ between two countries that finally erupted into open warfare) 6. a ~ about; over; with 7. in ~ (this point is in ~; labor is in ~ with management) 8. in a ~ (he is in a ~ with his insurance company)
dispute II v. 1. to ~ fiercely, hotly (a fiercely ~d point) 2. (D; intr.) (esp. BE) to ~ about, over; with (they are always ~ing with each other over politics) 3. (L) I do not ~ that he was there: no one can!
disqualification n. 1. to lead to, result in ~. 2. ~ for (the incident led to her ~ for cheating) 3. ~ from (it resulted in his ~ from the contest)
disqualify v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ for (the athlete was ~fied for taking drugs) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ from (the athlete was ~fied from the competition for taking drugs)
disregard I n. 1. to show ~. 2. (a) blatant, callous, complete, flagrant, total; reckless; willful ~. 3. ~, for, of, for 4. in ~ of (in total ~ of the regulations)
disregard II v. 1. to ~ completely 2. (K) we cannot ~ his coming late to work so often
disrepair n. 1. a state of ~. 2. ~ (the building is in ~) 3. to fall into ~
disrepute n. 1. to fall into ~. 2. to bring smt. into ~. 3. to hold smb. in ~
disrespect n. 1. to show ~. 2. mean no ~. 3. deep, profound; healthy ~. 4. ~ for (I meant no ~ for your traditions; to show a healthy ~ for bureaucracy)
disrespectful adj. 1. ~ of, to (~ of/to one’s elders). 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of them to say that)
disruption n. 1. to cause (a) ~. 2. (a) complete, total; widespread ~. 3. in, of, to (some ~ to services is likely to occur)
dissatisfaction n. 1. to express, voice; feel ~. 2. deep, keen, profound; growing; widespread ~. 3. ~ about, at, over, with (they expressed deep ~ with working conditions) 4. ~ among (~ among the workers) 5. rumblings of ~
dissatisfied adj. ~ with (we are ~ with the poor results)
dissension n. 1. to cause, sow, stir up; introduce 2. (a) deep; growing; widespread ~. 3. ~ about, between 4. rumblings of ~
dissent I n. 1. to express ~. 2. to brook (formal), tolerate ~. 3. to squish, stifle ~; political; strong ~. 5. ~ from 6. (misc.) rumblings of ~; voices of ~
dissent II v. (D; intr.) to ~ from
dissertation n. 1. to defend; do, write a ~ (to write a ~ under smb.’s supervision) 2. to supervise a ~. 3. (esp. AE) a doctoral ~. 4. a ~ about, on USAGE NOTE: AE prefers a doctoral dissertation, master’s thesis; BE prefers a doctoral thesis, master’s dissertation/master’s essay.
disservice n. 1. to do smb. a ~. 2. a ~ to (you’re doing a great ~ to your employers by saying their products are no good)
dissident n. a political ~
dissimilar adj. 1. ~ in (~ in outlook) 2. ~ to
dissimilarity n. 1. a ~ between; in (there is a marked ~ between them in outlook)
dissociate v. (D; refl.) to ~ from (we ~d ourselves from his views) (see the Usage Note for dissociate)
dissolve v. 1. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ in (to sugar in water) 2. (misc.) to ~ into/into laughter
dissonance n. cognitive ~ (“the holding of incompatible beliefs simultaneously”)
dissuade v. (D; tr.) to ~ from
distance I n. 1. to cover; run; travel; walk a ~. 2. to keep a ~ (to keep a safe ~ between cars) 3. to close
the ~ between 4. a discreet; good, great, long, vast; safe; short ~ (we traveled a short ~) 5. commuting; driving; hauling; shouting; striking; walking ~ (it’s within easy walking ~ (of here)); targets within striking ~ of our missiles) 6. (a) braking, stopping ~ 7. a ~ between; from; to (the ~ between New York and London is about three thousand miles; the ~ from Philadelphia to Chicago is less than eight hundred miles) 8. at a ~ (at a discreet ~; we spotted them at a ~ of two hundred yards) 9. from a ~ (I spotted her from a ~) 10. in the ~ (the city was visible in the ~) 11. (misc.) to keep one’s ~ (“to not allow familiarity”); a short ~ away; quite a ~; some ~ (they are still some ~ apart); the middle ~ (disappeared into the middle ~)

**distance II** v. (D; refl.) to ~ from
distaste n. 1. to develop; express; feel; show (~)
distant ~ from adj. 1. ~ to (his behavior was ~ to ev-
distinct adj. ~ from (man is ~ from the apes and, as ~ from the apes, can create language)
distinction n. ["differentiation"] 1. to draw, make a ~ to blur a ~ 3. a clear-cut; essential, fundamental; fine; obvious; subtle; valid ~ 4. a class ~ (class ~s lie at the heart of many social problems) 5. a ~ between (we must treat all classes alike, without any ~ between them) ["eminence"] ["superiority"] 6. to enjoy, have, hold a ~ (he holds the dubious ~ of being the first person to break the new speed limit) 7. an academic, doubtful, dubious ~ 8. of ~ (an artist of ~) 9. with ~ (to serve with ~)
distinctive adj. ~ of
distinguish v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ among, between (the twins are so much alike I can’t ~ between them; to ~ between good and evil) 2. (d; refl.) to ~ as (she ~ed herself as a painter) 3. (d; refl.) to ~ by (he ~ed himself by running five marathons) 4. (D; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ from good and evil) 5. (d; refl.) to ~ in (they ~ed themselves in the fine arts)
distinguishable adj. 1. clearly, easily, plainly; barely, hardly ~ 2. ~ from

distinguished adj. ~ for
distortion n. a crude, gross, grotesque; deliberate; malicious; willful ~
distract v. (D; tr.) to ~ from (the music ~ed them/their attention from their studies)
distraction n. 1. to drive smb. to ~ 2. a ~ from (the music was a ~ from their studies)
distraught adj. ~ about, at, over; with (~ with grief at her death)
distress I n. 1. to cause ~ 2. to feel; suffer ~ 3.
to alleviate, ease ~ 4. deep, great, profound ~ 5. economic, financial ~ 6. emotional, mental, psychological; physical ~ 7. ~ at, over, with 8. in ~ (they were in deep ~ over their loss) 9. to smb.’s ~ (to our ~, her condition did not improve)
distress II v. 1. to ~ deeply 2. (R) it ~ed me (to read) that a new epidemic had broken out
distressed adj. 1. deeply ~ about, at, by, over, with (~ at the news) 3. ~ to + inf.; ~ that + clause (I was deeply ~ (to read) that a new epidemic had broken out)
distressing adj. 1. deeply, very ~ 2. for, to 3. ~ to + inf.; ~ that + clause (it was ~ to me (to read) that a new epidemic had broken out)
distribute v. 1. to ~ equitably, fairly; evenly; inequitably, unfairly; unevenly; widely 2. (B) the instructor ~d the test papers to the students; to ~ food free of charge to the poor 3. (D; tr.) to ~ among (to ~ food free of charge among the poor)
distribution n. 1. (an) equitable, fair; even; inequitable, unfair; uneven; wide ~ 2. (math.) normal ~ 3. (ling.) complementary ~ 4. among; to (the ~ of surplus food free of charge among/to the poor)
district n. 1. the business (esp. AE); financial; red-light; tenderloin (AE); theater ~ 2. a congressional; health; postal; school; voting ~ (a postal ~ whose boundaries extend a long way and in/within which many people live)
distruptful adj. ~ of
disturb v. (R) it ~ed me (to read) that a new epidemic had broken out
disturbance n. 1. to cause, create, make a ~ 2. to quell, put down a ~ 3. a minor ~ (a minor ~ of the peace involving only a few people)
disturbed adj. 1. emotionally, mentally, psychologically ~ 2. seriously, severely ~ 3. ~ to + inf. ; ~ that + clause (I was ~ (to read) that a new epidemic had broken out)
disturbing adj. ~ to + inf.; ~ that + clause (it was deeply ~ to me (to read) that a new epidemic had broken out)
disuse n. to fall into ~
ditch n. 1. to dig a ~ 2. a deep; shallow ~ 3. an anti-tank; drainage ~ (to fall into a deep drainage ~)
dither I n. in a ~ (about, over)
dither II v. (D; intr.) to ~ about, over
ditty n. 1. to sing a ~ 2. a popular ~

dive I n. 1. to make a ~ (at) 2. to go into a ~ (the plane went into a ~) 3. a swallow (BE), swan (AE) ~ 4. a back; headfirst; high ~ 5. a crash ~ (of a submarine) 6. a power ~ (of a plane) (see also nose ~) 7. a ~ for (they made a ~ for the ditch) 8. a ~ from; into 9. (misc.) (colloq.) to take a ~ ("to lose a boxing match deliberately")
dive II v. 1. to ~ headfirst 2. (D; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for pearls; to ~ for cover) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ from; into (she ~d into the pool from the high diving board) 4. (D; intr.) to ~ off (he ~d off the boat) 5. (P; intr.) he ~d under the bed; she ~d under a bridge, etc.
diverge v. 1. to ~ markedly, sharply, widely 2. (D; intr.) to ~ from
divergence n. 1. (a) marked, sharp, wide ~ 2. a ~ between (there was a sharp ~ between their views) 3. a ~ from (they found a wide ~ from the norm)
diversion n. ["amusement"] 1. a favorite; popular ~ ['"turning"] 2. a ~ from; to (a ~ of traffic from the damaged bridge to an alternative route; the sign said "Bridge Damaged: Buses on Diversion" (BE)) ['"distraction"] 3. to create a ~ 4. a welcome ~
diversity n. 1. cultural; ethnic; multicultural; religious ~ 2. (misc.) the USA's motto "E Pluribus Unum" expresses its commitment to unity in or from ~
divert v. (D; tr.) to ~ from; to
divest v. (formal) (d; refl., tr.) to ~ of (they ~ed themselves of all stocks and bonds)
divide I n. 1. a continental ~; (in North America) the Great Divide 2. (fig.) the great ~ ("death") (to cross the great ~) 3. a ~ between
divide II v. 1. to ~ equally, evenly 2. (D; tr.) to ~ among, between; with (to ~ profits among the partners) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ by (to ~ six by three and get two) 4. (D; tr.) to ~ from (the channel ~s the island from the mainland) 5. (D; intr., refl., tr.) to ~ into (they ~d the loot into equal shares; to ~ three into six and get two) 6. (misc.) to ~ in half; to ~ in two
divided adj. 1. deeply, sharply; hopelessly ~ 2. ~ on, over (they are sharply ~ over the choice of a new chairperson)
dividend n. ["sum divided among stockholders"] 1. to declare a ~ 2. (also fig.) to pay a ~ (healthy living pays ~s) 3. a share, stock (esp. AE) ~ 4. a handsome, large ~
divide off v. (D; tr.) to ~ into (the room was ~d off into three alcoves by a partition)
divide up v. (D; tr.) to ~ among, between; into (they ~d up the profits into equal shares)
dividing line n. 1. to draw a ~ between 2. to cross the ~ 3. a thin ~ (how thin is the ~ between genius and madness?)
divisible adj. ~ by; into
division n. ["mathematical operation of dividing"] 1. to do ~ 2. long; short ~ ["major military unit"] 3. an airborne; armored; infantry; motorized ~ ["classification"] 4. to make a ~ 5. an arbitrary ~ 6. (BE; sports) first ~; premier; second ~; etc. (our club is in the second ~ of the league) ["dividing"] 7. a deep; equal; equitable; sharp; unequal ~ 8. cell ~ 9. ~ among; between; within (deep ~s within the party as well as between the parties) ["type of voting, vote"] (BE) 10. to force a ~
divisor n. a common ~
divorce n. 1. to file for, sue for ~ 2. to get, receive a ~ 3. to grant a ~ 4. a messy ~; (a) no-fault ~; an uncontested ~; (a) ~ by mutual consent 5. a ~ comes through (when did your ~ finally come through?) (see also divorce settlement at settlement)
divorced adj. ~ from (he got/was ~d from his wife)
divulge v. 1. (B) to ~ information to the press 2. (L; to) they ~d (to us) that the stock had already been sold 3. (Q; to) they did not ~ (to us) when the stock was sold
dizzy adj. 1. from (~ from the rays of the sun) 2. ~ with (~ with success)
do v. 1. (C) ("to perform") she did a favor for me; or: she did me a favor 2. (d; tr.) to ~ about ("to help improve") (what can we ~ about his schoolwork?) 3. (d; tr.) to ~ about, with ("to deal with, treat") (what should we ~ about/with students who fail?) 4. (d; intr.) to ~ by ("to treat") (the firm did very well by her when she retired) 5. (colloq.) (BE) (d; intr.) to ~ for ("to act as housekeeper for") (she does for me twice a week) 6. (colloq.) (BE) (d; intr.) to ~ for ("to ruin") (that long hike nearly did for me!) 7. (d; tr.) to ~ for (~ make arrangements for) (what did you ~ for light when the electricity was turned off?) 8. (D; tr.) to ~ for (~ to help") (what can I ~ for you?) 9. (d; tr.) to ~ out of ("to cheat out of") (they did him out of his inheritance) 10. (d; tr.) to ~ to ("to inflict on") (what did they ~ to her?) 11. (d; tr.) to ~ to, with ("to change") (what have they done to the center of the city? what have you done with your hair?) 12. (d; tr.) to ~ with ("to use for") (what should we ~ with this old typewriter?) 13. (d; tr.) to ~ with ("to concern") (their suggestion has/is nothing to ~ with the problem) 14. (d; intr.) to ~ without ("to manage without") (we had to ~ without fresh fruit) 15. (G; only in the perfect) he is (AE)/has (CE) done talking 16. (P; intr.) ("to fare") she is ~ing very well; he is ~ing nicely; our business is ~ing very well financially 17. (misc.) you did well to tell me; she could ~ with a long vacation (see also doing, done) USAGE NOTE: In the meaning "to fare", the verb do can have a medical meaning – the patient is doing well after the operation; mother and child are doing well after a difficult delivery.
do away v. (d; intr.) to ~ with (~ to eliminate") (they did away with that department several years ago)
dock I n. ["basin for ships"] 1. to go into ~ 2. a dry, floating ~ 3. at, on a ~; in (a) ~ (there was labor trouble down at the ~s; the ship was in ~) ["wharf; jetty"] (AE) 4. at, on a ~ (there was labor trouble down at/on the ~s)
dock II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ at (the ship ~d at Portsmouth) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ with (the spaceship ~d with the satellite)
dock III n. ["place for the accused in a court"] to put smb. in the ~
dock IV v. (D; tr.) ("to deduct, take") to ~ by; for; from (they ~ed ten dollars from her wages for being late = they ~d her wages by ten dollars for being late)
docket n. ["agenda"] on the ~
doctor n. 1. a family; NHS; private ~ (you should register with an NHS ~ if you move to a new area) 2. a witch ~ 3. a barefoot ~ ("an auxiliary medical worker in a rural area, esp. in China") 4. ~s prescribe medication 5. ~s examine; see; treat
doct **orate**  

**n.** 1. to award, grant a ~ 2. to earn; get; obtain; receive; have, hold a ~ 3. an earned (AE = “completed and awarded”); honorary ~ 4. a ~ from; in (a ~ in physics from Cambridge)  

**doctrine**  

**n.** 1. to apply; preach a ~ 2. to establish a ~ 3. to disprove a ~ 4. (a) sound ~ 5. a basic; defense; religious ~ 6. a point of; body of ~ (there are only a few disputed points of ~ in that whole vast body of ~) 7. a ~ that + clause (it was their basic ~ that nothing was better than free trade)  

**document**  

**n.** 1. to draw up; issue; sign a ~ to file; store ~ 3. (esp. AE) to notarize a ~ 4. to classify; declassify a ~ 5. to falsify; forge a ~ 6. to shred ~ 7. a classified; confidential; historic; legal; official; restricted; secret; top-secret ~ 8. an authentic ~ 9. a ~ about, concerning ["computers"] 10. to create; display; edit; retrieve a ~  

**documentary**  

**n.** 1. to film; make a ~ 2. to show a ~ 3. a ~ about, on 4. in a ~ (there were real revelations in the fly-on-the-wall ~ she made about the organization)  

**documentation**  

**n.** 1. to provide ~ for 2. adequate, appropriate, proper; inadequate, insufficient, weak; strong ~  

**dodge**  

**I** ~ a tax ~  

**II** ~ v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ behind (to ~ behind a door) 2. (rare) (G) he ~d serving in the armed forces  

**dodger**  

[n."eavesdropper"] a draft; tax ~  

**dog**  

1. to breed; keep; train ~ 2. to walk a ~ (on a leash) 3. to puzzle a ~ 4. (AE) to curb one’s ~ 5. a mad, rabid; stray; vicious; wild ~ 6. a bird (AE), gun (BE); Eskimo; guard (BE); watchdog; guide, seeing-eye (AE); hunting ~; lapdog (also fig.); pet; police; sheep; sniffer (esp. BE); toy ~; working ~ 7. ~ bark; bite; growl; howl; salivate; snap; snarl; wag their tails; whine; yelp 8. a pack of (wild) ~ 9. a young ~ is a pup(p)y 10. a female ~ is a bitch 11. (misc.) ~s have hair and cats have hair or fur; a lucky ~ ("a lucky person"); a running ~ ("a lucky person") 12. (BE) to have ~ with (we've ~ with the plates) 3. (misc.) after that hike, I'm ~ for ("I'm completely exhausted")  

**do**  

**n.** 1. that took some ~! ("that required great effort") 2. that’s none/not of my ~!  

**doll**  

**drum**  

**n.** (colloq.) ["stagnation"] in the ~  

**dole**  

**n.** (colloq.) (BE) ["unemployment insurance"] off; on the ~ (to be on the ~; to go on/sign on the ~ until you find paid employment and can come off the ~)  

**dole out** v. (B) she ~d out some food to the children = she ~d some food out to the children  

**doll**  

**n.** 1. a baby, Barbie (T); china; Kewpie (T); paper; rag ~ 2. (misc.) a dollhouse (AE), doll’s ~ (BE) to play with ~s in a dollhouse  

**dollar**  

**n.** 1. a half; silver ~ 2. a falling; rising; strong; weak ~ (the international markets experienced difficulties with the falling ~) 3. (misc.) the ~ was strong against the euro  

do ** up** v. (colloq.) (D; refl., tr.) to ~ for (she ~ed herself up for the party)  

**dolphin**  

**n.** 1. a school of ~s 2. a young ~ is a calf 3. a female ~ is a cow 4. a male ~ is a bull  

**domain**  

**n.** ["sector"] the public ~ (in the public ~)  

**dominance**  

**n.** 1. ~ in 2. ~ over (their ~ over everyone else in the arts and sciences)  

**domination**  

**n.** 1. world ~ 2. ~ over 3. under smb.'s ~  

**dominion**  

**n.** ~ over ("we hold Dominion over palm and pine" – "Recessional," Rudyard Kipling (1865–1936))  

**donate** v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ for (to ~ money for a charity) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ to, towards (to ~ money to a charity towards the funding of a helpline)  

**donation**  

**n.** 1. to make a ~ 2. to send in a ~ 3. a charitable; voluntary ~ 4. a big, generous, large, sizable; small ~ 5. a ~ to (to make a ~ to a charity) 6. in ~s (to receive vast sums in ~s)  

**dope**  

adj. 1. ~ with (we’re ~ with the chores) 2. (BE) to have ~ with (we’ve ~ with the plates) 3. (misc.) after that hike, I’m ~ for ("I'm completely exhausted")  

**donkey**  

**n.** 1. to ride on (a ~) 2. ~s bray, go heehaw, heehaw  

**donor**  

**n.** 1. an anonymous; generous ~ 2. a blood ~  

**door**  

**n.** 1. to hang a ~ 2. to bar, bolt; close, shut; lock; open; slam; unlock a ~ 3. to break down, force a ~ 4. to knock at, on a ~ 5. to answer the ~ 6. the ~ is ajar; bolted; closed; locked; open; unlocked 7. a back; double; French (AE; BE has French window); front, main; revolving; screen; side; sliding; stage; storm (esp. AE) ~ (see also back door) 8. a ~ closes, shuts; creaks, squeaks; jams; opens; slams shut 9. a ~ (the ~ to this...
room is never locked) 10. at the ~ (who is at the ~?) 11. (misc.) behind closed ~s (“in secret”); they live next ~ to us; to sell from ~ to ~; to close the ~ on any compromise (“to rule out the possibility of any compromise”); at death’s ~ (“almost dead”); to show smb. the ~ (“to ask smb. to leave”) (see also show smb. to the door at show II)
doorbell n. 1. to ring a ~ to answer a ~ 3. a ~ rings
doorplay n. (misc.) as dead as a ~
doorstep n. at, on smb.’s ~ (“very close”)
doorway n. 1. (fig.) the ~ to the ~ to freedom) 2. in; through the ~ (she stood in the ~ and then stepped through it)
dope n. [*"drugs"] (colloq.) to take ~
doped up adj. (colloq.) 1. ~ on (~ on pills) 2. ~ with
(d~ with medication)
dormancy n. (in) a state of ~
dormant adj. to lie, remain, stay ~
dose n. 1. to administer, give a ~ 2. to measure out a ~. to receive; take a ~ 4. a fatal, lethal ~ (see also overdose) 5. a heavy, massive, strong ~ 6. a light, small, weak ~ 7. (misc.) she received a massive ~ of radiation; in small ~s (also fig.) (your brother-in-law is all right – in small ~s!)
dosed up adj. ~ with (she was ~ with cough medicine)
dossier n. to have; keep a ~ on smb.
dot n. 1. a tiny ~ 2. (misc.) on the ~ (“precisely”) (see also from the year dot at year)
dotage n. to be in one’s ~
dote v. (d; intr.) to ~ on, upon (she ~s on her grandchildren)
dotted adj. ~ with

dotted line n. to sign on the ~ (“to agree to smt. by signing a document”)
double I n. [*"accelerated pace"] 1. at, on (esp. AE) the ~ (“betting”) 2. the daily ~ [*"misc."] 3. more than ~ (here it costs more than ~ its price abroad!)
double II v. 1. (D; intr.) ("to do smt. additional") to ~ as (the gardener ~d as the chauffeur) 2. to more ~ (its price has more than ~d in only a few short years!)
double back v. (P; intr.) she ~d back towards the park
double-date n. (tennis) to commit a ~
double figures n. in ~ (inflation was in ~)
doubles n. (tennis) 1. to play ~ but not singles 2. ladies’ (BE), women’s; men’s; mixed ~ 3. (misc.) to play in the ~ but not in the singles
double up v. 1. (D; intr.) (“to share living accommodations”) to ~ with 2. (misc.) to ~ in pain
doubt I n. 1. to plant; raise (a) ~ (her proposal raised serious ~s in my mind) 2. to cast ~ on 3. to feel ~; to entertain, harbor, have ~s about 4. to express, voice (a) ~ 5. to allay, clear up, dispel, resolve a ~ 6. (a) deep, serious, strong; gnawing; lingering; reasonable; slight ~s appear, arise; exist; persist
8. a ~ about, of 9. (a) ~ that + clause (he expressed serious ~ that he could finish the job on time) 10. beyond (a shadow of) (a) ~; without a ~ 11. in ~ (the result was never in serious ~) 12. (misc.) to give smb. the benefit of the ~; (colloq.) there is no ~ about it: she’s the best; you say she’s the best – but I have my ~s (about that) USAGE NOTE: Some purists recommend that whether or the more informal if be used with the noun doubt, especially in the meaning “uncertainty” – she expressed doubt (about/as to) whether they would finish on time (“she was not certain whether they would finish on time”). In the meaning of “disbelief”, the conjunction that is common – she expressed doubt that they would finish on time (“she did not believe that they would finish on time”). Note that in interrogative sentences the use of that prevails – is there any doubt that they will finish on time? In negative sentences the conjunction that must be used – there is no doubt that they will finish on time.
doubt II v. 1. to ~ strongly, very much 2. (L, Q) I ~ that/ if/ whether she will want to participate USAGE NOTE: See the Usage Note for doubt I. Thus, to express “uncertainty”, one can say – she doubted whether they would finish on time. To express “disbelief”, one can say – she doubted that they would finish on time. In negative sentences, only that is used – she doesn’t doubt that they will finish on time.
doubtful adj. 1. ~ about, of 2. ~ that/ if/ whether + clause (it’s ~ that she will be present) USAGE NOTE: See the Usage Note for doubt I. Thus, to express “uncertainty”, one can say – it is/I am doubtful whether they will finish on time. To express “disbelief”, one can say – it is/I am doubtful that they will finish on time.
dough n. 1. to knead, mix, roll (out), work ~ 2. flaky; firm; stiff ~ 3. ~ rises 4. a lump, piece of ~
doughnuts, donuts n. 1. to make ~ glazed; jelly ~
dove n. 1. a gentle ~ 2. ~s coo
dovetail v. (D; tr., intr.) ("to fit") to ~ into, with
down I adj. (colloq.) [*"angry"] ~ on (he’s ~ on us)
down II adv. 1. ~ against (the dollar was ~ against the yen) [*"dependent"] (BE) 2. ~ to (the fault is ~ to you; the decision is ~ to you; it’s ~ to you to decide; it’s ~ to you whether we go) [*"misc."] 3. ~ on one’s luck; we were ~ to our last five dollars; ~ with tyranny!; inflation is ~ by ten percent; that topic was ~ for discussion (see also upside down)
downfall n. 1. to bring about smb.’s ~; to hasten smb. ‘s ~; to lead to smb. ‘s ~ to head for a ~
downgrade v. (D; tr.) to ~ to (our embassy was ~d to a legation)
downhill v. to go ~ (also fig.)
download n. v. (D; tr.) to ~ to (~ to a program to a computer)
down payment n. 1. to make a ~ 2. a ~ on
downpour n. 1. a brief; steady; sudden; torrential ~ 2. caught in a ~
downsize n. corporate ~
downstairs adv. to come; go; run; walk ~
downturn n. 1. a modest, slight ~ 2. a sharp ~ 3. a ~ in (there was a sharp ~ in the economy = there was a sharp economic ~) 4. (misc.) the economy took a slight ~
dowry n. to provide a ~ for
dozen n. 1. a baker’s; a half ~, half a ~; a round ~ 2. by the ~ (they’re cheaper by the ~)
draft I n. "rough copy" 1. to make, prepare a ~ 2. a final, polished; first, preliminary, rough; working ~ ["composition"] (AE) 3. to abolish, end; introduce the ~ 4. to avoid; dodge, evade; resist the ~ ["current of air"] 5. to feel; sit in a ~ (I felt a cold ~ of air blowing on my neck) ["order for payment"] 6. to honor a ~ 7. a bank ~ 8. a ~ for; on (a ~ on the Paris branch of our bank for one thousand pounds) ["drawing of liquid"] 9. on ~ (beer on ~) NOTE: BE prefers the spelling draught in senses 5 and 9.
draft II v. 1. (D; tr.) ("to conscript") (AE) to ~ into (to ~ young people into the army) 2. (H) they ~ed her to serve as their delegate
draft in v. (BE) (H) they ~ed her in to serve as their delegate (see draft II, 2)
drag I n. ["puff"] 1. to have, take a ~ (at/on a cigarette) ["obstacle"] (colloq.) 2. a ~ on (a ~ on the economy) ["street"] (colloq.) 3. the main ~ ["women’s clothing worn by a male transvestite"] (slang) 4. in ~ (see also drag queen at queen)
drag II v. 1. (d; intr.) ("to search at the bottom of a lake, river, sea") to ~ for (to ~ for a body) 2. (D; tr.) ("to search") to ~ for (they ~ed the lake for the body) 3. (d; intr.) ("to draw deeply") to ~ on (to ~ on a pipe) 4. (P; tr.) ("to pull, tug") they ~ed the tables into the garden; to be ~ed into a war; we ~ed the old sofa out of the house; they ~ed the logs through the forest; they ~ed him (over) to the door
drag down v. (usu. fig.) 1. (D; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ smb. down into the gutter) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ with (If you ruin my life I’ll ~ you down with me !)
dragget n. 1. to cast a ~ (to apprehend a criminal) 2. a police ~
dragoon v. (d; intr.) ("to coerce") to ~ into
drain I n. 1. to clean out, clear, unblock, unclog a ~ 2. to block, clog a ~ 3. (misc.) a brain ~; supporting them is a ~ on our resources; to go down the ~ (["to be lost"]

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drain II n. & 1. (d; intr.) to ~ from (the blood ~ed from his face when he heard the news) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ of (~ the tank of all water) 3. (N; used with an adjective) they ~ed the swamps dry 4. (P; intr., tr.) they ~ed all the water ~out of the tank; they ~ed the liquid into the basin; they ~ed the water out of the basement; the liquid ~ed through a porous layer 5. (s) the swamp eventually ~ed dry

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draw up  v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ to (he drew up to the entrance) 2. (misc.) he drew himself up to his full height; she drew up even with us
drawing  n. [picture] 1. to do, make a ~ (can you do me a ~ with an animal in it? = can you do me a ~ that includes/shows an animal?) 2. a rough ~ ["representation by lines"] 3. mechanical ~ 4. (a) freehand; line ~ ["lottery"] (esp. AE) 5. to hold a ~ (BE has draw)
drawing board  n. ["planning stage"] 1. on the ~ 2. (misc.) back to the ~ (see also drawing board at board)
drawl  n. 1. a Southern; upper-class ~ 2. (to speak) in, with a ~
drawn  adj. pale and ~
draw off  v. (D; tr.) to ~ from (they drew off some coolant from the radiator = they drew some coolant off from the radiator)
dread  I  n. 1. a Southern; upper-class ~ 2. (to speak) in, with a ~
dread II  n. adj. dreadful 1. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ to contemplate the ~ to think what lies ahead !)
dream  I  n. 1. (rare) (E) I ~ to think what lies ahead !; (to speak) in, with a ~
dream II  v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ about, of 2. (L) she ~s to go to the dentist 2. (G) she ~s going to the dentist


dredge  v. 1. to operate, use a ~ 2. a ~ ("boring tool")
dreg  n. the ~ of society
drenched  adj. thoroughly ~ 2. ~ in, with (they were ~ in sweat) 3. ~ to (we were ~ed to the skin)
dress  I  n. ["attire"] 1. casual, informal; evening, formal; fancy (esp. BE); national, traditional ~ 2. improper; proper ~ 3. in ~ (in informal ~) ["woman's frock"] 4. a casual; cocktail; evening (esp. BE = esp. AE evening gown); low-cut; maternity; party; summer ~ 5. a ~ is long; short; tight
6. a ~ fits (well) 7. in a ~ (she was in a summer ~)
dress up  v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ as (he ~ed up as a sailor) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ as (he was ~ed as a sailor) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for dinner) 4. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ in (to ~ in black) 5. (D; tr.) to ~ with (to ~ a salad with oil and vinegar) 6. (misc.) to get ~ed; fully ~ed; poorly ~ed; provocatively, scantily ~ed; well ~ed; (mil.) ~ right !; ~ed to kill (in one's best and showiest frock)
dressing  n. ["bandage"] 1. to apply, put on a ~ (to apply a ~ to a wound) 2. to change, replace; remove a ~ 3. a sterile ~ 4. a ~ comes off ["sauce"] 5. (a) salad ~ (who will make the salad ~?); this will make an excellent salad ~ 6. a ~ for (this will make an excellent ~ for any salad) 7. a ~ of (to make an excellent salad ~ of oil and vinegar) 8. in, with (salad in/with an oil-and-vinegar ~) [misc.] 9. window ~ ("smt. presented to show only the favorable aspects") 10. power ~ (as when a female executive wears tailored suits and big shoulder pads)
dressing down  n. ["scolding"] 1. to give smb. a ~ to get, receive a ~
dress up  v. 1. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ as (he ~ed up as a sailor; they ~ed her up as a ballerina) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ for (she got ~ed up for the party)
dribble  I  n. (basketball) a double ~
dribble II  v. (P; intr., tr.) she ~d the ball across the court; the milk ~d down my shirt
drier  see dryer
drift  I  n. ["pile"] 1. a deep ~; a snowdrift ["movement"] 2. a ~ to, towards (a ~ to the right) ["meaning"] (colloq.) 3. to catch, get; lose the ~
drift II  v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ into (to ~ into a life of crime) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with the current) 3. (P; intr.) the boat ~ed down the river; we ~ed from town to town; to ~ out to sea; to ~ towards shore 4. (misc.) to ~ apart; to ~ aimlessly
drift away  v. (D; intr.) to ~ from (to ~ from shore)
drift back  v. (D; intr.) to ~ to (the strikers gradually ~ed back to work)
drift I  n. ["boring tool"] 1. to operate, use a ~ 2. a dentist's; electrical, power; hand; pneumatic; rotary ["exercise"] 3. to conduct a ~ 4. (mil. close-order; rifle ~ 5. an air-raid; civil-defense; evacuation; ~ (see also fire drill) ["procedure"] (BE) 6. (misc.) what's the ~? I don't know the ~
drift II  v. 1. (D; intr.) ("to project") to ~ for (to ~ for oil) 2. (D; tr.) ("to train") to ~ in (to ~ students in pronunciation) 3. (d; tr.) ("to instill") to ~ into (to ~ discipline into cadets)
drink  I  n. 1. to fix (esp. AE), make, mix a ~ 2. pour a ~ 3. to down; have, knock back (colloq.); take; nurse a ~ 4. a cold, cool; fizzy (BE) ["sparkling"]; hot; potent, stiff, strong; quick; still (BE) ["not sparkling"]; warm; weak ~ 5. a mixed; soft ~ 6. over a ~ (we had a nice chat over a ~) 7. (misc.) to drown one's sorrows in ~; to buy a round of ["women's garment for sleeping"] (BE) 8. a nightdress (= esp. AE nightgown)
dress II  v. 1. to ~ casually, informally; conservatively; elegantly; smartly; lightly; neatly; warmly 2. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ as (he was ~ed as a sailor) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for dinner) 4. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ in (to ~ in black) 5. (D; tr.) to ~ with (to ~ a salad with oil and vinegar) 6. (misc.) to get ~ed; fully ~ed; poorly ~ed; provocatively, scantily ~ed; well ~ed; (mil.) ~ right !; ~ed to kill (in one's best and showiest frock)
drinker
n. a binge, hard, heavy; light, moderate; social

drinking
n. excessive; binge, hard, heavy; social

~s; he took to ~ in his old age; a ~ of milk/water; food and ~

drink II
v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ from, out of (I always ~ tea from a glass) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ to (let’s ~ to his success) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ a toast to his success) 4. (misc.) to drink heavily; to ~ one’s whiskey neat/straight; to ~ oneself to death; to ~ smb. under the table; don’t ~ and drive

drinker
n. a binge, hard, heavy; light, moderate; social

drinking
n. excessive; binge, hard, heavy; social ~ 2. (misc.) ~ a bout

drip
n. 1. a steady ~ 2. an intravenous; saline ~ 3. ~s; he took to ~ in his old age; a ~ of milk / whiskey neat /

~ 2. (misc.) a ~ bout

drip II
v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ with (fig.) (she was literally ~ ping with diamonds!) 3. (P; intr., tr.) water ~ ped over me; oil ~ ped onto the road; she was ~ ping the juice all over the floor

drive
v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ for (I’ll ~ for a visit) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ to (to ~ to the beach) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ at (to ~ at a night club) 4. (d; tr.) to ~ to (~ on me at any time)

driver
n. a bus; cab; taxi; limousine; lorry (BE), truck; mule; tractor ~ 2. (BE) an engine ~ (AE has engineer) 3. a learner (BE), student (AE) ~ 4. a drunk, drunken; hit-and-run; reckless ~ 5. a careful, cautious, defensive, safe; designated ~ 6. a backseat ~
driver’s license
n. (AE) 1. to issue; revoke; suspend ~ 2. ~ to apply for; get, obtain; lose a ~ (BE has driving licence)
driving
n. 1. to do: share the ~ 2. careful, defensive, safe; careless, reckless ~ 3. city; highway (AE), motorway (BE); turnpike (AE) ~ 4. rush-hour; stop-and-go ~ 5. drink-driving (BE), drunk (esp. AE), drunken (esp. AE) ~ 6. (misc.) ~ under the influence (also DUI); (BE) he was fined for driving without due care and attention
driving licence
n. (BE) (see driver’s license)
drool
v. (colloq.) (D; intr.) (“to show pleasure”) to ~ over (they were ~ ing over their new grandchild)
drop
n. [*fall*] 1. a abrupt, sudden; sharp ~ 2. a ~ in (a sharp ~ in the interest rate) [”depository”] 3. a mail ~ 4. a ~ in the bucket (AE) ~ a ~ in the ocean (BE) (see also drops; teardrop at tear I n.)
drop II
v. 1. (A; used without to) (“to communicate”) ~ me a line when you get there; I ~ ped her a hint 2. (d; intr.) (“to lag”) to ~ behind (he ~ ped behind the other runners) 3. (D; intr., tr.) (“to fall; to let fall”) to ~ from (the book ~ ped from her hand; his name was ~ ped from the list) 4. (d; intr., tr.) (“to fall; to let fall”) to ~ into (the stone ~ ped into the water; I ~ ped a coin in(to) the slot) 5. (D; tr.) (“to let fall”) to ~ on (she ~ ped a book on the floor) 6. (d; intr.) to ~ out of (”to abandon”) ~ out of school 7. (d; intr.) to ~ out of (”to disappear”) to ~ out of sight) 8. (D; intr.) (“to fall”) to ~ to ~ (prices ~ ped to the lowest point in a year; everyone ~ ped to the ground) 9. (misc.) prices ~ ped by 15% from their level last year to their level this year; prices ~ ped below last year’s levels; to ~ dead
drop behind
v. (D; intr.) to ~ in (to ~ in one’s work)
drop by
v. (D; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for a drink)
drop down
v. 1. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ from (from the apples ~ ped down from the tree; she ~ ped the apples down from the tree) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ to (I’ll ~ this down to you)
drop in
v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ for (I’ll ~ for a visit) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ on (~ on me at any time)
drop off
v. 1. (D; tr.) (“to leave”) to ~ at (could you ~ the books at the library ? = could you drop the books off at the library?; could you ~ me off at the station?) 2. (misc.) to ~ to (sleep)
droppings
n. animal ~
drops
n. (med.) 1. to instill (technical), put in ~ 2. cough; ear; eye: knockout; nose ~ (see also raindrops)
drought
n. 1. to experience (a) ~ 2. a prolonged; severe ~ 3. during, in a ~
drovess
n. in ~ (the tourists came in ~)
drown
v. 1. ("to drench") (D; tr.) to ~ in, with (to ~ the meat in ketchup) 2. (misc.) to ~ one’s sorrows in drink
drowsiness
n. to induce ~
drumbing
n. 1. ["beating"] 1. to give smb. a ~ 2. to get, take a ~ (our team took a ~) 3. a severe ~
drudgery
n. sheer ~
drug
n. 1. to administer, give; discontinue; inject; prescribe a ~ 2. to take a ~ (for) 3. to ban; test a ~ 4. a dangerous, toxic; mild; potent, powerful, strong; weak ~ 5. an addictive; habit-forming; hallucinogenic; non-addictive ~ 6. an ethical, prescription; generic; nonprescription, over-the-counter; proprietary ~ 7. an anti-inflammatory; miraculous, wonder; sulf(Do) (AE), sulpha (BE) ~ 8. a ~ wears off 9. (misc.) a ~ addict; a ~ dealer/peddler/pusher (see also drugs; a drug on the market at market)
drug abuse
n. to combat ~
drugs
n. 1. to do (colloq.), take, use ~ 2. to deal, peddle, push, sell, traffic in (illicit) ~
drugstore
n. (esp. AE; BE has chemist’s) at, in a ~
(d; works at/in a ~)
drum
n. ["percussion instrument"] 1. to beat (also fig.), play a ~ 2. a bass ~; kettledrum; side; snare ~ 3. muffled ~s 4. the ~s roll ["cylinder"] 5. a brake ~ ["container"] 6. an oil ~
drum II
v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ smt. into smb.’s n. head) 2. (P; intr.; tr.) the rain was ~ming against the windows; she was ~ming on the table with her fingers= she was ~ming her fingers on the table
drumfire
n. ["barrage"] to keep up an incessant ~
drum up
v. (D; tr.) to ~ for (he ~med up some business~ for us)
drunken
adj. 1. blind, dead, roaring, stinking ~ 2. to get ~ on (he got ~ on cheap wine) 3. ~ with (~ with power)
drunken II
n. to roll ("rob") a ~ (colloq.)
drunkard
n. a habitual ~
dry
adj. 1. bone ~, as ~ as a bone 2. a ~ 2. to get, run ~ (the well ran ~)
dry II
v. (D; refl.; tr.) to ~ with (he dried himself and his children off with a towel)
dryer
n. 1. to turn on a ~ 2. to turn off a ~ 3. to load; unload a ~ 4. a clothes; spin (esp. BE); tumble (BE) ~ 5. a hair ~ 6. (misc.) is the ~ running? the ~ is off/on
dry off
v. (D; refl.; tr.) to ~ with (he dried himself and his children off with a towel)
dub
v. (N; used with a noun) ("to name") they ~bed him Bud
dub II
v. (D; tr.) ("to provide with a new soundtrack") to ~ into (to ~ a film into English)
dubious
adj. 1. ~ about, of (AE) 2. ~ if (esp. AE), that (esp. AE), whether + clause (it’s ~ if they’ll come)
duck
n. 1. ~s quack; waddle 2. a young ~ is a duckling 3. a male ~ is a drake 4. (misc.) to take to smt. like a ~ (takes) to water ("to adapt to smt. quickly and easily") (see also sitting duck)
duck II
v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ out of ("to evade") (to ~ out of an obligation) 2. (P; intr.) ("to move") we ~ed into the nearest building; she ~ed behind the partition; the children ~ed under the table
ducking
n. 1. to give smb. a ~ 2. to get a ~
dudgeon
n. ["indignation"] in high ~
due
adj. 1. (cannot stand alone) ~ for (~ for a promotion) 2. (cannot stand alone) ~ to (her absence was ~ to illness) 3. to come, fall ~ (the note has fallen ~) 4. ~ to + inf. (the train is ~ to arrive at ten o’clock) USAGE NOTE: Purists prefer to use due to as an adjectival predicate phrase modifying the subject – her absence was due to illness. Otherwise, because of or owing to is preferred – she was absent because of illness; owing to illness she was absent
due II
n. ["recognition, due credit"] to give people their ~ (I don’t like her but, to give her her ~, at least she never gave up!)
duel
n. 1. to have, fight a ~ (over) 2. to challenge smb. to a ~ 3. a ~ between; with (I fought a ~ with him over her = he and I fought a ~ over her) 4. a ~ to the death
duel II
v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ over 2. (D; intr.) to ~ with (I ~ed with him over her = he and I ~ed over her)
due process
n. (legal) 1. to deprive of; observe ~ (she was deprived of due ~) 2. (misc.) by; without ~ of law
dues
n. 1. to pay ~ 2. annual; membership ~ (CE also has membership fees)
duet
n. 1. to play; perform; sing a ~ 2. a piano ~
dukes
n. (colloq.) ["fists"] to put up one’s ~
dumb
adj. ["stupid"] (colloq.) (esp. AE) 1. to play ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of you to say that) ["mute"] 3. to strike smb. ~
dumbfounded
adj. 1. completely ~ 2. ~ at, by (~ at the news) 3. ~ to + inf. (he was ~ to learn that his wife had left him) 4. ~ that + clause (he was ~ that his wife had left him)
dumbstruck
see dumbfounded
dummy
n. (BE) see pacifier
dump
n. ["place for dumping"] (esp. AE) 1. a garbage, trash ~; the town ~ (BE prefers refuse tip) ["dilapidated place"] (colloq.) 2. a real ~ (this town is a real ~) ["storage area"] 3. an ammunition; supply ~ (see also dumps)
dumping
v. 1. (slang) (esp. AE) to ~ on ("to project bad experiences or feelings on") (I have enough troubles of my own – don’t ~ on me!) 2. (P; tr.) they ~d their bags unceremoniously (down) on the floor; the company was ~ing waste products in/into the river
dumping ground
n. a ~ for
dumps
n. down in the (~) ("dejected")
dun
v. (D; tr.) to ~ for (to ~ smth. for payment)
dune  n. a sand ~
dungarees  n. a pair of ~
dunk  v. (D; tr.) to ~ in (to ~ doughnuts in coffee)
dupe I  n. an ~
dupe II  v. (D; tr.) to ~ into (he was ~d into signing)
duplicate  n. 1. to make a ~ 2. in ~ (to prepare all documents in ~)
duplicity  n. ~ in
duration  n. 1. (a) long; moderate; short ~ 2. of a certain ~ (of short ~) 3. for the ~ (of the war)
duress  n. under ~ (to sign a confession under ~)
dusk  n. 1. at; before ~ 2. (misc.); from dawn till / to ~
dust I  n. 1. to collect, gather; raise ~ 2. fine, powdery ~ 3. chalk; coal; cosmic; gold; radioactive; volcanic ~ 4. a cloud; layer; particle, speck of ~ 5. ~ collects; lies; settles (a thick layer of ~ had settled on the furniture) 6. (misc.) from ~ to ~
dust II  v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ for (to ~ smt. for fingerprints) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ with (to ~ smt. with insecticide)
dustbin  n. (BE) (see can I, 1)
duster  n. (see the Usage Note for eraser)
dusting  n. a light ~ (of snow)
duty  n. ["obligation"]["service"] 1. to assume, take on a; report for ~ 2. to carry out, discharge, do, perform one’s ~ 3. to relieve people of their ~ties; to suspend people from their ~ties 4. to shirk one’s ~ 5. an ethical, moral; legal; professional ~ 6. a painful, unpleasant; pleasant ~ 7. a ceremonial; civic; official; patriotic; public ~ 8. supervisory ~ties 9. (esp. mil.) active; combat; detached; fatigue; guard; light; noncombatant; overseas; sea; special; temporary ~ (to see active ~) 10. a ~ to (a ~ to one’s country) 11. a ~ to + inf. (physicians have a ~ to report such cases) 12. on ~; off ~ (who was on ~ yesterday? when do you get/go off ~? she was never on active ~) 13. (misc.) (a) dereliction of ~; a sense of ~; in (the) line of ~; ~ calls; (BE) a ~ of care to (to have a ~ of care to those in one’s charge); smb.’s bounden ~ (formal) (it’s her bounden ~ to report the incident to the police) (see also (in) duty bound at bound IV adj.; tour of duty) ["tariff"] ["tax"] 14. to impose a ~ on 15. to pay (a) ~ on 16. to lift a ~ from 17. to exempt smt. from ~ 18. customs; excise ~ties 19. (BE) (obsol.) (a) death ~ (CE has inheritance tax)
dwell  v. (d; intr.) to ~ on (to ~ on a question; to ~ on one’s personal problems; don’t ~ on the past)
dweller  n. a cave-; city-; cliff-; country-; lake-; town-~
dwindle  v. (D; intr.) to ~ away (to ~ to nothing)
dye I  n. 1. to apply ~ to 2. natural; synthetic; vegetable ~s 3. (a) ~ fades; takes
dye II  v. (N; used with an adjective, noun) she ~d the dress (a lovely shade of) blue
dynamite  n. 1. ~ explodes 2. a stick of ~ (the stick of ~ she detonated exploded) 3. (misc.) (fig.) political ~
dynasty  n. 1. to establish, found a ~ 2. to overthrow a ~ 3. a ~ begins; ends; lasts; rules
dysentery  n. 1. to come down, go down (BE) with, get ~; have ~ 2. an attack; epidemic; outbreak of ~ 3. amebic ~
earnings. n. 1. annual, yearly; average; export, overseas; gross, pre-tax; invisible; net, take-home ~ 2. ~ from (average ~ from overtime rose significantly) 3. (misc.) earnings-related (an earnings-related pension)
earphones n. 1. to put on; take off; wear ~ 2. to plug in; unplug ~ 3. a pair, set of ~
earplug n. 1. to insert, put in an ~ 2. to remove, take out an ~ 3. a pair of ~
earrings n. 1. to wear ~ 2. to put on; take off ~ 3. a pair of ~
earshot in, within; out of ~
earth n. ["our planet"] 1. to circle; orbit the ~ 2. the ~ revolves around the sun; rotates on its axis 3. above the (surface of the) ~; on (the) ~ (is there more land or more water on ~?) 4. (misc.) down to ~ ("practical"); who on ~ would ever do that?; what on ~ is that? (see also the four corners of the earth at corner) ["soil"] 5. a clod, clump, lump of ~ 6. above the; in the; under the ~ (to dig for gold under the ~)
earthquake n. 1. to record an ~ 2. a devastating, destructive; light; strong, severe ~ 3. an ~ strikes (a severe ~ struck the area) 4. the magnitude of an ~ 5. an ~ measures six on the Richter scale 6. in an ~

earwax n. to remove ~

ease I n. 1. at ~ (to put smb. at ~) (see also ill at ease

at ill) 2. at ~ with (she feels at ~ with us) 3. (formal) for ~ in; for ~ of (for greater) ~ in sleeping; for (greater) ~ of use) 4. with ~ (he can lift a hundred pounds with great ~; "O, he flies through the air with the greatest of ~. This daring young man on the flying trapeze." ~ George Leybourne (died 1884), "The Man on the Flying Trapeze" (song)) 5. (misc.) (mil.) (to stand) at ~

ease II v. 1. (N.; used with an adj.) they ~d the door shut/open 2. (P; refl., tr.) they ~d the piano through the window; they ~d their way toward the exit; he ~d himself into an armchair

easement n. ["right of way"] (legal) to grant an ~
ease up v. (D; intr.) to ~ on (you should ~ on your workers: you’ve been pushing them too hard)

east I adj., adv. 1. directly, due, straight ~ 2. of (~ of the city) 3. (misc.) to face; go, head ~; northeast by ~; southeast by ~

east II n. 1. from the ~; in the ~; to the ~ (AE) back ~ ("in the eastern part of the US") 3. (BE) out ~ ("in, to Asia") 4. the Far East; the Middle East, the Mideast (esp. AE); the Near East

NOTE: The East, the Mideast (esp. AE); the Near East

is now generally an old-fashioned synonym of the preceding term; formerly it referred to the Balkans and the Ottoman Empire.

Easter n. at; for ~ (all the children came home for ~)
easy adj. ["not difficult"] 1. fairly; very ~ 2. ~ for (that job was ~ for her) ["lenient"] 3. (cannot stand alone) ~ on (you are too ~ on the children; go ~ on him: he’s been sick) ["showing moderation"] 4. (cannot stand alone) ~ on (go ~ on the hot peppers) ["not difficult"] 5. (cannot stand alone) ~ to + inf. (this book is ~ to translate = it is ~ to translate this book = this is an ~ book to translate; Bob is ~ to please = it is ~ to please Bob = Bob is an ~ person to please; it is not ~ to be a parent = it is not ~ being a parent; it is ~ for you to say that) 6. (misc.) as ~ as ABC, as ~ as falling off a log, as ~ as pie (there’s nothing to it; it’s as ~ as falling off a log!) ["misc."] 7. (colloq.) ~-peasy (there’s nothing to it; it’s ~-peasy!), (colloq.) (BE) ~-peasy Japaneseeese; free and ~; "shall we eat in or out tonight?" ["I’m ~."] (colloq.) (BE); rest ~ ~ everything will be all right!

easy street n. on ~ (to be on) ~ ("to be well off")

eat v. 1. to ~ heartily, like a horse, voraciously 2. (d; intr.) to ~ at (the waves ate away)

eatly v. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ with (to ~ with one’s fingers)

echo II n. ~ gradually died away)

echelon n. 1. (mil.) the forward; rear ~ 2. the higher, top, upper; lower ~s of society

echo I n. 1. to produce an ~ 2. to find; hear an ~ (her campaign for equal rights found an ~ in many hearts) 3. an ~ dies away; sounds (the faint distant ~ gradually died away)

echo II v. (P; intr.) the news ~ed around the world; the park ~ed to the sounds of the children; the courtroom ~ed with the shouts of the spectators; their screams ~ed through the corridors

eclipse n. ["obscuring of the moon or sun"] 1. a full, total; lunar; partial; solar ~ ["dimming of smb’s influence"] 2. to go into ~ 3. in ~

economy n. deep; human, social ~
economical adj. ["inexpensive"] ~ to + inf. (it’s more ~ to go by bus = it’s more ~ going by bus)
economics n. micro-economics; supply-side; trickle-down ~

economize v. (D; intr.) to ~ on (to ~ on fuel)
economy n. ["frugality"] 1. to practice ~ 2. strict ~ ["economic structure"] 3. a capitalist, free-market, market; command; mixed; national; peacetime; planned; socialist; wartime ~ 4. the real ~ ["the production of goods and services by contrast with the financial and banking sectors"]; (has the credit crunch begun to affect the real ~ yet?) 5. an ail-ing, shaky, weak; sluggish; sound, stable, strong ~ ["the science of economics"] 6. political ~
estasy n. 1. pure; sheer; religious ~ 2. in ~ about, at, over 3. (misc.) a look of ~; they went into ~sies over the new furniture/at the thought of getting new furniture

eccentric adj. 1. ~ in (~ in one’s habits) 2. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to be a parent = it is not ~ being a parent; it is not ~ for you to say that) 6. (misc.) as ~ as falling off a log, as ~ as pie (there’s nothing to it; it’s as ~ as falling off a log!) ["misc."] 5. (colloq.) 

edge II n. ["margin", "border"] (also fig.) 1. a cutting; jagged, ragged; sharp ~ (see also cutting edge) 2. at, by, near, on an ~ (she stood at the very ~ of the crater) ["advantage"] (colloq.) 3. to have, hold an ~ on, over 4. an ~ on (to gain a competitive ~ on smb.; what gives us an ~ on the competition?) ["misc."] 5. to take the ~ off smb.’s appetite ["to satisfy smb.’s appetite partially"]; to be on ~ ["to be tense"]

edge II v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ out of (to ~ smb. out of a job) 2. (P; intr., tr.) to ~ one’s way through a crowd; she ~d towards the door; to ~ gingerly along a narrow path

eightier n. ["nervous"] ~ about

edict n. 1. to issue an ~ 2. to recall, rescind, withdraw an ~ 3. a royal; solemn ~ 4. an ~ that + clause; subj. (the government issued an ~ that all prisoners ~be/should be~ released)
edification n. for smb.’s ~ (I said that for your ~)
edition n. 1. to bring out, publish an ~ (to bring out a new ~) 2. (of a book, dictionary) an abridged; annotated; corrected; critical; deluxe; enlarged, expanded; first; hardback; limited; paperback; revised; thumb-indexed; unabridged; unexpurgat-ed; variarum ~ 3. (of a newspaper) a city, home; evening; final; morning; special ~ 4. (misc.) (BE) an omnibus ~ ["the rebroadcast of all the week’s episodes of a soap opera or of a series"]; the ~ went through three printings

editor n. 1. a city ~ 2. a copy (esp. AE) ~ (AE also has copy reader), subeditor (esp. BE); fashion; managing; news; political; senior; society; technical ~; editor-in-chief USAGE NOTE: In AE, city editor means "local news editor"; in BE it means "London financial editor". (See also the Usage Note at desk)
editorial n. 1. to write an ~ 2. to carry, publish, run an ~ 3. an ~ about, on (the paper ran a hard-hitting ~ on juvenile knife crime) (old-fashioned BE has leader, leading article)
editorship n. under the ~ of

educate v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ about, in, on; for, to (~d to one’s responsibilities) 2. (H) to ~ smb. to do smt.
educated adj. highly; well; poorly; privately ~
education n. 1. to give, provide an ~ 2. to get, obtain, receive an ~ 3. to complete one’s ~ 4. compulsory; formal; free ~ 5. private; public (AE), state (BE) ~ (private ~ is costly; funds for public ~ are scarce)
eel n. 1. a conger; electric ~ 2. (misc.) as slippery

effect n. 1. to have, produce an ~ on 2. to heighten an ~ 3. to take ~ (the drug took ~) 4. to feel an ~ (I feel the ~ of the narcotic) 5. to mar; negate, nullify; sleep off the ~ (of smt.) 6. a beneficial, good, salutary; desired ~ (her calm manner had a salutary ~ on the children) 7. a dramatic; exhilarating; hypnotic ~ 8. a calculated; cumulative; deterrent; far-reaching; full; long-term; net; overall; practical; profound ~ 9. a limited, marginal; minimal; short-term ~ 10. an adverse, bad, deleterious; harmful; chilling; crippling; damaging; deadening; disastrous ~ 11. a dominated; retroactive; ripple ("gradually spreading") ~ 12. an environmental; greenhouse ("warming of the earth’s surface") ~ 13. a halo ("overly favorable judgment based on irrelevant factors"); knock-on (BE) ("additional") ~ 14. a placebo; side ~ 15. an ~ lasts; wears off 16. to good; little; no; some ~ ["operation"] 17. to put into ~ (to put new regulations into ~) 18. to come into, go into, take ~ (when does the new law take ~?) 19. in ~; with ~ (from the ordinance is still in ~; with ~ from tomorrow, the ordinance must be obeyed; the ordinance bans smoking with immediate ~) ["desired impression"] 20. for ~ (she said that purely for ~) ["meaning"] 21. to the ~ (he said smt. to the ~ that he might be late; words to that ~) ["reality"; "practice"] 22. in ~ (the ordinance is still in ~; without a denial of freedom of speech; their claim is in ~; that they have been mistreated) (see also effects)

efficient adj. 1. ~ against (~ against the common cold) 2. ~ in (~ in fighting forest fires) 3. ~ to + inf. (it would be more ~ (for you) not to respond to the charges)

effects n. ["belongings"] 1. household; personal ~ ["impressions"] 2. sound; special ~ ["results"] 3. to counteract the ~ (of) 4. ill; side ~ (they experienced no ill ~)

efficiency n. 1. to improve, increase; promote ~ 2. to impair ~ 3. fighting; maximum; peak ~ 4. ~ in (~ in combating absenteeism) 5. with ~ (to work with improved ~) 6. (misc.) (at peak ~)

efficient adj. 1. ~ at, in (she was very ~ at getting things done; they were very ~ in reducing waste) 2. ~ to + inf. (it is not ~ to set up two offices)
effigy n. to burn; hang smb. in ~
effort n. 1. to make, put forth an ~; to put ~ into 2. to concentrate; intensify; redouble one’s ~ 3. to devote one’s ~ to 4. to spare no ~; to make every ~ 5. to foil, tymie, thwart smb.’s ~ 6. an all-out, bold, concerted, conscious, furious, gallant, great, Herculean, heroic, massive, maximum, painstaking, sincere, strenuous, studious, superhuman, valiant ~ 7. a collaborative, joint, united ~ 8. an abortive; desperate; frantic; minimal; useless, vain ~ 9. best, ceaseless, unceasing; unsparing, untinged; wasted ~s (despite our best ~s, they failed to thrive) 10. a team ~; the war ~ 11. an ~ to + inf. (they made an all-out ~ to finish the work on time: the amount of ~ they put into finishing the work was unbelievable!; they made every ~ to finish on time) 12. with a certain ~ (it was only with great ~ that we could do the job)
effrontery n. the ~ to + inf. (he had the ~ to demand more money)
egg n. 1. to fertilize; hatch; incubate; lay ~s 2. to beat, whish (BE); boil; crack; fry; poach an ~ 3. to candle ~s 4. an addled, bad, rotten ~; free-range ~; fresh ~ 5. a boiled; coddled; devilled; fried; hard-boiled; poached; raw; Scotch (BE); shrirred (AE); medium-boiled; soft-boiled ~s 6. scrambled ~s, scrambled ~ (esp. BE) 7. a box; clutch of ~s 8. the white of an ~; the yolk of an ~ (see also egg whites) 9. (misc.) a bad/rotten ~ (~ a "bad person"); a good ~ (~ a "good person"); to have ~ on one’s face (~ to be in an embarrassing position); (BE) to teach one’s grandmother to suck ~ (~ to try to tell smb. smt. that they already know) (see also nest egg)
egg on v. (H) to ~ smb. on to do smt. = to egg on smb. to do smt.
egg whites n. to beat, whip, whisk ~
eggo n. 1. to bolster, boost, flatter smb.’s ~ 2. to bruise, deflate smb.’s ~ 3. an enormous, inflated, overbearing 4. an alter ~
either determiner, pronoun ~ of (~ of the two; ~ of them) USAGE NOTE: The use of the preposition of is necessary when two or a pronoun follows. When a noun follows, the following constructions are used – either student will know the answer; either of the students will know the answer; either of the students will know the answer.
eject v. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ from (to ~ from a disabled plane; they were ~d ed from the room for disorderly conduct)
eke out v. 1. (d; tr.) ("to supplement or make last longer") to ~ by, with (he ~d out his meager pension (by) doing odd jobs) 2. (d; tr.) ("to get or earn with difficulty") (he ~d out his meager livelihood (by) doing odd jobs)
elaborate v. (D; intr.) to ~ on
Elastoplast (T) n. (BE) see Band-Aid
elated adj. 1. ~ about, at, over (~ at the good news) 2. ~ to + inf. (they were ~ to hear the good news)
elbow I n. 1. tennis ~ (~ an elbow that hurts because of excessive exercise") 2. above; below; by the ~ (to take smb. by the ~; to amputate an arm below the ~) 3. at smb.’s ~ ("close to smb.") 4. (misc.) to
rub ~s with smb. ("to have contact with smb."); (BE, colloq.) to give smb. the ~ ("to end a relationship with smb.")

**elbow** II v. (P; tr.) they ~ed me out of the way; he ~ed his way up to the front; she ~ed her way through the crowd

elevator n. ["device for raising and lowering people and freight"] (AE for 1–6; BE has lift) 1. to operate an ~ (an ~ operator operates an ~) 2. to call; take an ~ (we took the ~ to the tenth floor) 3. a down; express; self-service; up ~ 4. a freight (AE) ~ 5. a service ~ 6. a bank of ~s ["storage building"] 7. a grain ~

**eloquence** n. 1. flowery ~ 2. ~ about

elect I adj. (placed after a noun) the president ~ (the minister designate met the president ~)

elect II v. 1. to ~ unanimously 2. (D; tr.) to ~ as (she was ~ed as vice-president) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ to (she was ~ed to the vice-presidency) 4. (formal) (E) he ~ed to become a physician 5. (H) she was ~ed to represent us 6. (M) the nation ~ed her to be vice-president 7. (N; used with a noun) the nation ~ed her vice-president

**elective** adj. democratically; popularly; unanimously ~

election n. 1. to hold, schedule an ~ 2. to call for an ~ 3. to carry, win an ~ 4. to run for (esp. AE), seek, stand for (BE); win ~ 5. to decide, swing an ~ (her last speech swung the ~ in her favor) 6. to concede; lose an ~ 7. to fix, rig an ~ 8. a close, hotly contested; rigged ~ 9. a free (and fair) ; general ; local ; national; primary; runoff ~ 10. smb.’s ~ to (her ~)

**eloquent** adj. 1. to ~ with (she ~d with her child-

**embarrass** v. (D; tr.) to ~ (it was ~ for him to catch cheating) 2. ~ that + clause (he was ~ that he was caught cheating) 5. ~ that + clause (he was ~ that he was caught cheating)

**embarrassed** adj. 1. deeply, very ~ 2. financially ~

**embarrassing** adj. 1. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ for him to catch cheating) 2. ~ that + clause (he was ~ for him to catch cheating) 5. ~ that + clause (it was ~ for him that he was caught cheating)

**embarrassment** n. 1. to cause ~ 2. to feel ~ 3. acute ;~ about, at, over 4. ~ to + inf. (he was ~ that he was caught cheating)

**embargo** n. 1. to enforce ; impose an ~ 2. to place, put an ~ on 3. to lift, remove an ~ from 4. an arms ; trade ~ 5. an ~ against, on 6. under ~

**emancipate** v. (D; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ serfs from bondage)

**emancipation** n. 1. political ~ 2. ~ from

**embankment** n. 1. a high, steep ~ 2. a railroad, railway ~

**elbowroom** n. 1. faded ; sheer ~ 2. sartorial ~

**element** n. 1. a basic, essential, key, vital ~ 2. a foreign ~ 3. diverse ; extremist; radical ~ 4. criminal ; rowdy, unruly ; subversive ; undesirable ~s ["substance"] 5. ~s combine 6. chemical ~s ["natural environment"] 7. in one’s ~; out of one’s ~ ["factor"] 8. the human ~ ["misc"] 9. to brave the ~s ("to go out in bad weather")

**elixir** the ~ of life ; the ~ of youth

**embankment** n. 1. a herd of ~ 2. a female ~ is a cow 3. a ~ is a bull 4. ~s combine 6. ~s combine

**embarrassment** n. 1. to cause ~ 2. to feel ~ 3. acute ;~ about, at, over (we felt ~ about the disclosure; his ~ at having been caught cheating) 5. ~ to (his outburst was an ~ to his family) 6.

**elevate** (formal) (D; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ smb. to the peerage)
embassy n. 1. a foreign ~ 2. at, in an ~ (she works at/in the ~)

embed v. 1. to ~ deeply; firmly 2. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ in 3. (D; tr.) to ~ with (journalists ~ded with the invading troops)

embellish v. (D; tr.) to ~ with (she ~ed her story with a few lurid details)

embers n. 1. burning; hot; live ~ 2. dying ~ 3. the glow of (burning) ~

embezzle v. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ from

emblem n. 1. to commit (an act of) ~ 2. ~

embezzlement n. 1. an air; cerebral; coronary; (formal) (H) what ~ed him to make the ~

demonstrate v. 1. a loving, tender, warm; passionate; embrace I

embroider v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ for (she ~ed a towel for designs)

embroidery n. 1. to give, provide ~ 2. to find; look for; seek ~ 3. casual (BE); full; full-time; paid; part-time; seasonal; steady ~ (falling levels of ~ led to government policies aimed at restoring full ~) 4. ~ falls; peaks; rises 5. ~ is down; up (~ is way down over last year) 6. ~ as (to find ~ as a mechanic)

employer n. an equal-opportunities (BE), equal-opportunity (AE) ~

employment n. 1. to give, provide ~ 2. to find; look for; seek ~ 3. casual (BE); full; full-time; paid; part-time; seasonal; steady ~ (falling levels of ~ led to government policies aimed at restoring full ~) 4. ~ falls; peaks; rises 5. ~ is down; up (~ is way down over last year) 6. ~ as (to find ~ as a mechanic)

emphasize v. (D; intr.) to ~ with

emphasis n. 1. to lay, place, put ~ on 2. great, particular, special ~

emphatic adj. ~ about, in

empire n. 1. to govern, rule an ~ 2. to build, build up; consolidate an ~ 3. to break up an ~ 4. a business; colonial; commercial; industrial; publishing ~ 5. (misc.) The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire (1776–88) – Edward Gibbon; “[Britain] has lost an ~ but has not found a role.” – Dean Acheson (1893–1971)

emplacement n. an antiaircraft; concealed; gun ~

employ I n. (to be) in smb.’s ~

employ II v. 1. to ~ gainfully 2. (D; tr.) to ~ as; (she was ~ed as a programmer in an IT company) 3. (H) to ~ smb. to solve a problem 4. (misc.) you’d be better ~ed looking after your children than chasing other women!

employee n. 1. to engage (esp. BE), hire (esp. AE), ~

enclave n. a national ~ 3. a state of ~ 4. in case of an ~ (esp. AE); in (the event of) an ~

eminent adj. 1. ~ as (she was ~ed as a painter) 3. ~ in (their ~ in the arts and sciences) 4. of ~ (a person of great ~)

enable v. (D; intr.) “(to put)” she ~tied the cakes onto the plate; I ~tied all the toys into the bin

enable v. (H) to ~ smb. to do smt.

empaneled adj. 1. ~ across, on 2. ~

embroidery n. 1. to give, provide ~ 2. to find; look for; seek ~ 3. casual (BE); full; full-time; paid; part-time; seasonal; steady ~ (falling levels of ~ led to government policies aimed at restoring full ~) 4. ~ falls; peaks; rises 5. ~ is down; up (~ is way down over last year) 6. ~ as (to find ~ as a mechanic)

enforce v. (D; tr.) to ~ as; (she ~ed as the leading contender) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ from; out of (the sun ~d from behind the clouds; ~ from the shadows) 3. (L) it ~d that she was an heiress 4. (s) they ~d unscathed

emergency n. 1. to cause, create; declare an ~ 2. a grave, serious; life-and-death; life-threatening; national ~ 3. a state of ~ 4. in case of an ~ (esp. AE); in (the event of) an ~

emigrate v. (D; intr.) to ~ from; to

eminent adj. 1. ~ as (she was ~ed as a painter) 2. ~ in

emissary n. 1. a peace; personal ~ 2. an ~ to

emission n. 1. to control; reduce; test ~s (to try to reduce the level of harmful ~s) 2. sulfur (AE), sulphur ~s 3. a nocturnal ~ 4. the sun’s ~s

emit v. (D; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ smoke into the air)

emotion n. 1. to stir up, whip up ~s 2. to display, show; express ~ 3. to contain, control, curb, suppress ~ 4. bottled-up, pent-up, repressed; deep, sincere; strong ~s 5. conflicting, mixed ~s 6. a flood of ~s; a wide range of ~s 7. with ~ (to speak with deep ~) 8. (misc.) her voice broke with ~

empower v. (H) to ~ smb. to do smt.

enamored, enamoured adj. 1. deeply ~ 2. ~ of, with (AE)

encase v. (D; tr.) to ~ in

enclose v. (D; tr.) to ~ in; with (to ~ a check in an envelope; to ~ a check with a letter; please find ~d with this letter a check for $25)
encore n. 1. to do; play; sing an ~ 2. an ~ to 3. as, for (as an ~ he played a short piano piece; that was great – but what will you do for an ~?)

encounter n. 1. to have an ~ (with) 2. a brief, fleeting; casual; chance; close ~ 3. an ~ between; with

encourage v. 1. ~ actively; strongly; warmly 2. to ~ greatly, no end, very much 3. (D.; tr.) to ~ in (she actively ~d us in our work) 4. (H) she actively ~d us to work harder 5. (K) she strongly ~d our working harder 6. (R) it ~d us greatly (to learn) that so many had/should have succeeded 7. (misc.) it ~s us no end when so many have succeeded

encouraged adj. 1. actively; strongly; warmly 2. to ~ greatly, very 3. ~ warmly 4. very ~ encouraging adj.

encore n.

encompass, enclose v. 1. to give, offer, provide ~ 2. to ~ encouragement 1. very; warmly ~ (warmly ~ encouraging adj.)

encouragement n. 1. to give, offer, provide ~ 2. to find ~ in 3. warm ~ 4. to find ~ in tears 5. ~ that + clause (we were greatly ~ that so many had/should have succeeded)

encouraging adj. 1. very; warmly ~ (warmly ~ remarks) 2. ~ for; ~ to 3. ~ to + inf. (it’s very ~ for/to us to learn that so many had/should have succeeded) 4. ~ that + clause (it’s very ~ for/to us that so many had/should have succeeded)

end n. 1. to bring smt. to an ~ ; to come to an ~ 2. to administer, give an ~ 3. to the ~ (of a story) (we all want an ~ to violence – but how do we put an ~ to it?) 2. a violent ~ (she met (with) a violent ~ 3. at an ~ (her career was at an ~) 4. at the ~ (at the ~ of the word) 5. by the ~ (by the ~ of the year) 6. to the ~ (to the bitter ~) 7. (misc.) he met his ~ in a shootout with the police "side" 8. the deep; shallow ~ of a pool; to give an ~ to violence – but how do we put an ~ to it?

end of the day 1. to give an ~ to violence – but how do we put an ~ to it?

energy n. 1. actively; strongly ~d us in our work 2. (D.; tr.) to ~ in (she actively ~d us to work harder 5. (K) she strongly ~d our working harder 6. (R) it ~d us greatly (to learn) that so many had/should have succeeded 7. (misc.) it ~s us no end when so many have succeeded

end II v. 1. (d.; intr., tr.) to ~ by (he ~ed his remarks by quoting Lincoln) 2. (d.; intr.) to ~ in (the word ~s in a consonant; to ~ in a draw; to ~ badly in disaster/in tears) 3. (D.; intr., tr.) to ~ with (he ~ed his remarks with a quotation from Lincoln)

end v. (D.; refl., tr.) to ~ to (she ~ed herself to everyone by singing a song; his snide remarks didn’t exactly ~ him to anyone)

endeavor, endeavour v. (formal) (E) he ~ed to remain calm

endemic adj. ~ among, in, to

ending n. 1. a happy; perfect; sad; storybook; surprise ~ (to have a happy ~; our dinner together was the perfect ~ to a wonderful week-end) 2. (grammar) a case; feminine; grammatical; inflectional; masculine; neuter; plural ~

endorsement n. ["approval"] 1. to give one’s ~ 2. to get, receive smb.’s ~ 3. to seek smb.’s ~ 4. to withdraw; withhold one’s ~ 5. a full; official; strong; qualified; ringing; unqualified; wholehearted ~ (there was wholehearted ~ for/of the plan from both ends of the political spectrum)

endow v. 1. to ~ richly 2. (d.; tr.) to ~ with ("all men … are ~ed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights …" – the U.S. Declaration of Independence (signed July 4th, 1776))

endowment n. to provide an ~ for

end up v. 1. (d.; intr.) to ~ as (she ~ed up as governor of the state) 2. (d.; intr.) to ~ by (she ~ed up by becoming governor of the state) 3. (d.; intr.) to ~ in (to ~ in a draw; to ~ in a free-for-all) 4. (d.; intr.) to ~ with (I ~ed up with the estate) 5. (G) she ~ed up becoming governor of the state 6. (S) she ~ed up governor of the state; to start off/out poor and ~ rich

endurance n. 1. to test smb.’s ~ 2. physical ~ (astounding feats of physical ~) 3. the ~ to + inf. (does she have enough ~ to run the entire distance?) 4. beyond ~ 5. (misc.) smb.’s powers of ~

endure v. 1. (E) "he would not ~ to be defeated" – British National Corpus 2. (G) he couldn’t ~ being defeated 3. (K) I cannot ~ his constant complaining! 4. (misc.) ~ to the bitter end

enema n. 1. to administer, give an ~ to get, have an ~

enemy n. 1. to conquer, overcome, rout an ~ 2. to confront, engage, face an ~ 3. to have an ~; to make an ~ (of) 4. an arch, avowed, bitter, deadly, implacable, insidious, irreconcilable, mortal, relentless, sworn, vicious; formidable, powerful ~ 5. a common, mutual; natural; political; secret ~ (are dogs and cats natural ~mies?) 6. a public ~ (public ~ number one) 7. (misc.) to be one’s own worst ~

energy n. ["capacity"] 1. to apply one’s ~ (to) to expend one’s ~ (on) 2. to devote one’s ~ to 3. to direct (one’s) ~ to; towards; redirect one’s ~ (to, towards) 4. to dissipate; sap smb.’s ~ 5. boundless, limitless, unflagging; latent; misguided ~ 6. an amount; burst; level of ~ 7. the ~ to + inf. (does she
have the ~ to get all of these jobs done?

8. to provide ~ for 9. to consume; waste ~ 10. to conserve ~ 11. to harness ~ (to harness solar ~) 12. atomic, nuclear; electric; geothermal; hydroelectric; kinetic; renewable; solar ~ 13. sources of ~ (see also energy crisis at crisis)

enforce v. to ~ rigidly, strictly, stringently

enforcement n. 1. rigid, strict, stringent ~ 2. law ~

engage v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ as (to ~ smb. as a guide) 2. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ in (to ~ in sports; to ~ smb. in conversation) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ with (the first gear ~s with the second) 4. (esp. BE) (H) we ~d him to drive us round the city

engaged adj. ["busy"] 1. actively; directly; otherwise ~ (he couldn’t come because he was otherwise ~) 2. ~ in, on (esp. BE) (we are ~ in conversation; we are ~ in/on (the project of) compiling a dictionary) USAGE NOTE: Consider the use of engaged in and engaged on in the following examples: two of the guests were engaged in (making) small talk/conversation.; he is engaged in writing a dictionary. = (Brit) he is engaged on a dictionary (project). = he is working on a dictionary (project).; he is engaged in (Brit) on research. = he is engaged in (esp. AE)/BE) on a research project. BE prefers engaged on before a noun or noun phrase, especially one that is countable (such as dictionary or project) rather than typically not countable (such as research or small talk). ["betrothed"] 3. to get ~ 4. ~ to (Bill is ~ to Betty) ["hired"] 5. (esp. BE) ~ to + inf. (he was ~ to drive us round the city)

engagement n. ["betrothal"] 1. to announce an ~ 2. to break (off) an ~ 3. an ~ to (her ~ to him was announced in the local paper) ["appointment"] ["obligation"] 4. to cancel an ~ 5. a luncheon; previous; prior; social; speaking ~ (he couldn’t come because he had a previous ~) ["battle"] 6. to break off an ~ 7. a naval ~

engine n. ["motor"] 1. to crank, start; gun, race; jump-start; operate, run; rev up an ~ 2. to lubricate; repair; service; tune (up) an ~ 3. to cut, kill, switch off, turn off; start (up), switch on; warm up an ~ 4. an air-cooled; aircraft; diesel; donkey; electric; internal-combustion; jet; radial; reciprocating; rocket; rotary; (computer) search; steam; two-hundred horsepower; turbojet; V-8; valve-in-head ~ 5. a cold ~ (don’t drive fast on a cold ~) 6. an ~ functions, runs, works; idles; starts; warms up 7. an ~ backfires; breaks down; dies, fails, stalls; floods; gets overheated; knocks, pings (BE), sputters (the ~ died because there was no gas in it) 8. an ~ burns gasoline (AE), petrol (BE) 9. an ~ runs on gas (AE), gasoline (AE), petrol (BE), electric power; solar energy ["vehicle"] 10. a fire ~

engineer n. ["skilled specialist in a branch of engineering"] 1. a chemical; civil; electrical; flight; graduate; highway; marine; mechanical; metallurgical; mining; operating; sanitary; systems; transportation (esp. AE) ~ ["driver"] 2. a locomotive ~ (AE; BE has engine driver) ["technician"] 3. an operating; radio; sound ~

engineered adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ to + inf. (~ to last for a century)

engineering n. aeronautical; chemical; civil; electrical; genetic; highway; human; hydraulic; light; marine; mechanical; metallurgical; sanitary; systems; traffic; transportation (esp. AE) ~

English n. 1. American; Australian; Basic; Black; British; Canadian; Common, World; Indian; Irish; Malaysian; Middle; Modern; New Zealand; North American; Old; Scottish; South African; Singaporean; Welsh; West Indian, etc., etc. ~ 2. BBC; colloquial; current; idiomatic; the King’s, the Queen’s, Shakespearean; standard ~ 3. spoken; written ~ 4. broken, fractured; nonstandard; pidgin; substandard ~ 5. in fluent; good; plain ~

engrave v. 1. (d; refl., tr.) to ~ on (the events ~d themselves on my memory; a design was ~d on the dishes) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ with (the dishes were ~d with a design)

engrossed adj. 1. deeply, very ~ 2. ~ in, with (AE) (~ in one’s work)

genulf v. (D; tr.) to ~ in

enigma n. an ~ to

enjoin v. (formal) 1. (d; tr.) ("to forbid") to ~ from 2. (d; tr.) ("to order") to ~ on (to ~ a duty on smb.) 3. (H) ("to order") to ~ smb. to obey the law

enjoy v. 1. to ~ enormously, greatly, immensely, very much 2. (G) she ~s singing and swimming 3. (K) they ~ her singing 4. (misc.) to ~ oneself

enjoyable adj. 1. highly, very ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ to swim in the ocean)

enjoyment n. to give, provide ~ 2. to derive, get ~ from 3. full, great; sheer ~ 4. for ~ (she’s an amateur who sings purely for the sheer ~ of it)

enlarge v. 1. (D; tr.) ("to make larger") to ~ by (to enlarge an office into a conference room) 3. (H) to ~ smb. to obey the law

enlist v. 1. (D; tr.) ("to make larger") to ~ in (to ~ in the army) 3. (H) we ~d them to help

enlistment n. 1. to extend one’s ~ 2. ~ in (in the Peace Corps)

enmeshed adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ in, with (esp. AE) (~ in legal details)

enmity n. 1. to arouse, stir up ~ 2. to feel ~ 3. to incur smb.’s ~ 4. (a) bitter; deep; longstanding; seething ~ 5. ~ against (AE); towards; among, between (she felt (a) deep ~ towards them; there was (a) deep ~ between her and them)
enough adj., determiner, pronoun 1. ~ for (that’s ~ for me) 2. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to know that they are safe; we’ve had ~ excitement to last a lifetime) 3. ~ of (~ of them) 4. (misc.) ~ and to spare = more than ~. USAGE NOTE: 1. The use of the preposition of is necessary when a pronoun follows. When a noun follows, the use of of the limits the meaning – we have seen enough documentaries; we have seen enough of the documentaries/documentary that we discussed earlier. 2. Enough money is more common than money enough – he has enough money to retire = he has enough money (so) that he can retire.

enquire (BE) see inquire

enquiries n. (BE) (to assist in finding telephone numbers) 1. directory ~ (AE has directory assistance or information) 2. international ~ (AE has international information)

enquiry (BE) see inquiry

enrage v. (BE) see inquiry

enraged adj. 1. ~ at, by, over (we were ~ at his refusal to help) 2. ~ to + inf. (we were ~ to learn that he had refused to help) 3. ~ that + clause (we were ~ that he had refused to help)

enroll, enrol 1. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ as (she ~ed as a special student) 2. (D; intr., refl., tr.) to ~ for, in (to ~ for a course; to ~ students in a course)

enrollment, enrolment n. 1. (a) heavy, large; light, small ~ 2. open (“unrestricted”) ~ 3. ~ for, in (the ~ in several courses went up)

en route adv. ~ from; to (they are ~ from Edinburgh to London)

ensconced adj. (cannot stand alone) 1. comfortably; firmly; safely; snugly ~ 2. ~ in (snugly ~ in an easy chair)

ensemble n. a brass; string; woodwind ~

enshrined adj. ~ in (these rights are ~ in the constitution)

ensnare v. (D; tr.) to ~ in (~d in red tape)

ensue v. (D; intr.) to ~ from

ensure v. (formal) 1. (A; usu. used without to) the present contract cannot ~ you a job 2. (K) I cannot ~ your getting a job 3. (L) no one can ~ that you’ll get a job

entail v. 1. (G) this job ~s moving to another city 2. (K) this would ~ your moving to another city

entangle v. (D; tr.) to ~ in, with

entanglement n. 1. a barbed-wire ~ 2. ~ in, with

enter v. 1. (D; intr.) (“to come in”) to ~ by (to ~ by the rear door) 2. (D; intr., tr.) (“to enroll”) to ~ for (BE), in (to ~ smb. for/in a contest; they ~d their horse for/in the race; I’ve ~d for/in the mile run) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ into (“to participate in”) (to ~ into negotiations) 4. (D; tr.) (“to put into”) to ~ in; into; on (to ~ data into/in a computer; to enter data in/on a database) 5. (D; intr.) to ~ on, upon (“to begin”) (to ~ on a new career)

enterprise n. “[ownership]” 1. free; private ~ “[undertaking]” 2. to embark on, start an ~ 3. a joint ~ 4. a commercial ~ 5. in an ~ (who is the most important person in this ~?) “[initiative]” 6. of ~ (a person of great ~ who shows ~ in everything she does)

entertain v. (D; tr.) to ~ by, with (to ~ children by telling them funny stories; to ~ children with funny stories)

entertaining I adj. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ (for us) to watch people dancing)

entertaining II n. “[acting as a host]” to do ~ (they do very little ~)

entertainment n. 1. to provide ~ 2. adult; family; live; private; public ~ 3. ~ to + inf. (it was pure ~ to watch them dance) 4. to smb.’s ~ (to everyone’s ~, she showed up in a clown’s costume) 5. ~ for 6. for smb.’s ~

enthraling adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ to watch them dance)

enthuse v. (colloq.; D; intr.) to ~ about, over

enthusiasm n. 1. to arouse, drum up, kindle, stir up, whip up ~ 2. to demonstrate, display, show; radiate ~ 3. to blunt, dampen smb.’s ~ 4. to feel ~ 5. to lose ~ 6. boundless, contagious, great, infectious, unmovable, unbridled, unflagging, wild ~ 7. grows, mounts, rises ~ wanes 9. a burst of ~ 10. ~ for 11. the ~ to + inf. (they had enough ~ to continue the campaign in spite of the difficulties)

enthusiastic adj. 1. very; wildly; less than ~ about, at, over (she was less than ~ about my plan)

entice v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ smb. into a life of crime) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ with (they ~d the children with candy) 3. (H) the display ~d them to enter the shop

entice away v. (D; tr.) we could not ~ the children away from the cakes

entirety n. in its ~

entitle v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ to (you are fully ~ to a pension) 2. (H) your years of service ~ you to receive a pension 3. (N) (“to call, name”) they ~d their dictionary The BBI = their dictionary is ~d The BBI

entitled adj. (cannot stand alone) “[having the right]” 1. ~ to (you are fully ~ to a pension) 2. ~ to + inf. (you are fully ~ to receive a pension)

entrance n. 1. to gain ~ (to) (they gained ~ to his apartment) 2. to make an one’s ~ 3. a back, rear; front, main; service; side ~ 4. a dramatic, grand, triumphal ~ (to make a grand ~) 5. an ~ from; into, to (the ~ to this building) 6. at; through an ~ (go through the front ~ and wait for me at the rear ~) 7. (misc.) we were refused ~ into the country; she always makes a late ~; the police sealed off the ~ to the building

entranced adj. ~ at, by, over, with

entrap v. (D; tr.) to ~ in, into

entreat v. (formal) (H) to ~ smb. to do smt.

entree n. “[access]” to gain; have ~ into, to

entrepreneur n. an independent; private ~

entrust v. 1. (B) he ~d his money to me 2. (d; tr.) to ~ with (he ~d me with his money)
entrusted adj. (cannot stand alone) 1. ~ with (I was ~ with his money) 2. ~ to + inf (can he be ~ to be alone with little children?)

eye n. ["headword and definition"] (in a dictionary) 1. to give, include an ~ 2. a main; run-on ~; sub-entry 3. at, in, under an ~ ["act of entering"] 4. to make an ~ (to make a triumphal ~; to make an ~ in a diary) 5. to gain ~ to (they gained ~ to his apartment) 6. to allow, grant; refuse ~ (they refused us ~ into the country) 7. forced, illegal ~ (of a burglar) 8. an ~ into (she announced her ~ into the presidential race; our ~ into the war) ["bookkeeping procedure"] 9. to make an ~ for 10. double; single ~ ["participation in a contest"] 11. to submit an ~ to (to) 12. a winning ~

eye blank, entry form n. 1. to fill in, fill out (esp. AE) an ~ to 2. to send in, submit an ~ for

eye v. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ around (the vines ~d themselves around the tree)

eye v. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ around (the vines ~d themselves around the tree)

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enumerate v. (B) to ~ the facts to smb.

enunciate v. 1. to clearly 2. (B) she ~d her theory to her colleagues

envelop v. (D; intr.) to ~ in

envelope n. 1. to address; open; seal an ~ 2. a pay ~ (AE; BE has pay packet) 3. an air-mail; manila; self-addressed; stamped; window ~ (the manila ~ contained an official document) USAGE NOTE: AE has stamped self-addressed envelope; BE has stamped addressed envelope (SAE).

envious adj. ~ of

environment n. 1. to clean up the ~ 2. to preserve, protect the ~ 3. to pollute the ~ 4. a clean, healthy ~ 5. a polluted, unhealthy ~ 6. a friendly, pleasant ~ 7. a hostile, unfriendly ~ 8. a social; working ~ 9. in an ~ (we try to create a friendly working ~ in which our staff can feel at home)

envisage v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ as (we ~ this dictionary as a handbook for serious students) 2. (G) she had not ~d that she would marry him 6. (Q) we hadn’t ~d her marrying him 5. (K) we could not ~ them getting a handbook for serious students) 2. (G) she had not ~d that she would marry him 6. (Q) we hadn’t ~d her marrying him 5. (K) we could not ~ them getting a handbook for serious students)

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envisage v. (AE) see envisage

envisage v. (AE) see envisage

envisage v. (AE) see envisage

envisage v. (AE) see envisage

envisage v. (AE) see envisage

envy I n. 1. to arouse, cause; stir up ~ (of) 2. to feel ~ 3. to show ~ 4. out of ~ (she did it out of ~) 5. ~ at, of, towards 6. (misc.) an object of ~; consumed/ green with ~

envy II v. (O) they ~ us our new house

epic n. 1. a folk; historical; Hollywood ~ 2. an ~ about epicenter, epicentre n. at the ~ of

epidemic n. 1. to touch off, trigger an ~ 2. to contain, control an ~ 3. an ~ breaks out, strikes; rages; spreads 4. an AIDS; cholera; flu; measles; typhoid; typhus ~ 5. during, in an ~ (how many people died in the last flu ~?)

epigram n. to compose; deliver an ~

epilepsy n. to have ~

epileg egle n. an ~ to

episode n. 1. a dramatic; funny, humorous; thrilling; touching; tragic ~ 2. during, in an ~

epitaph n. 1. a fitting, perfect ~ 2. an ~ for; on (lines that make a fitting ~ for a national hero)

epithet n. 1. to hurl ~s at 2. a harsh, offensive, vicious, vile ~

epoch n. 1. to mark; usher in an ~ 2. a glacial; revolutionary ~ 3. during, in an ~

equal I adj. 1. ~ in (~ in price) 2. ~ to, with (one kilometer is ~ to five eighths of a mile; ~ to the occasion; she felt fully ~ indeed more than ~ ~ to the task) 3. (misc.) all other things being ~ ("ceteris paribus") (all other things being ~, we might as well get the cheapest of the three)

equal II n. an ~ in (to have no ~ in political cunning)

equal III v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ as (no one could ~ her as a dancer) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ in (no one could ~ her in dancing)

equality n. 1. to achieve, attain ~ 2. racial; religious; sexual; social; total ~ 3. among, between; with (~ between the sexes) 4. ~ in (~ in pay) 5. ~ of (~ of opportunity)

equanimity n. 1. to maintain; regain one’s ~ 2. to disturb, upset smb.’s ~ 3. with ~ (to react with ~ to upsetting news)

equate v. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ to, with (one should not ~ wealth with happiness; your likely royalties ~ to an annual salary of $5,000)

equation n. 1. to formulate, state an ~ 2. to reduce; solve, work (esp. AE), work out an ~ 3. a differential; first-degree; identical; integral; linear; quadratic; simple ~; an ~ in one unknown; an ~ in two unknowns 4. (misc.) the human ~

equator n. above; at, on; below the ~

equidistant adj. ~ between; from (the Equator is ~ from the North Pole and the South Pole, which means that it’s ~ between the Poles)

equilibrium n. 1. to establish; maintain; regain; restore smb.’s ~ 2. to lose one’s ~ 3. to disrupt, disturb, upset the ~ 4. in (a state of) ~

equinox n. autumn; autumnal; fall; equinoctial; equinoctial ~
equip v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ for; with (her training ~ped her to cope with her new job) 2. (H) her training ~ped her to cope with her new job

equipment n. 1. to install, set up; operate; test ~

equipage n. 1. ~ to + inf. (to)

equivalent adj. ~ between; from (the Equator is ~ from the North Pole and the South Pole, which means that it’s ~ between the Poles)

equivalent n. 1. to establish; maintain; regain; restore smb.’s ~ 2. to lose one’s ~ 3. to disrupt, disturb, upset the ~ 4. in (a state of) ~

equivalent adj. ~ between; from (the Equator is ~ from the North Pole and the South Pole, which means that it’s ~ between the Poles)

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suit in ~) ["value net of debts"] 2. negative ~ (the fall in house prices means some mortgage-holders are faced with negative ~) ["misc."] 3. private ~ (an old firm bought by a private-equity company)

equivalent I adj. ~ in; to (your likely royalties are ~ in real terms to an annual salary of $5,000)

equivalent II n. an approximate; exact ~
equivocal adj. an approximate; exact ~
equivalent III in; to (your likely royalties are ~) adj.

eraser n. a blackboard; ink ~ USAGE NOTE: In BE an eraser is usu. called a rubber; a blackboard eraser may be called a duster.

erect adj. to hold oneself ~; to stand ~

erosion n. 1. gradual, slow; severe ~ 2. beach; glacier; soil; wind ~
errand n. 1. to do, run an ~; to go on an ~ 2. personal ~ 3. a fool’s ("useless") ~ 4. an ~ for (could you run an ~ for me?) 5. on an ~ 6. (misc.) an ~ of mercy

erroneous adj. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to assume that the press always prints the truth)

error n. 1. to commit, make an ~ 2. to compound an ~ 3. to correct, rectify an ~ 4. to admit to (making) an ~ 5. a cardinal, costly, egregious, flagrant, glaring, grievous, gross, major, serious; tragic ~ 6. a fatal; foolish; minor, slight ~ 7. a clerical; grammatical; printer’s, typographical; programming; textual; typing ~ 8. a human; tactical ~ 9. (statistical) (a) random ~ 10. ~s abound; occur (~s abound on every page) 11. an ~ in (an ~ in judgment) 12. an ~ to + inf. (it was an ~ to appoint her ~ it was an ~ appointing her ~) 13. by, through ~ (her name was omitted by ~) 14. in ~ (her name was omitted in ~; she was in ~ in saying that) 15. (misc.) a margin of ~; by trial and ~

erudition n. 1. to display; flaunt one’s ~ 2. great ~
erupt v. (D; intr.) to ~ in, into (to ~ in a frenzied demonstration that ~ed into violence)

eruption n. 1. a volcanic ~ 2. a skin ~

escalate v. (D; intr.) to ~ into (the local war threatened to ~ into a major conflict)

escalator n. 1. to take an ~ 2. a down; up ~ 3. an ~ carries its passengers

escapade n. a childish, schoolboy; wild ~

escape I n. [act of escaping] 1. to organize, plan, plot an ~ 2. to make an ~; to make good one’s ~ 3. to foil, thwart an ~ 4. a daring; dramatic; hairbreadth, narrow ~ 5. an ~ from (an ~ from prison) 6. (misc.) they had a narrow ~ ["misc."] 7. a fire ~ ("an emergency staircase")

escape II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ from; to ~ from the police) 2. (G) a famous actor cannot ~ being recognized. 3. (s) to ~ unhurt USAGE NOTE: To escape from the police means "to escape from police custody". To escape the police means "to elude the police without being caught".

estort I n. 1. to provide an ~ for 2. an armed; fighter; motorcycle; police ~ 3. an ~ for 4. under ~
estort II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ from; to 2. (P; tr.) the president was ~ed through the city; they were ~ed out of the building

escrow n. 1. to place, put in ~ 2. to hold, keep in ~
escutcheon n. 1. an armorial ~ 2. (misc.) (humorous) a blot on smb.’s ~
espionage n. 1. to conduct, engage in 2. industrial; military ~
esprit de corps n. 1. to develop (an) ~ 2. (a) strong ~
estay n. 1. to write an ~ about, on 2. a critical; literary ~ 3. a collection of ~s in an ~ (see the Usage Note for dissertation)

essence n. 1. the very ~ of smt. 2. in ~ (their claim is, in ~, that they have been mistreated) 3. of the ~ (time is of the ~)
esential adj. 1. ~ for; to 2. ~ to + inf. (it is not ~ for all students to be present) 3. ~ that + clause; subj. (it is not ~ that all students ~be/should be/are (BE)~ present)
esentials n. the bare, basic ~
establish v. 1. (d; refl., tr.) to ~ as (the press ~ed him as the leading contender) 2. (L) the police ~ed conclusively that she was innocent of the crime 3. (Q) the police ~ed how the crime was committed

establishment n. 1. an educational; financial; political; research ~ 2. (misc.) to fight the Establishment ("to struggle against the established order")
estate n. 1. to administer, manage an ~ 2. a country ~ 3. (BE) a council, housing ~ 4. (BE) an industrial ~ 5. on an ~ 6. (misc.) to come into an ~ ("to inherit smt.")
esteele I n. 1. to hold smb. in high ~ 2. to fall; rise in smb.’s ~ 3. high ~ 4. self-esteem

esteele II v. to ~ greatly, highly

estimate I n. 1. to give, make; submit an ~ (the contractors had to submit ~s for the work/of the cost of the work) 2. (colloq.) (esp. AE) a ballpark ("approximate, rough") ~ 3. an approximate, rough; conservative; long-range; preliminary; realistic; short-range; written ~ 4. an ~ that + clause (it’s my ~ that the interest rate will drop by two percent) 5. at an ~ (at a rough ~, the interest rate will drop by two percent) 6. by smb.’s ~ (by my ~, the interest rate will drop by two percent)
estimate II v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ at (we ~d the cost at five hundred dollars) 2. (BE) (d; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for
estimation n. 1. to fall; rise in smb.’s ~ 2. in smb.’s ~ (in my ~ the situation is not critical)
estranged adj. ~ from (he was ~ from his wife)
estrangement n. (an ~) between; from
tetch v. 1. to ~ sharply 2. (D; tr.) to ~ in, into, on, onto (sharply ~ed into/in my memory; his name was ~ed into/on the glass) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ with (the glass was ~ed with his name)
ethe n. under ~
ethe n. the (Protestant) work ~
ethe adj. ~ to + inf. (it is not ~ to plagiarize)
ethe n. 1. business; medical; professional ~ 2. a code of ~
etiquette n. 1. to prescribe ~ 2. courtroom; diplomatic; legal; medical; military; professional; social ~ 3. the rules of ~ (misc.) a breach of ~
etymology n. 1. to ascertain, determine, trace an ~ 2. (a) folk ~ (the professor explained the origin of the word as a/by folk ~)

Eucharist n. to celebrate; give; receive, take the ~
eulogy n. 1. to deliver a ~ (for) 2. a touching ~

esthetic n. 1. to fall; rise in smb.’s ~ 2. in smb.’s ~
estimation n. 1. to prescribe ~ 2. courtroom; diplomatic; legal; medical; military; professional; social ~ 3. the rules of ~ (misc.) a breach of ~
etymology n. 1. to ascertain, determine, trace an ~ 2. (a) folk ~ (the professor explained the origin of the word as a/by folk ~)

evacuate v. (D; tr.) to ~ from; to (the civilians were ~d from the city to the country) USAGE NOTE: Nowadays one can also have “the city was evacuated.”
evacuation n. 1. to carry out an ~ (to carry out the ~ of civilians/of a city) 2. a mass ~ 3. an ~ from; to (the mass ~ of civilians from the city to the country)
evade v. (G) they ~ paying taxes by subterfuge
evaluate v. (D; tr.) to ~ as (he was ~d as unfit for military service)
evaluation n. 1. to make an ~ 2. a critical; fair, objective; realistic ~
evasion n. draft (AE); tax ~ (see also Usage Note at avoidance)
ev n. 1. Christmas Eve; New Year’s Eve (on New Year’s Eve) 2. on the ~ (on the ~ of the revolution) USAGE NOTE: In AE Christmas Eve means “the night before Christmas”; in BE it can also mean “the entire day before Christmas”.
even adj. 1. to get ~ (with smb.) “(to avenge oneself by taking revenge on smb.”) (don’t get mad. get ~ !) 2. (misc.) to break ~ (when betting)
everything n. 1. all ~; during the ~; in the ~ (they left early/late in the ~; they left in the early ~); ~s (AE), every ~; the next, the following ~; this ~; that ~; tomorrow ~; yesterday ~; a June ~; a summer ~; on any ~; on/during the ~ of (they left on the ~ of July 26); on Wednesday ~ = Wednesday ~ (AE) 2. an ~ of (after an ~ of conversation, they went home for the night) 3. from ~ (from ~ to night) 4. (misc.) the ~ drew to a close; (Good) Evening (, everybody)!: to have; spend an ~ (we had a pleasant ~ at the theater; we spent the whole ~ working on the report!)
event n. 1. an auspicious; major; outstanding; significant ~ (a ceremony to celebrate/commemorate/ mark such a major ~) 2. a dramatic; earth-shaking, earth-shattering; sensational; spectacular; world-shaking ~ 3. a disastrous; tragic ~ 4. a historical; literary ~ 5. a gala; social; solemn ~ 6. a sporting ~ 7. a media ~ (to stage a media ~) 8. a blessed ~ (“a birth”) (old-fashioned) 9. the main ~ 10. current ~s 11. (sports) athletics, track-and-field (esp. AE) ~s 12. an ~ occurs, takes place 13. in the ~ that + clause (in the ~ that he comes/should come) 14. in an ~ (in the ~ of fire; in any ~) 15. (misc.) the media sometimes manipulate ~s; a chain of ~s, a sequence of ~s; a turn of ~s (a dramatic and unexpected turn of ~s); in the normal course of ~s; in either ~; at/in (AE) all ~; in the ~ (“as it turns out”) (I thought I’d win, but in the ~ I lost)
ever adv. 1. ~ so (much/many) (I feel ~ so much better now!); I saw ~ so many elephants!; Thank you ~ so much! = (BE) (colloq.) Ta, ~ so! 2. hardly ~; if ~; rarely/seldom if ~ (“What, never?” “Hardly ~! He’s hardly ~ sick at sea!”) ~ H.M.S. Pinafore (1878), Gilbert & Sullivan 3. (misc.) who ~ would do smt. like that?; what ~ is that?; why ~ not?
evict v. (D; tr.) to ~ from
eviction n. 1. to face ~ 2. (an) ~ from
evidence n. 1. to furnish, give, introduce, produce, provide ~ to collect, gather ~ 3. to dig up, find, turn up, unearth ~ 4. to piece together ~ 5. to fabricate, falsify, trump up ~ 6. to plant ~ (on smb.) 7. to tamper with ~ 8. to conceal; destroy; suppress; withhold ~ 9. to corroborate (the) ~ 10. to turn King’s (BE), Queen’s (BE), state’s (AE) ~ 11. ample, overwhelming, strong, substantial; clear, cogent, compelling, convincing; conclusive; concrete, hard; incontestable, indisputable, irreputable, undeniable, unquestionable; reliable, trustworthy; satisfactory ~ 12. direct; documentary; fresh, new; material; prima facie; statistical ~ 13. admissible; anecdotal; circumstantial; forensic; hearsay; inadmissible; scientific ~ 14. conflicting; damaging; inconclusive; telltale ~ 15. (the) ~ indicates, points to, suggests 16. a body of ~ 17. a piece; scrap, shred of ~ 18. ~ against; for, in favor of 19. ~ that + clause (the defendant’s lawyer produced conclusive ~ that the accused could not have been at the scene of the crime) 20. as, in ~ (they were very much in ~ throughout the proceedings) 21. on the ~ of (on the ~ of this music, your son Wolfgang will become a fine composer!) 22. (misc.) the bulk of the ~
evident adj. ~ from; to ~ 2. ~ that + clause (from the vote so far, it is ~ to us all that she will be elected)
examination n. 1. to do ~ 2. to root out ~ 3. an unmitigated adj. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ to kill)

evolve v. (d ; intr.) to ~ from, out of; into
examiner n. 1. a bank ; medical ~ 2. an external ;

exaggeration 1. a gross ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (it is an ~

excess n. 1. in ~ of 2. to ~ (to drink to ~)

exchange I n. 1. to cite, give, provide an ~ 2. to be, serve as, set an ~ (for) 3. to make an ~ of 4. to follow smb.’s ~s ~. a classic; concrete; extreme; glaring; striking; illustrative; impressive; inspiring; perfect; prime; shining; textbook; typical ~ 6. an ~ for, to 7. for ~ 8. (misc.) ~ to lead by (personal) ~
exasperate v. (R) it ~d her that they never kept their promises

exasperation n. 1. ~ at (at ~ bureaucrats) 2. in ~ (in her ~, she slammed the door)
ex cathedra adv. to speak ~
evacuations n. to carry out archeological ~ (that reveal a lot about the past)
exceed v. (D ; tr.) to ~ in (to ~ smb. in productivity by at least 10%)
exel v. (D ; intr.) to ~ at, in (to ~ at sports)
excellence n. 1. a center of ~ 2. at, in (we intend to make this new school a center of ~ in medical research!)

except I n. 1. ~ about, at, by, over (she got ~ about the news that they were coming) 2. ~ to + inf. (she was ~ to learn that they were coming) 3. ~ that + clause (she was ~ that they were coming)
except II v. (D ; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ a passage from a work)

excess n. 1. in ~ of 2. to ~ (to drink to ~)

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except II v. (D ; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ a passage from a work)
exclaim v. (formal) 1. (BE) (D; intr.) to ~ at; in (she ~ed in amazement at his appearance in shorts) 2. (L) he ~ed that he was innocent
exclude v. (D; tr.) to ~ from (do certain members of the public feel ~d from real political power?) exclusion n. 1. ~ from 2. to the ~ of (they watched her to the ~ of everyone else)
exclusive adj. 1. mutually ~ 2. ~ of (the price is ~ of sales tax)
excommunication n. to decree, order, pronounce (an) ~
exculpate v. (formal) (D; tr.) to ~ from (he was ~d as physically unfit for duty) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ for (to ~ smb. for coming late) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ from (he was ~d from drill; BE also has: he was ~d drill) 4. (G) we will never ~ taking innocent hostages 5. (K) please ~d that he was innocent 6. a cynical public-relations ~ to justify its policies
exercise I n. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ (from) the public feel ~d from real political power?) execution n. 1. to make an / ~ for (an) ~ of sales tax) 2. to conduct an ~ 10. a marketing ; public-relations ~ (the government has conducted a cynical public-relations ~ to justify its policies) 11. what is the object/purpose of the ~? 12. an ~ in futility ("an unsuccessful attempt") (see also exercises)
exercise II v. to ~ hard, strenuously, vigorously; regularly
exercised adj. ["upset"] 1. very ~ 2. to be; get ~ about, over (they got very ~ over the plan to close their local post-office)
exercises n. ["ceremony"] (esp. AE) 1. to attend; hold ~ 2. commencement, graduation ~

exertion n. physical; strenuous ~
exhausted adj. completely; totally; very ~ (from)
exhaustion n. 1. heat; nervous; total ~ 2. (in a plane) an emergency; tail; window; wing ~


exorcise v. (D; tr.) to ~ by (they ~ed the dictionary by twenty percent) 2. (D; intr., tr.) to “to make larger” to ~ to ~ from

expand v. 1. (D; tr.) (“to make larger”) to ~ by (they ~ed the dictionary by twenty percent) 2. (D; intr., tr.) (“to become larger”) to ~ into (to ~ an idea from an article into a book) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ on, upon (“to explain in detail”) (to ~ on a topic)

expansion n. a broad, vast, wide; open ~ of (a broad ~ of grassland stretched into the distance)

expatiate v. (formal) (d; intr.) to ~ on, upon (“to explain in detail”) (to ~ on a topic)

expatriate v. (formal) (D; tr.) to ~ from; to

expect v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ from, of (we ~ed more from him) 2. (E) “does every man ~ to do his duty?” “yes, every man ~s to” 3. (H) England ~s every man to do his duty 4. (L) “England ~s every man will do his duty.” – Lord Nelson at Trafalgar (1805) 5. (misc.) I ~ not; I ~ so; behavior that was only to ~ed in the circumstances; such things happen when you least ~ them to

expectancy n. life ~

expectation n. 1. in ~ of 2. an ~ that + clause (it was our ~ that they would come early)

expectations n. 1. to come up to, live up to, meet ~ to exceed, surpass ~ to fall short of ~ 2. great, high ~ 3. to ~ for (they had great ~ for their daughter) 6. beyond ~ (to succeed beyond all ~) 7. (misc.) contrary to ~ (contrary to all ~, she did not come); a revolution of rising ~

expedient adj. ~ to + inf. (sometimes it is ~ to make concessions)

expedition n. 1. to launch, mount, organize; lead; send an ~ to go on an ~ 3. an archeological; scientific ~ 4. a hunting; mountain-climbing ~ 5. a military; punitive ~ 6. an ~ into, to (to lead an ~ to the Amazon) 7. (misc.) a fishing ~ (“an attempt to obtain information”)

expel v. (D; tr.) to ~ from, for (to ~ a child from school for misbehavior)

expend v. (D; tr.) to ~ for, on (to ~ considerable funds on a new skating rink)

expensiveness adj. ~ to + inf. (is it more ~ to live in the city than in the country?)

expensive adj. ~ to + inf. (is it more ~ to live in the city than in the country?)

experience n. (["practice"] ["participation"] 1. to acquire, gain, gather, get ~ (from) 2. to have ~ (in) 3. broad, extensive, wide; direct, firsthand; hands-on; past, previous; practical; relevant ~ 4. an educational, learning ~ 5. the ~ to + inf. (they don’t have enough ~ to do the job); 6. by, from ~ (to know from previous ~) ["adventure"] ["event"] 7. to have; share an ~ (I had quite an ~!) 8. a bitter, painful, terrible, traumatic, unpleasant ~ 9. a frightening, hair-raising, harrowing, terrifying, unnerving ~ 10. an enlightening, ennobling, rewarding; interesting; memorable, unforgettable; pleasant ~ 11. a common ~

experienced adj. 1. very ~ 2. ~ at, in

experiment I n. 1. to carry out, conduct, do, perform, run; replicate an ~ (on) 2. a control; controlled ~ 3. a chemistry; laboratory; physics; thought ~ 4. an ~ fails; succeeds; works 5. an ~ in (an ~ in communal living) 6. during; in an ~ 7. (misc.) The Story of my Experiments with Truth (1927) – M. K. Gandhi

experiment II v. (D; intr.) to ~ on, upon, with

expert I adj. ~ at, in

expert II n. 1. to call in, consult an ~ 2. an acknowl- edged, recognized ~ 3. a demolition; efficiency; foreign-policy; legal; self-styled; technical ~ 4. an ~ fails; succeeds; works 5. an ~ in (an ~ in communal living) 6. during; in an ~ 7. (misc.) I ~ not; I ~ so; behavior that was only ~ed in the circumstances; such things happen when you least ~ them to

expertise n. 1. to briefly; clearly; fully; satisfactorily 2. ~ deleted

explicit adj. 1. sexually ~ 2. ~ about

explode v. (D; intr.) to ~ in, into; with (to ~ with rage)

exploit I n. 1. to perform an ~ 2. a daring; fantastic; heroic ~

exploit II v. to ~ needlessly

exploitation n. 1. commercial ~ 2. ruthless ~

exploration n. space; underwater ~ (we continued to carry out the underwater ~s that had been taking place here for several years)

explore v. 1. to ~ carefully, gingerly (they had to ~ this possibility very gingerly) 2. (D; intr., tr.)
to ~ for (we’re ~ing this whole area for natural resources)

**explorer** *n.* a brave; intrepid ~

**explosion** *n.* 1. to set off, touch off, trigger an ~ 2. a deafening, loud; powerful; tremendous ~ 3. a nuclear ~ 4. a population ~ 5. an ~ ripped through the laboratory

**explosive** *n.* 1. to detonate; set off an ~ 2. to plant an ~ 3. to sniff out ~ 4. (a) high; plastic ~

**exponent** *n.* [‘champion’] a leading ~ (a leading ~ of reform)

**export** *n.* 1. a chief, leading, major ~ 2. an ~ from, to

**export II** *v.* (D; intr., tr.) to ~ from; to (we ~ to many countries; they ~ tractors from the West Coast to several Asian countries)

**expose** *v.* 1. (B) she ~d the plot to journalists 2. (D; tr.) to ~ as (she was ~d as an impostor) 3. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ to (to ~ smb. to danger; ~d to the elements)

**exposition** *n.* 1. to hold an ~ 2. an international, world ~

**expostulate** *v.* (formal) (D; intr.) (“to argue, expound”) to ~ about, on; with

**exposure** *n.* [‘exposing’] 1. to (~ to the elements) 2. of ~ (to die of ~) [‘time during which film is exposed’] 3. a double; time ~ [‘barring one’s private parts’] 4. indecent ~ [‘location in relation to the sun’] 5. a southern ~ (a house with a southern ~) [‘privacy’] 6. media; wide ~

**expound** *v.* (formal) 1. (B) she ~ed her theory to her colleagues 2. (d; intr.) to on ~ to on one’s favorite subject (to one’s colleagues)

**express** *I n.* [‘fast train’] 1. see **train I, 3 [‘special postal service’] (BE) 2. by ~ (to send a letter by ~)

**express II** *v.* 1. to ~ clearly; forcefully 2. (B) he ~s his sympathy to the bereaved family 3. (BE) (D; tr.) (“to squeeze”) (formal) to ~ from, out of (to ~ juice from an orange) 4. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ in (~ oneself in good English) 5. (Q) I/words cannot ~ (to you) how grateful I am!

**expression** *n.* [‘making known’][‘showing’] 1. to give ~ to (she tried to give ~ to her feelings) 2. to find ~ in (he finds ~ in his painting) [‘phrase’] 3. a colloquial; common; elliptical; figurative; fixed; hackneyed, trite; idiomatic; old-fashioned; technical ~ [‘look’] 4. an amused; happy; pleasant ~ 5. a blank; bored; deadpan ~ 6. a silly, vacuous ~ 7. a puzzled, quiz-zical ~ 8. a grim; grave, serious; intense ~ 9. an angry; pained ~ (she had a pained ~ on her face)

**expressive** *adj.* ~ of

**expropriate** *v.* (D; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ land from the absentee owners)

**expulsion** *n.* ~ for; from (he faces ~ from college for cheating)

**expunge** *v.* (D; tr.) to ~ from

**expurgate** *v.* (D; tr.) to ~ from

**extend** *v.* 1. (A) (“to convey”) they ~ed a warm welcome to us; or: (esp. AE) they ~ed us a warm welcome 2. (d; intr.) (“to reach”) ~ beyond (the forest ~ beyond the border) 3. (d; intr.) (“to reach”) ~ from; to (the border ~ from the river) 4. (D; tr.) (“to prolong”) ~ from; to (we ~d the fence to the edge of our property) 5. (d; intr.) (“to continue”) ~ into (the cold wave ~ed into March) 6. (d; intr., tr.) (“to spread”) ~ over (their power ~ over the whole country) 7. (d; tr.) (she ~d her hand to us in friendship) 8. (P; intr.) (“to stretch”) the plateau ~ (for) many miles

**extension** *n.* [‘increase in time allowed’] 1. to grant ~ 2. to ask for, request; get, receive an ~ [‘branch’] (AE) 3. a university ~ [‘misc.’] 4. by ~ (“consequently”)

**extent** *n.* 1. the full ~ (the full ~ of the damage) 2. to a certain ~ (to a greater or lesser ~; when did the Roman Empire reach its greatest ~ ?; they were emaciated to such an ~ that they required special treatment)

**exterior** *n.* a calm; forbidding, stern ~ (a soft heart under a stern ~)

**extermination** *n.* complete, total ~

**external** *adj.* ~ to (formal)

**extinction** *n.* to threaten with ~ (is the red squirrel threatened with ~ ?)

**extinguisher** *n.* (see fire extinguisher)

**extol, extoll** *v.* 1. ~ to (formal)

**externalize** *n.* [‘champion’] a leading ~ (a leading ~ of Irish ~)

**extradite** *v.* (D; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ information from smb.)

**extradition** *n.* [‘origin’] of a certain ~ (a family of Irish ~)

**extradite** *v.* (D; tr.) to ~ from; to

**extradition** *n.* 1. to ask for, request, seek (smb.’s) ~ (from; to) 2. to grant (smb.’s) ~ 3. to deny (smb.’s) ~ 4. to contest, fight, oppose ~ 5. to waive ~ (“to agree to be extradited”)

**extraneous adj.* ~ to

**extraordinary adj.* ~ that + clause (it was ~ that no one reported the incident to the police)

**extrapolate** *v.* (D; intr., tr.) to ~ from, on the basis of

**extravagance** *n.* ~ in

**extravagant adj.* ~ in, with (~ in spending their father’s money)

**extreme** *n.* 1. to go to an ~ (to go from one ~ to the other) 2. at an ~ (at the other/ opposite ~) 3. in the ~ (“extremely”) [‘perplexed in the ~’ – Othello, Shakespeare] 4. (misc.) to carry to an ~

**extremist** *n.* a political; religious ~

**extremities** *n.* [‘limbs’] the lower; upper ~

**extricate** *v.* (D; refl., tr.) to ~ from (she ~d herself from a difficult situation)
extrinsic adj. (formal) ~ to
exuberance n. 1. sheer ~ 2. in; out of; with ~
exude v. (D; intr.) to ~ at, in, over
exult v. (D; intr.) to ~ at, in, over
exultation n. ~ at, in, over
eye n. ["organ of sight"] 1. to blink; close, shut; open; roll; squint one’s ~ 2. to avert; drop, lower; lift, raise one’s ~ 3. to rest; strain one’s ~ 4. to clap (BE; colloq.), lay, set one’s ~ on smt. ("to see smt.") 5. to keep one’s ~ open, peeled, skinned (BE) ("to be watchful") 6. the naked ~ (the meteor could be seen with the naked ~ because it was visible to the naked ~) 7. bloodshot; bulging; glassy; sunken ~ 8. bright, clear ~ 9. ~ blaze; blink; dilate, widen; shine; sparkle; tear, water; twinkle 10. a pair of ~ 11. in smb.’s ~s (tears were in his ~s; fear could be seen in their ~s) ["vision, sight"] 12. good, strong; weak ~ 13. an eagle ~ ["keen sight"] ["area around the eyes"] 14. (also fig.) a black ~ (to give smb. a black ~) ["look, glance"] 15. to cast an ~ on smt. ("Cast a cold ~ On life, on death." – W. B. Yeats, "Under Ben Bulben", 1938); to run one’s ~ over smt.; to fix one’s ~ on smt. 16. to take one’s ~s off (they could not take their ~s off Hannah) 17. an anxious; critical; sharp, watchful, weather; suspicious ~ 18. a jaundiced ~ ["an envious, hostile look"] 19. (of one who flirts) bedroom ~s; a roving ~ 20. curious, prying; piercing ~ ["attention"]; ["interest"]; ["observation"] 21. to catch smb.’s ~ (we couldn’t catch the waiter’s ~ to order our meal) 22. to open smb.’s ~s (to the truth) 23. to close, shut one’s ~s (to the truth); to turn a blind ~ to smt. ("to let smt. pass as if unnoticed") (the police turned a blind ~ to illegal gambling) 24. to have, keep an ~ on smt./smb. ("to keep smt./smb. under observation") 25. to have, keep an ~ out for smt. ("to watch for smt./smb. attentively") 26. the public ~ (to be constantly in the public ~) 27. with an ~ to (with an ~ to public opinion) ["judgment"]; ["viewpoint"] 28. a good, keen ~ 29. an ~ for (she has a good ~ for distances) 30. to the trained/untrained ~ 31. in smb.’s ~s (in the ~s of the law, she is innocent until proved guilty) ["perception"]; ["appreciation"] 32. to open smb.’s ~s to smt. 33. an ~ for (an ~ for beauty) 34. an electric ~ ["detective"] (colloq.) 35. a private ~ ["prosthesis for an eye"] 36. an artificial, glass ~ ["misc."] 37. an ~ for an ~ ("an equivalent retaliation"); to feast one’s ~ on smt. ("to look at smt. with great pleasure"); to give smb. the ~ ("to flirt with smb."); or ("to give smb. a visual signal"); to make ~s at smb. ("to look lovingly at smb."); to see ~ to ~ with ("to agree with"); in one’s mind’s ~ ("in one’s imagination or memory"); the evil ~ ("a look intended to inflict harm"); his ~ fell on a bargain ("he discovered a bargain"); under the teacher’s watchful ~; easy on the ~s ("pretty"); more than meets the ~ ("more than is seen"); to look someone in the ~ ("to look at someone directly"); before one’s very ~s; through smb. else’s ~s; with one’s own ~s (you have to believe me: I saw it with my own ~s!); without batting an ~ (AE) ("while remaining calm") (see also eyelash, eyelid; as far as the eye can see at far; (in) the eye of a storm at storm 1 n.)
eyebrow n. 1. to pluck, tweeze one’s ~ 2. bushy, thick ~ 3. (misc.) to lift, raise an ~ ("to express one’s surprise")
eyeglasses n. (AE: CE has glasses) a pair of ~
eyelash n. 1. to flutter one’s ~s ("to flirt") 2. the lower; upper ~es 3. (misc.) without batting an ~ (AE) ("while remaining calm") (see eye, eyelid 3)
eyelid n. 1. drooping ~ 2. the lower; upper ~s 3. (misc.) without batting an ~ (esp. BE) ("while remaining calm") (see eye, eyelash 3)
eye shadow n. to apply, put on ~
eyesight n. deteriorating, failing, poor, weak; keen; perfect ~
eyeteeth n. to cut one’s ~ on smt. ("to learn about smt. when young")
eyewitness n. an ~ to (there was an ~ to the crime)
fable n. a ~ about

fabric n. ["material"] 1. to weave a ~ 2. a cotton; rayon; silk; synthetic; woolen; wrinkle-free ~ 3. a length, piece, strip of ~ ["structure"] 4. a basic; social ~ (the basic ~ of the country)

fabrication n. a complete, outright, total ~; (a) pure ~

face I n. ["grimace"] 1. to make, pull (BE) a ~ (at) ["prestige"] 2. to save ~ 3. to lose ~ ["front part of the head"] 4. to press one's ~ (against a window) 5. (fig.) to show one's ~ (he didn't dare to show his ~) 6. to powder one's ~ 7. a beautiful, lovely, pretty; handsome; ruddy; ugly ~ 8. a hatchet; oval; round ~ 9. a familiar; strange ~ 10. (misc.) with a smile on one's ~; to come/meet ~ to; to bring ~ to; to look smb. in the ~; I would never say that to her ~; to laugh in smb.'s ~; ~ down ["expression"] 11. an angry; long; sad; serious ~ 12. a happy; funny ~ (to make a funny ~; to make; pull (BE) a long ~) 13. a poker, straight ~ (to keep a straight ~) 14. a ~ lights up (her face lit up) ["makeup"] (colloq.) 15. to put one's ~ on ["character"] 16. the changing ~ of the contemporary world ["misch"] 17. in the ~ of serious difficulties ("Facing serious difficulties"); on the ~ of it ("judging by appearances"); to disappear from/off the ~ of the earth; to fly in the ~ of smt. ("to disregard, contradict"); to fall flat on one's ~ (usu. fig.); as plain as the nose on your ~ (see also to stare smb. in the face at stare II v.)

face II v. 1. to ~ squarely 2. (d; tr.) to ~ with (to ~ smb. with irrefutable evidence) 3. (G) I could not ~ going there alone 4. (P; intr.) to ~ east; to ~ towards the back of the room

face up v. (d; intr.) to ~ to (to ~ to reality)

facial n. 1. to do a ~ 2. to get, have a ~

facilitate v. (formal) 1. to ~ greatly 2. (K) their help will ~ our finishing the job on time

facilities n. ["installations"] 1. to provide ~ for 2. ample; excellent; modern; support ~ 3. outmoded; poor; run-down ~ 4. airport; port; public; storage; transportation (esp. AE), transport (esp. BE) ~ our city has excellent port ~ 5. dining; eating ~ hotel; recreational ~ 6. daycare; educational; medical; public health; research ~ 7. ~ for

facility n. ["skill"] 1. a ~ for, in, with (to have a ~ for languages) ["installation"] 2. to operate a ~ 3. (AE) a correctional ~ ("a prison")

facsimile n. in ~

fact n. ["something that is true"] 1. to ascertain, establish a ~ 2. to check, confirm, verify a ~ 3. to cite, present; collect, gather, get, marshal (the) ~s 4. to classify; evaluate, explain, interpret (the) ~s 5. to face (the) ~s 6. to get one's ~s right/wrong; stick to the ~s 7. to distort, twist; embleshoot; embroiler, put a spin on (the) ~s 8. to ignore a ~ 9. an accepted, demonstrable, established; cold, dry, hard, incontrovertible, indisputable, irrefutable, proven, undeniable, unquestionable; inconvenient, uncomfortable ~ 10. a basic, essential, pertinent; historical; little-known; statistical; (well-)known ~ 11. the bare ~ 12. a ~ that + clause ("the mere ~ that some officials are corrupt doesn't mean they all are!") "nevertheless, the ~ remains that some officials ARE corrupt!"; you have to face the ~ that he isn't coming) ["reality"] 13. to distinguish ~ from fiction 14. in ~, in actual ~, in point of ~ ["misch"] 15. a question of ~; the ~s of the case; the ~s of life; as a matter of ~; oh wow, is that a ~?!

USAGE NOTES: 1. "The fact (that)") is often used before a preposition and a clause: "Besides the fact that they had been lovers, what else connects the defendant with the victim?" "Despite the fact that they'd been lovers, there had been no contact between them for several years." "She's interested in the fact that he writes poetry." 2. "The fact that" is also used before a that-clause after a verb such as to face (that) doesn't occur in our pattern L: you have to face the fact that he isn't coming. 3. "In the fact that" is often heard nowadays where "in that" ("because") could be used: "I'm lucky in the fact that I have a good job." That construction is wrong. The right construction is: "I'm lucky in that I have a good job."

faction n. a contending; extremist; opposing; rebel ~; warring ~ (within the country/party)

factor I n. 1. a contributing; critical, crucial, deciding, determining, essential, important, key; major; risk ~ (we must take account of several essential ~s) 2. (math. and fig.) a common ~ 3. (meteorol.) a wind-chill ~ 4. a safety ~ (see also safety factor) 5. a genetic ~ 6. a ~ in

factor II v. (d; tr.) to ~ into (they ~ed the effects of taxation into their policy recommendations)

factory n. 1. to manage, operate, run a ~ 2. to open a ~ 3. to close, shut down a ~ 4. an automobile (AE) car; clothing; munitions; shoe; textile ~ 5. at, in a ~ (she works at/in a ~)

faculties n. ["capacities"] 1. smb.'s mental ~ 2. her ~ were failing 3. (misc.) in (full) possession of one's ~

faculty n. ["division of a university"] (esp. BE; CE has school) 1. a ~ of arts and sciences; education; law; medicine; science ["teaching staff"] (esp. AE; BE prefers staff) 2. on the ~ (she is on the ~) 3. a college, university: school ~ 4. the standing (AE), tenured ("permanent") ~ ["ability"] 5. a ~ for (a ~ for learning languages)

fad n. 1. the latest, newest ~ 2. a passing ~ 3. a ~ for

faddism n. food ~ fade v. 1. (d; intr.) (usu. fig.) to ~ from, out of (to ~ from the picture) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ into (to ~ into obscurity) 3. (misc.) (AE) to ~ in the stretch ("to drop out of contention near the end of a contest")
fag end  

fail I n. (BE) (colloq.) [*tag end, tall end*] at the ~ (of smt.)

fail II v. 1. to ~ completely; dismally, miserably 2. (D; intr.) to ~ in (to ~ in business) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ in, on (to ~ a student in/on an examination) 4. (E) she ~ed to comprehend the seriousness of the situation that the rest of us couldn’t ~ to notice

falling n. 1. to have a ~ 2. a common ~ 3. smb.’s worst ~

failure n. 1. to experience ~ 2. an abject, complete, dismal, hopeless, ignominious, miserable, outright ~ 3. a box-office; business; crop ~ 4. kidney; respiratory ~ (see also heart failure) 5. an engine; mechanical; power ~ 6. a ~ to + inf. (her ~ to comprehend the seriousness of the situation; the ~ of the patient to respond to treatment was discouraging) 7. (misc.) doomed to ~; to end in ~

faint I adj. to feel ~ from (she felt ~ from lack of air)

faint II n. 1. to fall into a ~ 2. a dead ~ (to fall into a dead ~)

fall I n. 1. to ~ completely; dismally, miserably, outright ~ 2. (BE) (colloq.) fag end

fair II 1. to hold, host; organize; stage a ~ 2. an annual; book; county ~; funfair (BE); health; livestock; state (US); trade; world’s ~ (the annual ~ takes place in July) (see also funfair)

fairness n. 1. in (we expect ~ in their judgment to be guaranteed) 2. in ~ to (in all) ~ to her, we should give her another chance

faith n. [*firm belief, trust*] 1. to have ~ (in); to place, put one’s ~ in 2. to lose ~ in (3) ~ to shake; test smb.’s ~ in (4) (an) abiding, enduring, steadfast blind; deep, strong, unshakable; implicit; saving; simple ~ 5. on ~ (to accept on ~) [*fidelity to one’s promises*] 6. to break; keep ~ with 7. to demonstrate, show good ~ 8. in good ~; in bad ~ (she acted in good ~) [*religion*] 9. to adhere, to practice a ~ 10. to abjure, recant, renounce one’s ~ 11. the true ~ (brought up in the true ~) 12. by ~ (she is a Buddhist by ~) 13. (misc.) an article of ~; a leap of ~ (it’s an article of ~ for her that if you are nice to people they’ll be nice to you – but for me that belief would require a leap of ~)

faithful I adj. ~ in; to (“I have been ~ to thee, Cynara! in my fashion” – Ernest Dowson (1867–1900), “Non Sum Qualis Eram ...”)

faithful II n. (plural) the party ~

faithfulness n. ~ to
fall back v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ into (to ~ into an easy chair) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ on, to (the troops fell back to their defensive positions; when challenged, he fell back on the same old excuses)

fall behind v. (D; intr.) to ~ in, with (to ~ with the rent)

fall down v. to ~ on the job

fall in v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ with ("to join") (to ~ with the wrong crowd) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ with ("to agree") (she fell in with their suggestion)

falling out n. (colloq.) ["quarrel"] to have a ~ with

fallout n. 1. radioactive ~ 2. ~ from (also fig.)

false front n. 1. to ring ~ 2. a ~ to + inf. (it's ~ to assume)

falsehood n. 1. to tell, utter a ~ 2. an absolute, down-right, utter ~

false start v. (D; intr.) to ~ in one's falsetto

familiar adj. 1. widespread ~ 2. ~ strikes (~ struck)

fan n. 1. a ~ about 2. a ~ to + inf. (it was a complete ~ conducting a trial in such conditions !) = it was a complete ~ conducting a trial in such conditions !

fancier adj. ["supporter"] 1. an ardent, avid ~ 2. (AE) a ~ roots (for a team) USAGE NOTE: In CE one can be a ~ of a certain sport – a football fan. In CE one can also be a fan of a certain team – a Dodger fan, Manchester United fan. In BE, however, one would typically be called a supporter of a club and would be more likely to support one’s favourite club than root for it.

fanatic n. 1. dangerous; real ~ 2. a fitness, keep-fit; religious; sports ~ 3. (misc.) he had to be a ~ (in order) to do that!

fanfare n. 1. to sound a ~ 2. with great ~

fans n. an animal bares its ~

fan out v. to ~ in all directions

fantasize v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ about (when young she would ~ about becoming a great actress) 2. (L) when young she would ~ that some day she would become a great actress

fantastic adj. ["very good"] (colloq.) ~ to + inf. (it's ~ to work with them = it's ~ working with them = they're absolutely the most ~ people to work with!)

fantasy n. 1. to act out a ~ 2. to indulge in ~ 3. a childhood; sexual ~ 4. a ~ about (when young she had/harborped a ~ about becoming a great actress) 5. a ~ that + clause (when young she had/harborped the ~ that some day she would become a great actress) 6. (misc.) (to live in) a world of ~

fair adj. 1. from (~ from the city; the problem is ~ from being solved) 2. by ~, ~ and away (she is by far the better player) 3. (misc.) as ~ as the eye can see; ~ away; ~ beyond; ~ into (the future); ~ and wide; so ~ so good; to go ~ on one's connections; ~ be it from me to criticize, but… USAGE NOTES: 1. The phrases by far and far and away mean “very much” – she is by far/far and away the better player. In nonstandard BE the two phrases can be blended to produce by far and away ~ ??she is by far and away the better player. 2. By far can go either before or after the phrase it modifies – she is by far the better player = she is the better player by far. Far and away and the BE nonstandard ??by far and away can go only before the phrase they modify – she is far and away the better player.

farce n. 1. a ~ about 2. a ~ to + inf. (it was a complete ~ to conduct a trial in such conditions! = it was a complete ~ conducting a trial in such conditions!)
conduct a trial in such conditions! = it was completely ~ conducting a trial in such conditions!

fare I n. ["payment for transportation"] 1. to charge; pay a ~ 2. a full; half; reduced ~ 3. (AE) carfare (she gambled away most of her money and was left with just the/her ~ home) 4. at a ~ (at a reduced ~) ("food") 5. simple, wholesome ~ 6. a bill of ~ ("a menu")

fare II v. (formal) (P; intr.) she ~d well in the big city

fashion I n. 1. to make one’s ~s 2. an emotional; fond; sad; tearful ~ 3. a ~ to (she blew them a kiss in ~; to say/wave ~ to one’s friends and neighbors) (see also to bid smb. farewell at bid III) USAGE: As a formula of leave-taking, Farewell has been more or less replaced by Goodbye.

farm n. 1. to manage, operate, run, work a ~ 2. a farmer

farm I n. 1. to be engaged in, to be in; to work in

fascination adj. 1. endlessly ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (it’s fascinating the ~ to + inf. (they had enough ~)

fascinating adj. (D; tr.) to ~ to (the work was ~ed out to

farsighted adj. 1. to feel ~ 2. battle, combat; mental ~ 3. metal ~ 4. ~ dissipates, lifts; sets in 5. a state of ~ (she was in a state of complete ~)

fate n. 1. to decide, seal smb.’s ~ 2. to tempt ~ 3. to meet; share, suffer a ~ (they both shared/suffered a similar ~) 4. (a) bitter, cruel ~ (abandoned to a cruel ~ 5. blind, inexorable ~ 6. a quirk, stroke, twist of ~ 7. to + inf. (it was our ~ never to meet again) 8. (misc.) ~ decreed that we would win the lottery; a cruel ~ befell them; would it be a ~ worse than death not to wear the latest fashions?

fated adj. (formal) 1. ~ to + inf. (they were ~ never to meet) 2. ~ that + clause (it was ~ that they should/ would never meet again)

father n. 1. an expectant (AE) ; proud ~ 2. an adoptive; biological; foster; grandfather; lone (BE), single ~; stepfather 3. a father-in-law 4. a ~ to (he was like a ~ to them) 5. (misc.) the city ~s; a founding ~; the Founding Fathers; the Pilgrim Fathers (see also father figure at figure)

fatigue n. 1. an expectant (AE) ; proud ~ 2. an adoptive; biological; foster; grandfather; lone (BE), single ~; stepfather 3. a father-in-law 4. a ~ to (he was like a ~ to them) 5. (misc.) the city ~s; a founding ~; the Founding Fathers; the Pilgrim Fathers (see also father figure at figure)

fatigue n. 1. to feel ~ 2. battle, combat; mental ~ 3. metal ~ 4. ~ dissipates, lifts; sets in 5. a state of ~ (she was in a state of complete ~)

faucet n. (AE) 1. to turn on a ~ 2. to turn off a ~ 3. a ~ drips, leaks 4. a leaky ~ 5. a cold-water; hot-water ~ (CE has tap)

fault I n. 1. to find ~ with 2. to correct a ~ (to correct a ~ in the system) 3. to overlook smb.’s ~s 4.
a grievous; human ~ (see also double fault; foot fault) 5. a ~ that + clause (it was not my ~ that he was late; don’t blame me: it was your own ~ that you failed) 6. at ~ (we were all at ~ 7. through smb.’s ~ (let us help those who through no ~ of their own cannot help themselves) 8. to a ~ (she is fastidious to a ~) 9. (misc.) for, with all smb.’s ~s ("With all your ~s, I love you still" – "It Had To Be You") (1924), song by Jones & Kahn)
fault II v. (D; tr.) to ~ smb. over smb. 1. (A) they ~ed the document to us; or: they ~ed us the document by ~ (to send a ~) 2. to get, receive a ~ (from)
n. (d; intr.) to ~ on, over fawn v. (L; must have an object) it did not ~ me at all facts speak in ~ of his acquittal; he is strongly in ~ of raising taxes) 16. in smb.’s ~s (the odds are in her ~) 5. a ~ that + clause (it was not my ~ that he lied for ~ of being punished) 9. in ~ of (he is in ~ of his life) 10. out ~ of (he did it out of ~) 11. (misc.) to strike ~ into smb.’s heart; ~ and loathing (the very idea of work fills him with ~ and loathing); ~ and trepidation (the very idea of work fills him with ~ and trepidation); a cry of ~ fear II v. 1. to ~ greatly, very much; rightly 2. (d; intr.) to ~ for (she ~ed for their safety) 3. (E) I ~ to think what may happen 4. (K) he ~s my getting involved 5. (L) we ~ that we will not be able to attend fearful adj. 1. of 2. ~ that + clause (they were ~ that the river would flood)
feasibility n. 1. commercial, financial; technical ~ 2. the ~ of (we’re looking into the technical ~ of building a bridge at that point) feasible adj. ~ to + inf. (it was not technically ~ to build a bridge at that point)
feast I n. 1. to give; have a ~, a royal, sumptuous; wedding ~ feast II v. (formal) (D; intr., tr.) to ~ on, upon (to ~ on steak and potatoes; to ~ one’s eyes on beautiful scenery)
feat n. 1. to accomplish, perform, pull off (colloq.) a ~ 2. a brave, heroic; brilliant, notable, noteworthy, outstanding, remarkable ~ (to perform a remarkable ~) 3. no mean, no small ~ (it was no mean ~ to get him to agree = it was no mean ~ getting him to agree) feather n. 1. to pluck ~s (from a chicken) 2. (misc.) as light as a ~ ("very light"); a ~ in smb.’s cap ("a symbol of accomplishment"); to smooth smb.’s ruffled ~s ("to calm smb.") (see also white feather)
feature I n. ["quality"] 1. a characteristic, distinctive, distinguishing; notable; noteworthy, salient; special; typical ~ 2. a redeeming ~ ["contour"/"line"] 3. aquiline; coarse; facial; physical; prominent; sharp; striking ~s 4. delicate, fine; regular; soft ~s ["main film"] 5. a double ~ ("a program consisting of two films in a movie theater") ["special item"] 6. an optional ~ (we chose several optional ~s for our new car) feature II v. (D; tr.) to ~ as (she was ~d as a dancer)
federate v. (D; intr.) to ~ into; with federation n. 1. to enter, join; form a ~ 2. a loose, weak ~ 3. a ~ breaks up, dissolves; forms 4. a ~ among, between; with 5. in a ~ feed up adj. ~ of (BE), with fee n. 1. to charge a ~ 2. to accept; offer; pay; receive a ~ 3. to split ~s (as of lawyers, doctors) 4. to waive one’s ~ 5. a fat, large; flat; nominal ~ 6. an administrative; admission, entrance; contingency; laboratory; membership; registration ~ 7. a ~ for (a ~ for service) 8. for a ~ (for a nominal ~) 9. (misc.) fee-paying (esp. BE) (go to a private ~ school rather than a state school)
**feed** v. 1. (A) they fed erroneous information to us; or: they fed us erroneous information 2. (d; tr.) to ~ into, to (to ~ data into a computer) 3. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ on (horses ~ on oats and hay; farmers ~ horses on oats and hay) 4. (d; tr.) to ~ with (they fed us with erroneous information)

**feedback** n. 1. to give, provide ~ 2. to get, receive ~ 3. ~ from (we welcome ~ from our customers) 4. negative; positive ~ 5. ~ concerning, on

**feeding** n. breast; communal; forced; intravenous ~

**feel** I n. 1. (colloq.) to have a (good) ~ for (she has a good ~ for sincerity in other people) 2. to have a ~ of (just have a ~ of this fabric!) 3. to get the ~ of (the new car) 4. I like the ~ of (this fabric)

**feel II** v. 1. ("to believe") ("to experience") to ~ to deeply, keenly, strongly 2. (D; intr.) ("to have an opinion") to ~ about (how do you ~ about this problem?) 3. (d; intr.) ("to grope") to ~ (around) for (he felt around in his pockets for his keys) 4. (colloq.) (d; intr.) to ~ for ("to sympathize with") (I really ~ for them) 5. (D; tr.) ("to experience") to ~ for (to ~ pity for smb.) 6. (I) ("to sense") he could ~ his heart beat = his heart could be felt to beat 7. (J) ("to sense") he could ~ his heart beating = his heart could be felt beating 8. (L) ("to believe") we ~ that you should return home 9. (Q) I could not ~ where the swelling was 10. (s) to ~ comfortable; I ~ cheated; I ~ foolish; to ~ sorry about smt.; to ~ good ("happy"); to ~ fine/well ("healthy"); to ~ happy; to ~ sad ("unwell") or ("sad"); to ~ unhappy 11. (BE) (S) I ~ such a fool 12. (misc.) it ~s good to be on vacation; it felt nice to swim in the heated pool; she felt proud of her children; to ~ good ("happy"); to ~ fine ("healthy"); to ~ well ("healthy"); to ~ bad ("unwell") or ("sad"); to ~ unhappy 13. (BE) (S) I ~ such a fool 12. (misc.) it ~s good to be on vacation; it felt nice to swim in the heated pool; she felt proud of her children; to ~ bad/badly ("sad") or ("guilty") about smt.; (esp. BE) I ~ rather poorly today; to ~ up to ("to feel capable of") (do you ~ up to a drive to town?) (see also feel like)

**feeler** n. ("probe") to put out, throw out a ~ (to)

**feeling** n. ("emotional reaction") 1. to arouse, inspire, stir up ~ (he aroused deep ~s in his audience when he played the music with such great ~) ("appreciation") 2. to develop; have a ~ for (to develop a ~ for classical music) ("sentiment") ("sensation") 3. to express; show; vent one’s ~s 4. to experience, have a ~ (some music gives me a ~ of peace that I experience every time I hear it) 5. to harbor, have ~s (to harbor warm ~s of friendship towards smb.; although they’ve split up, he still has ~s for her) 6. to bottle up, repress, suppress; conceal, hide, mask one’s ~s 7. to lose ~ (he lost all ~ in his foot) 8. a deep, strong; eerie, strange; friendly, tender, warm; gloomy, sad; hostile; indescribable; intangible; intense; gnawing; pleasant; queasy; satisfied; sick; sinking; sneaking; uneasy; unpleasant ~ (I had an unpleasant ~ in my foot) 9. (colloq.) a gut ("instinctive") ~ 10. smb.’s innermost, intimate; pent-up ~ 11. bad, hard, ill ~s ("feelings of anger or resentment") (we have no hard ~s towards you about it: there are no hard ~s between us) (see also ill feeling)

12. a ~ that + clause (I had an eery ~ that I had been there before) ("attitude") ("opinion") 13. definite; strong ~s (we have strong ~s about this matter) 14. popular ~ (popular ~ was running (high) against the president) 15. ~s about, on (to have definite ~s on a subject) ("sensitivity") 16. to hurt; spare smb.’s ~s 17. delicate, sensitive ~s ("premonition") 18. a ~ that + clause (I had an eery ~ that I would be there again)

**feel like** v. 1. (G) she ~s like resting 2. (S; used only with nouns) to ~ a fool; it ~s like satin; it ~s like rain 3. (misc.) (esp. AE) it ~s like it’s going to rain (= it feels as if/as though it’s going to rain); we ~ like you should return home

**feint** n. 1. to make a ~ 2. a ~ to (the right)

**fellow** n. [scholar] ("fellowship holder") 1. an honorary; research; senior; teaching ~ 2. a fine; good; honest; nice, regular (AE); young ~

**fellowship** n. [stipend; support for studies] 1. to award; grant; establish a ~ 2. to apply for; to receive, win a ~ 3. a graduate, postgraduate (esp. BE); postdoctoral ~ ("community of interest") 4. to foster, promote (good) ~ 5. to enjoy good ~ 6. close, strong, warm ~ 7. ~s like 8. a sense of ~

**fertility** n. 1. to commit, perpetrate a ~ 2. to compound a ~ ("to waive prosecution in return for compensation")

**feminist** n. an ardent, dedicated; militant; moderate; radical ~

**fence** I n. 1. to build, erect, put up a ~ 2. a high; strong; tall; high ~

**fence II** v. (d; intr.) ("to vie") to ~ for (the drivers were ~ing (with each other) for position)

**fence off** (D; tr.) to ~ from (the yard was ~d off)

**fend** v. to ~ for oneself (when she walked out he was left to ~ for himself)

**fender** n. (AE) a dented ~ (BE has ~)

**ferment** n. 1. intellectual; political; social ~

**fermentation** n. in-vitro ~

**fertilizer** n. 1. to spread ~ 2. artificial; chemical; natural ~

**fervor, fervour** n. 1. great ~ 2. evangelical; messianic; patriotic; religious ~ 3. for; with ~ (she spoke with the great ~ for the cause that she always showed)
festival  n. 1. to hold a ~ 2. a dance; drama; film; folk; harvest; music; religious ~ (we met at/during the music ~ that takes place every summer)
festoon  v. (D; tr.) to ~ with (the hall was ~ed with lights)
fetch  v. (C) please ~ my pipe for me; or: please ~ me my pipe
fete  n. (esp. BE) 1. to hold a ~ 2. a church; village ~ (we met at/during the village ~ that takes place every summer)
fetish  n. 1. to make a ~ of smt. (they made a ~ of good grooming) 2. (esp. BE) to have a ~ about (smt.)
fettle  n. they were in fine ~
fetus  n. 1. to abort a ~ 2. a human; viable ~
fiber, fibre  n. 1. artificial, synthetic; coarse; cotton; dietary; rayon; wool ~ 2. optical ~ (for the electronic transmission of information) 3. nerve ~ (see also moral fiber)
fiction  n. 1. pure ~ (her story was pure ~) 2. light; popular; romantic; science ~ 3. a work of ~ (a novel is a work of ~) 4. (misc.) to distinguish fact from ~
fiddle  n. 1. to play the ~ 2. (AE; colloc.) a bass ~ (CE has double bass) 3. (BE; colloc.) on the ~ ("cheating") 4. (misc.) as fit as a ~ ("very healthy") (see also second fiddle)
fiddle II  v. (d.; intr.) ("to fool around") to ~ with (he kept ~ling with his computer)
fiddle around  v. (D; intr.) ("to fool around") to ~ with (he kept ~ling with his computer)
fidelity  n. ["loyalty"] 1. to pledge, swear ~ 2. to ["quality of electronic reproduction"] 3. high ~
fidget  v. (D; intr.) to ~ with (he kept ~ing with his computer)
field  n. ["cultivated area"] 1. to cultivate; plow; till; work a ~ 2. a corn; rice; wheat ~ = a ~ of corn; rice; wheat 3. in ~ (farmers were working in the ~s) ["area used for athletic events"] 4. to take the ~ 5. a baseball; cricket; football; soccer; hockey; rugby ~ (BE often has pitch) 6. off; on the ~ (how many players were on the football ~ and how many were sent off it ?) ["area used as a landing strip"] 7. a flying, landing ~ 8. on the ~ ["area used for practical work"] 9. to work (out) in the ~ (to work (out) in the ~ doing fieldwork) ["unbroken expanse"] ["space"] 10. an open ~ 11. a battlefield 12. a visual ~ 13. a coal; gold; oil ~ ["space in which electric lines of force are present"] (physics) 14. an electromagnetic, magnetic; gravitational ~ ["area of activity"] 15. in a ~ (in the ~ of science) 16. in smb.'s ~; outside of smb.'s ~ (her works are outside of my ~ (of interest)) ["group of competitors"] 17. to lead the ~ (our dictionary leads a strong ~ of rivals) ["baseball or softball playing area"] 18. center ~; infield; left ~; outfield; right ~ (hit a line drive to center ~) ["misc."] 19. on the ~ of honor; (esp. AE) to play the ~ ("to avoid committing oneself, esp. romantically")
fieldwork  n. to conduct, do ~ (to work (out) in the field doing ~ with the local population; to do ~ on the local flora and fauna)
fieud  n. a coke; dope; sex ~
Fifth  n. (colloc.) (US) ["the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, protecting witnesses against self-incrimination"] to invoke, plead, take the ~ (also fig.) ("are you dating smb. else ?") ["I'm afraid I'll have to take the ~ on that"]
fight  n. ["struggle"] 1. to pick, provoke, start a ~ (he picked a ~ with me) 2. to put up, wage a ~ against corruption 3. to get into; have a ~ (to get into a ~ with a neighbor about the property line) 4. to lose; win a ~ 5. to break up, stop a ~ 6. a bitter, desperate, fierce, hard, stubborn; last-ditch ~ (to put up a last-ditch ~; to put up a stubborn ~ against terminal illness) 7. a clean, fair; dirty, unfair ~ 8.
fight II v. 1. to bravely, heroically; clean; desperately, hard, stubbornly; dirty, unfairly; fair, fairly. (D; intr., tr.) to about, over; against; among, between; for; with (a ~ for justice; a ~ between local politicians) 12. a ~ to + inf. (we joined the ~ to reduce waste) "(boxing match)" 13. to hold, stage; promote a ~ to fix a ~ ("to influence the results of a ~ illegally") 15. a clean; dirty; grudge ~ 16. a championship, title ~ (misc.) the big ~ (everyone was talking about the big ~)

fight II v. 1. to ~ bravely, heroically; clean; desperately, hard, stubbornly; dirty, unfairly; fair, fairly. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ about, over; against; among, between; for; with (he was always ~ing with his neighbors about the noise; Great Britain fought with Turkey against Russia; they are always ~ing among themselves; the United States fought (a war) with Mexico over their common border; the war was fought for a just cause; the dogs were ~ing over a bone) 3. (D; intr.) ~ like (they fought like heroes) 4. (E) they fought to remain alive 5. (misc.) to ~ (in order) to win; to ~ like cat and dog (BE), to ~ like cats and dogs (AE); to ~ to the finish; to ~ with one’s fists; ~ tooth and nail; to ~ it out (two teams ~ing it out for the championship); two teams ~ing (in order) to win the championship; only one team can ~ its way to the championship USAGE NOTE: "X fought with Y" is possible if and only if it is also possible to say "X and Y fought": he often fought with his wife until their divorce = he and his wife fought with each other until their divorce; Flatland fought with Ruritania over oil = Flatland and Ruritania fought (with each other) over oil. In those examples "fight with" means "fight against." But fight with can also mean 'fight on the same side as' when another opponent is specified: Flatland fought with Ruritania against Nastiland = Flatland and Ruritania fought (together) against Nastiland. Otherwise, use fight against or fight: let’s all fight (against) poverty.

fight back v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ against, at (AE) (to ~ at terrorism) 2. (misc.) to ~ in self-defense USAGE NOTE: To fight back at terrorism seems to be an AE blend of fight back against terrorism + strike back at terrorism.

fighter n. ["pugilist"] 1. a clean; dirty ~ 2. a street ~ ["fighting aircraft"] 3. a long-range; medium-range ~ ["misc"] 4. a firefighter

fighting n. 1. to step up the ~ 2. bitter, fierce, hard, heavy; hand-to-hand ~ 3. clean; dirty ~ 4. street ~ 5. (the) ~ breaks out; escalates; ages 6. (the) ~ dies down 7. ~ about, over; among, between

fight on v. to ~ to the bitter/very end

figure I n. ["impression"] ["appearance"] 1. to cut a (line) ~ ("to make a strong impression") 2. a conspicuous, dashing, fine, handsome, imposing, striking, trim ~ (to cut a dashing ~; she has a curvaceous; full; slim ~) 3. a ridiculous, sorry ~ ["person"] ["personage"] 4. a familiar; key, leading; national; prominent, well-known; public ~ 5. a political; religious; underworld ~ 6. an authority; father; mother; parental ~ ["number"] 7. to bandy ~ s 8. to round down (esp. BE); to round off (esp. AE); to round up (esp. BE) ~ s 9. approximate, ball-park (esp. AE; colloq.); round; available; census; exact; government; official; reliable ~ 10. in ~ s (in round ~ s) 11. (misc.) she earns a six-figure salary (between 100,000 and 1,000,000) (see also double figures) ["form"] 12. a symmetrical ~ 13. (misc.) to do a ~ eight/a ~ of eight (BE) (as in ice skating)

figure II v. 1. (d; intr.) ("to play a role") to ~ in (she ~d prominently (among the most important people) in history) 2. (colloq.) (esp. AE) ("to estimate") (L) we ~d that we would stay a few days 3. (colloq.) (esp. AE) (M) ("to estimate") I ~d him to be worth a few hundred thousand 4. (misc.) (esp. AE) (slang) "How could she betray me like that?" "Go ~! (= Search me!)

figure on v. (colloq.) (esp. AE) (G) ("to intend") we ~d on staying a few days

figure out v. (colloq.) 1. (L) he ~d out that we could not possibly get there on time 2. (Q) she could not ~ how to do it

file v. (D; tr.) (colloq.) ("to steal") to ~ from

file I n. ["dossier"] ["folder"] 1. to make up, open, start a ~ 2. to keep a ~ 3. to close a ~ 4. official ~s 5. a circular (esp. AE) (colloq.); confidential ~ (if it’s not important, it goes in the circular ~ (= the wastebasket)) 6. a vertical ~ 7. a ~ on (to keep a ~ on smb.) 8. on ~ (these documents are kept on ~ (with/by the police)) ["collection of data in a computer"] 9. to access; copy; create, open; delete, erase; download; edit; print; save a ~ 10. a batch; data; text ~

file II v. 1. (D; intr.) ("to apply") to ~ for (to ~ for divorce) 2. (D; tr.) ("to classify") to ~ under (material about the weather is filed under W) 3. (D; tr.) ("to submit") to ~ with (she ~d an application with several employment agencies)

file III n. ["row"] 1. single ~ 2. in single ~ 3. (misc.) to form a single ~ and then walk in single ~

file IV v. ("to move in a line") 1. (d; intr.) to ~ by, past (to ~ past a coffin) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ into; out of (to ~ into an auditorium; the jury ~d out of the courtroom) 3. (P) to ~ across; along; through

file V n. ["tool for smoothing surfaces"] a nail ~

file VI v. ("to smooth or shape") (N) she ~d her nails smooth

filibuster I n. to carry on, conduct, engage in a ~ (against)

filibuster II v. (D; intr.) to ~ against

filling n. ["storage of data"] to do typing and ~

fill I n. ["what is necessary to satisfy"] to drink; eat; have one’s ~s (to have one’s ~s of trouble)

fill II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ to the auditorium was ~ed to capacity; to ~ to overflowing; to ~ to the brim/
top) 2. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ with (the lecture hall ~ed with people; to ~ a hole with sand; her eyes ~ed with tears)

fill-in 1. ["replacement or substitute"] a ~ for (she is a ~ today for the regular announcer)

fill in v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ for ("to replace") (to ~ for a friend) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ on ("to inform") (to ~ smb. in on the details) 3. (D; tr.) ("to make full") to ~ with (to ~ a hole with dirt = to ~ a hole in with dirt)

filling n. (dental) 1. to have; need; put in; replace a ~

fill in 1. (D; intr.) to ~ for ("to replace") (to ~ for a ~)

find I n. 1. to pass smt. through a ~ 2. a cloth; dust; filter I

find II v. 1. (C) ~ an interesting book for me; or: ~ me an interesting book 2. (legal) (d; intr.) ("to decide") to ~ against; for (to ~ for the plaintiff) 3. (D; tr.) ("to discover") to ~ for (have you found a suitable candidate for the job?) 4. (J) ("to discover") we found him working on his book 5. (L) ("to discover") we found that he was working on his book 6. (M) ("to discover") we found London and Paris to be fascinating cities 7. (N; used with an adjective, noun, past participle) we found London and Paris fascinating cities; to ~ smb. wanting; the soldiers found the village destroyed; she was found guilty by the jury 8. (Q) we could not ~ where the money was hidden 9. (misc.) we found it difficult to believe

finding n. 1. a preliminary ~ (a preliminary ~ about/on drug use for one small group cannot be generalized across the whole population) 2. a ~ against; for (the court’s ~ for the plaintiff) 3. (a) ~ that + clause (it was the court’s ~ that no crime had been committed) 4. (misc.) to rubber-stamp a committee’s ~; research ~s

find out v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ about (we found out about the concert only yesterday) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ for (she found out about the concert for me) 3. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ from (we found it out from a reporter) 4. (L) we found out (from the timetable) that the train would be late 5. (Q) I finally found out how to operate the new computer

fine I adj. 1. ~ (for that restaurant is ~ for a special occasion but too expensive to eat at all the time) 2. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ for the government to reduce taxes, but the deficit will be increased) 3. ~ that + clause (it’s ~ that the government is to reduce taxes, but the deficit will be increased)

fine II n. 1. to impose, issue, levy a ~ on smb. 2. (colloq.) to slap a ~ on smb. 3. to draw, receive; pay a ~ 4. a big, heavy, hefty, stiff ~ 5. a small ~ 6. a mandatory ~ 7. a ~ for (I got a ~ for illegal parking, which I had to pay; to owe a lot of money in unpaid ~s for illegal parking) 8. (L) we found out (from the timetable) that the train would be late 5. (Q) I finally found out how to operate the new computer

fine III v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ for (to ~ smb. for illegal parking; to get ~d heavily for smoking) 2. (O; can be used with one animate object) the police ~d him twenty dollars (for illegal parking); the police ~d him (for illegal parking)

finery n. ("showy clothing") in all one’s ~ (dressed up in all their ~)

finger I n. 1. to drum, tap one’s ~s 2. to point a ~ at 3. (usu. fig.) to snap one’s ~s (~ I jump when she snaps her ~s) ("I obey her commands without question") 4. an accusing; warning ~ (to point an accusing ~ at smb.) 5. a forefinger, index ~; little ~ (AE and Scottish also have ~; in British English ~s were another meal they never argued about") ~ Michael Crichton, Prey, London, Harper,
2006 [2002], p. 101); to eat fish ~s (esp. BE = AE fish sticks); she ran her ~s through her hair; to get one’s ~s burned (“to bear unpleasant consequences”); to prick a ~; she jammed her ~ in the door; to lay a ~ on smb. (“to harm smb.”); I can’t quite lay (esp. AE)/put my ~ on what is wrong (“I cannot discover what is wrong”); to count on one’s ~s (I can do simple calculations by counting on my ~s; I can count on the ~s of one hand the people I really respect); to keep one’s ~s crossed (“to hope for smt.”); to not lift a ~ (“to make no effort” (she didn’t lift a ~ to help us!)); to have one’s ~ in smt. (“to be involved in smt.”); the ~ of suspicion points at/to you (“you are under suspicion”); to have smb. wrapped around one’s little ~ (“to have smb.’s complete devotion”)

finger II v. (colloq.) (D; tr.) (“to identify”) to ~ as

fingertips n. to cut, trim; file; manicure smb.’s ~

fingerprints n. 1. to leave ~. to take smb.’s ~.
telltale ~ 4. a set of ~ (the police got a clean set of ~) 5. (misc.) to dust for ~; the ~ had been carefully wiped off

gentrips n. 1. at one’s ~ (to have information at one’s ~) 2. to one’s ~ (he’s a gentleman to his ~!)

finicky adj. ~ about

finish I adj. very close ~ to the race) 2. at the ~ 3. to the ~ (to shoot off ~s 3. a ~ goes off 4. (misc.) from start to ~ [“polish”] 5. a dull; glazed; glossy; matte ~

finish II v. 1. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ by, with (they ~ed their performance by singing a song/with a song; are/have you ~ed with your work?) 2. (G) they ~ed working at four o’clock; she has just ~d writing her second novel 3. (s) to ~ last

finish line, (BE) finishing line n. to cross; reach the ~

finish up v. 1. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ by, with (we ~ed up the year with no profit; they ~ed up by scrubbing the floor) 2. (G) she ~ed up buying two suits instead of one 3. (s) to start off/out poor and ~ rich

fire I n. [“destructive burning”] 1. to set (AE), start a ~ 2. to set ~ (to they set the barn = they set the barn on ~) 3. to catch ~ (the barn caught ~ 4. to contain; douse, extinguish, put out; fight; stamp out a ~ 5. to bring a ~ under control 6. a raging, roaring ~ 7. a brush; chemical; electrical; forest fire ~ 8. a ~ breaks out; burns; rages (out of control); smoulders; spreads (the ~ burned out of control for two hours) 9. a ~ goes out 10. on ~ (the house was on ~) [“burning, combustion”] 11. to build, kindle a ~, lay the (BE) ~; light, make a ~ 12. to add fuel to, fire; poke, stir; stoke ~ 13. to bank; douse, extinguish, put out a ~ 14. a ~ burns; goes out; smoulders 15. (misc.) the ~ is out; the glow of a ~; cook it over a low or an open ~ [“shooting”] 16. to commence, open ~ (the enemy opened ~ on us) 17. to exchange ~ (with the enemy) 18. to call down ~ on 19. to attract, draw ~ 20. to return ~ 21. to cease ~ (cease ~!) 22. to hold one’s ~ 23. concentrated, fierce, heavy, murderous; rapid ~ 24. cross; friendly; harassing; hostile; incoming; interdictory ~ 25. artillery; automatic; machine-gun; rifle; semiautomatic; small-arms ~ 26. under ~ (we came under heavy enemy ~ as we tried to advance) (also fig.) (the Prime Minister is coming under heavy media ~) 27. (misc.) (directly) in the line of ~: a baptism of ~ [“misc.”] 28. to play with ~ (“to take a risk”); to fight ~ with ~ (“to use extreme measures as countermeasures”); to set the Thames (BE)/the world on ~ (“to be very successful”) [“heater”] (BE) 29. to switch/tum on a ~ 30. to switch/tum off a ~ 31. an electric; gas ~

fire II v. 1. to ~ point-blank 2. (B) the quarterback ~d a pass to an end 3. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ at (he ~d at me; he ~d his pistol at me) 4. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ into (he ~d his pistol into the air; the troops ~d into the crowd) 5. (D; intr.) to ~ on (the troops ~d on the crowd) (D; tr.) to ~ with (they ~d me with enthusiasm) 6. Ready, Aim, Fire!

firearms n. to carry ~s (in Britain the police don’t usually carry ~)

fire away v. (D; intr.) to ~ at (to ~ at the enemy)

fire back v. (D; intr.) to ~ at (to ~ at the enemy)

firecracker n. (esp. AE = BE often prefers banger) 1. to let off (esp. BE), light, set off, shoot fireworks 2. (esp. AE) to shoot off ~s 3. a ~ goes off

fire drill n. 1. to conduct, hold a ~ 2. at a ~

fire extinguisher n. 1. to train a ~ (on a fire) 2. to operate a ~ 3. to recharge a ~

fired up adj. [“excited”] (all) ~ about, with

fireside n. by the ~ (to sit by the ~)

fireworks n. 1. to let off (esp. BE), set off, shoot off (esp. AE) 2. a spectacular display of ~ = a spectacular ~ display

firing line n. [“line from which soldiers fire their weapons”] in (BE), on (AE) the ~ (also fig.); USAGE NOTE: The firing line can also be called the line of fire, esp. when used literally.

firing squad n. to face, stand before a ~ for one’s crimes

firm I adj. [“competitive, strong”] 1. ~ against (the pound was ~ against the dollar) [“strict”] 2. ~ with (~ with the children)

firm II n. [“company”] 1. to establish; manage, operate, run a ~ 2. an advertising; business; law, legal; manufacturing; shipping ~ 3. a reputable ~ 4. in a ~ (she works in a reputable ~)

first adj., adv., n. 1. to come (in), finish ~ (in a race) 2. the ~ to + inf. (she was the ~ to arrive and the last to leave) 3. among the ~ (she was among the ~ to arrive and among the last to leave) 4. at (~ see also put first things first at thing) [“first gear”] 5. to put (a vehicle) into ~ 6. in (~ the car’s in ~) [“undergraduate first-class honours degree at a British university”] 7. to get a ~ 8. a double; starred ~ 9. a ~ in (to get a ~ in English)
first aid n. 1. to administer, give ~ (to give ~ to the injured) 2. to get, receive ~
first-class adj. to travel ~
fish I n. 1. to catch (a) ~; to farm ~ (farmed or wild ~) 2. baked; broiled (AE); grilled; dried; filleted; fresh; freshwater; fried; frozen; saltwater; smoked ~ 3. tropical ~ 4. ~ bite at bait; breathe through gills; hatch; swim 5. a school, shoal of ~ 6. (misc.) to drink like a ~ (“to drink excessive amounts of alcohol”); an odd, queer ~ (“a strange person”); a cold ~ (“an unfriendly person”); fish and chips, fish’n’chips (fish and chips is my favorite dish) USAGE NOTE: Although “chips” ‘French fries’ is generally BE, the expression above is CE.
fish II v. (D; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for trout ; to ~ for v.
fishy adj. 1. to make a ~ 2. to clench ; raise; shake one’s
fist
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fish II v. (D; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for trout ; to ~ for information; to ~ in one’s pockets for one’s keys)
fish fry n. to have a ~
fishing n. 1. to go ~ 2. to go in for ~ 3. to do some ~ 4. deep-sea ~ USAGE NOTES: 1. to go trout-fishing = to go fishing for trout. 2. Compare to go in for fishing with to go fishing: “I like going fishing.” “Me, I don’t go in for fishing much: I hardly ever do it.” I’d rather go hunting.”
fishy adj. (colloq.) ~ about (there is smt. (very) ~ about them)
fission n. binary; nuclear ~
fist n. 1. to make a ~ 2. to clench; raise; shake one’s ~ 3. a tight ~ 4. (misc.) an iron ~ (“a harsh policy”); a mailed ~ (“a threat of armed force”)
fisticuffs n. (formal) to engage in ~
fit I n. “[strong emotional reaction]” 1. to have, throw a ~ (colloq.) (mom will throw a ~ if we get back late!) 2. during, in a ~ (she threw things at him in a ~ of rage; the comedian had them rolling in the aisles in ~s of laughter) [misc?] 3. by ~s and starts (“in irregular bursts of activity”)
fit II adj. “[qualified]”[physically capable] 1. physically ~ 2. ~ for (~ for duty; ~ for human consumption; ~ for purpose (BE)) 3. to ~ plus inf. (he is not ~ to work) 4. to keep ~ 5. (misc.) as ~ as a fiddle/flea (BE) (“very fit and healthy”); ~ and well [suitable] 6. to see, think ~ to ~ inf. (they saw ~ to employ smb. else) 7. (misc.) ~ for a king/queen (see also survival of the fittest at survival)

fit III n. “[manner of fitting]” 1. a good; loose; perfect; snug, tight ~ 2. goodness of ~ (is there goodness of ~ between our theory and the data?)

fit IV v. 1. to ~ together 2. (D; tr.) to ~ for (to ~ for a customer for a new suit; to ~ smb. for glasses) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ into, into (everything fit into the suitcase) 4. (d; tr.) to ~ into, into (she was able to ~ all the books into one carton) USAGE NOTE: In BE the past and past participle of fit are usu. fitted. AE usu. has fit when the verb cannot be used in the passive form — the tailor fitted the customer carefully (CE); the suit was fitted carefully by the tailor (CE); the suit fit me a year ago (AE) = (BE) the suit fitted me a year ago.

fit in v. (D; intr.) to ~ with (“to blend in”) (she fit (AE) = fitted (BE) right in with our crowd)

fitness n. 1. physical ~ 2. a certain level of ~ 3. ~ for
fit out v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ as (the ship was ~ed out as a tender) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ for (the expedition was ~ed out for a long trip) 3. (d; tr.) to ~ with (the bus was ~ed out with new air conditioning)

fitting I adj. 1. to ~ inf. (it is ~ to pay tribute to the early pioneers) 2. ~ that ~ clause; may take subj. (it is ~ that she be/should be honored; it is ~ that she was honored; “It is altogether ~ and proper that we should do this.” – Abraham Lincoln, The Gettysburg Address (Nov. 19, 1863))

fitting II n. “[small part]” 1. an electrical; female; gas; male ~ “[trying on of a garment]” 2. to go for a ~ 3. (misc.) a ~ room [misc?] (BE) 4. fixtures and ~s (when we moved in, we had to pay extra for the ~s and fittings)

fix I n. (colloq.) “[difficult situation]” 1. to be in a ~ 2. a fine, pretty, ~ “[injection of a narcotic]” (slang) 3. to get; need a ~ “[solution]” 4. a quick ~ (there’s no quick ~ for/to such a complex problem)

fix II v. 1. (AE) (C) “[to prepare]” ~ a drink for me; or: ~ me a drink 2. (d; tr.) to ~ on (she ~ed her gaze on him) 3. (colloq. (esp. AE) (E); used only as fix- ing) (“to be getting ready”) they’re ~ing to eat

fixation n. “[obsession]” a ~ about, on, with (to have a ~ on smt.)

fixing n. 1. price ~

fixings n. “[trimmings]” (esp. AE) (colloq.) (roast turkey with all the ~)

fixture n. 1. a lighting; plumbing; shop (esp. BE), n. fixture

flair n. 1. to develop; have; show a ~ for 2. a distinctive ~ (a pianist with a distinctive ~ for the music of Chopin)

flak n. “[criticism]” (colloq.) to catch; come in for, run into; take ~ (he took a lot of ~ for that one!)

flake n. a ~ of sand; a ~ of snow = a snowflake; a ~ of soap = a soapflake (a few ~s of snow began to fall)

flammable adj. (esp. AE) highly, very ~
flame n. 1. (also fig.) to douse, extinguish, put out, snuff out; kindle a ~ 2. (fig.) to fan, stir, stoke the ~ (of racism) 3. to burst into ~s 4. a clear; open ~ 5. a ~ burns ; goes out; shoots out/up; smoulders 6. in ~s (to go up in ~s; the house was in ~s) 7. (misc.) an (the) eternal ~; the Olympic ~; an old ~ (“an old love”); a wall of ~

flank n. 1. to turn (“go around”) a ~ (to turn the flank)

flap n. (slang) ["commotion"] 1. a political ~ 2. be/get in a ~ about, over

flare I n. 1. to light; shoot up a ~ 2. to set out, set up a ~ (they set up ~s along the runway) 3. a parachute ~

flame II v. (d; intr.) to ~ into (to ~ into violence)

flare up v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ at (to ~ at the slightest provocation) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ in to ~ in anger

flash I n. 1. a blinding ~ 2. an electronic ~ (for a torch)

flash II v. (D; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ into violence)

flight I n. 1. to turn ("go around") a ~ (to turn the enemy’s ~) 2. on a a ~ (on the left ~) (see also flask attack at attack I)

flap v. (slang) ["commotion"] 1. a political ~ 2. be/get in a ~ about, over

flame I n. 1. a Thermos (T) (BE), vacuum (BE) ~ ; AE

flame II n. to turn ("go around") a ~ (to turn the enemy’s ~) 2. on a a ~ (on the left ~) (see also flask attack at attack I)

flame n. 1. to turn on a ~ 2. to light; shoot up a ~ 3. to set out, set up a ~ (they set up ~s along the runway) 3. a parachute ~
ned; nonstop; reconnaissance; round-the-world; scheduled; shakenown; short-haul; solo; suborbital; supersonic; unmannned ~ (see also charter flight; space flight; test flight) 4. a bumpy, rough; smooth ~ 5. a ~ from; to (~ number 10 from Philadelphia to Frankfurt is now boarding at/from gate 33, will take off in about 15 minutes, and is due to arrive/land this evening) 6. a ~ over (a ~ over the South Pole) 7. in ~ (at that moment the plane was in ~ over the Mediterranean) 8. during; on a ~ (she was on a ~ to Chicago during which she experienced air turbulence) 9. (misc.) the ~ out/there; the ~ back = the return ~ (see also flight attendant at attendant)

flight II n. [*"fleeing"] 1. to take ~ 2. to put to ~ (their army was put to ~) 3. full, headlong ~ (we were in full ~ from the enemy to what we hoped would be safety)

flinch v. (D; intr.) to ~ at; from (sensitive people may ~ from blood/at the sight of blood)

fling I n. (coll.) [*"attempt"] 1. to have a ~ at smt. [*"period of self-indulgence"] 2. to have a last ~

fling II v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ at ~ (to ~ a stone at smb.) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ (to ~ they flung their rifles to the ground) 3. (N; used with an adjective) we flung the doors open 4. (P; tr.) they flung their hats into the air; she flung her coat across the room (see also fling/hurl/throw caution to the winds at caution)

flit v. 1. (slang) (D; intr.) to ~ (lose one’s mind) (to ~ quickly through) ("to go through quickly, to flick through") (to ~ through a report)

flirt I n. an incorrigible; terrible ~

flirt II v. (D; intr.) to ~ with

flirtation n. to carry on, engage in, have a ~ with

flit v. (P; intr.) bees ~ from flower to flower; the idea ~ed into her brain (see also moonlight flit)

float v. (P; intr., tr.) they ~ed down her cheeks; the river ~ed east

floor n. 1. the bottom; first; ground; lower; main; second; top; upper ~ (see also ground floor) 2. on a ~ (on the second ~) [*"lower surface of a room"] 3. to mop; scrub; sweep; wash; wipe a ~ 4. to buff; polish; wax a ~ 5. a dirt (AE), earth (BE); inlaid; parquet; tile; wooden ~ (old wooden ~s sometimes creak) 6. all over; on a ~ (he was sleeping on the ~; there were papers on the ~; in

fact, they were all over the ~ !) [*"right to speak"] 7. to ask for; get, take the ~ to give smb. the ~ 9. (AE) to yield the ~ [*"place where members sit"] 10. to clear the ~ 11. on; from the ~ (a motion was made from the ~ which was then debated on the ~) [*"misc."] 12. the ocean ~ USAGE NOTE: In AE the first floor and the ground floor are usually the same. In BE, the first floor is the floor above the ground floor.

flop I n. 1. a commercial; complete, total ~ 2. a ~ as (she was a complete ~ as a stage actress)

flop II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ as (she ~ed completely as a stage actress) 2. (P; intr.) his head ~ed to the side

flora n. 1. intestinal ~ 2. (misc.) ~ and fauna (*"plants and animals")

floss n. 1. dental ~ 2. candy ~ (BE; AE has cotton candy)

flour n. 1. to mix ~ with 2. to sift ~ 3. to bleach; cake; enriched; self-rising (AE), self-raising (BE); unbleached; white ~. (BE) corn ~ (AE has corn-starch) 5. a bag, sack of ~

flout v. ~ openly, publicly; shamelessly (she flaunted her power openly by publicly ~ing the rules)

flow I v. 1. to regulate a ~ 2. to cut off; staunch, stem, stop the ~; steady ~ 4. a cash ~ 5. a lava ~ 6. a ~ from; through; to (the rate of) ~ of traffic from the country through the suburbs to/into the city) 7. (misc.) ebb and ~

flow II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ from; out of, from the ~ 2. from the pipe) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ from; to (the river ~s from east to west) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ into, to (rivers ~ into the sea) 4. (P; intr.) traffic ~ed across town; traffic ~ed from the country through the suburbs to/into the city; blood ~s through the body; tears ~ed down her cheeks; the river ~s east

flower n. [*"plant"] 1. to grow; plant ~s 2. to pick, pluck; water ~s 3. to arrange ~s 4. a fragrant ~ 5. artificial; cut; dried; pressed ~ 6. (US) a state ~ 7. ~s bloom; fade, wither, wilt; grow ~. in; into ~ (the tulips have come into ~ and are in full ~ now) 9. (misc.) a bouquet; bunch; spray of ~

flu n. 1. to catch, come down with, get, go down with (BE) (the) ~; have (the) ~ 2. Asian; avian; bird; gastric, stomach; intestinal; swine ~ 3. a strain of ~ (virus) 4. an attack, bout; outbreak; touch of (the) ~ fluctuate v. 1. to ~ widely; wildly 2. ~ between 3. (D; intr.) to ~ with (his mood ~s with the weather)

fluctuation n. 1. wide; wild ~s ~ of, in (the daily ~ of/in commodity prices) 3. ~ according to (the ~ of/in his mood according to the weather)

fluency n. 1. to acquire ~ 2. to demonstrate, display ~ 3. ~ in (~ in a foreign language) 4. ~ to + inf. (she has enough ~ to order a meal in English)

fluent adj. ~ in (~ in English)

fluids n. 1. (med.) to force; push; measure; restrict; withhold ~ 2. to drink, take ~ 3. to replace; retain ~ 4. body; clear; cold; hot ~
flyover (BE) see overpass

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foam v. to ~ at the mouth

fob off v. (colloq.) 1. (D; tr.) (“to get rid of by deceit”) to ~ as (he ~ed off the copy as an original = he ~ed the copy off as an original) 2. (D; tr.) (“to get rid of by deceit”) to ~ on (to ~ inferior merchandise on customers = to ~ inferior merchandise off on customers) 3. (BE) (D; tr.) (“to deceive”) to ~ with (to ~ customers with inferior merchandise = to ~ customers off with inferior merchandise)

focus I n. 1. to bring smt. into ~ (we must bring two other major problems into sharper ~) 2. a ~ shifts (the ~ of our attention must shift to two other major problems) 3. in ~; out of ~

focus II v. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ on (we must ~ (our attention) on two other major problems)

fodder n. 1. cannon ~ 2. ~ for ~

fog n. 1. (a) dense, heavy, thick; light; patchy ~ 2. a ~ of activity

foil I n. 1. ["thin metallic covering"] aluminium (BE), aluminium (AE); gold; silver ~; tinfoil

foil II n. ["comparison"] to act as a ~ for, to

foist v. (d; tr.) to ~ on (they ~ed their problems on us; to ~ inferior merchandise on customers)

foil off v. (D; tr.) to ~ off (to ~ inferior merchandise on customers = to ~ inferior merchandise off on customers)

fold I n. ["group"] 1. in the ~ (they are all back in the ~ now) 2. to return to the ~ 3. to welcome smb. back into the ~

fold II v. 1. to ~ double, in half 2. to ~ neatly 3. (D; tr.) she ~ed me out of the room; they ~ed us through town

fold up v. 1. to ~ neatly 2. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ into (the bed ~s up into the wall) 3. (N; used with adj.) to ~ a map flat 4. (s) this map can ~ flat

folder n. a manila ~

foliage n. 1. dense ~ 2. autumn ~

follow v. 1. to ~ blindly; faithfully 2. to ~ close behind, closely 3. (d; intr.) to ~ in (to ~ in smb.'s footsteps) 4. (L) it ~s necessarily from what has been said that he cannot be considered for the job 5. (P; tr.) she ~ed me out of the room; they ~ed us through town

follower n. 1. to attract a ~ 2. a devoted, faithful ~ 3. a band, group of ~s

following n. ["followers"] 1. to attract a ~ 2. a devoted, faithful, loyal; large ~

follow through v. (D; intr.) ("to continue") to ~ with

follow-up n. 1. to do a ~ on (the reporter did a ~ on her first story) 2. a ~ to (this letter is a ~ to our telephone conversation)
follow up v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ on (the reporter ~ed up on her first story) 2. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ with (we should ~ our telephone conversation with a letter)

folly n. 1. sheer ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (it was sheer ~ for him even to try; “where ignorance is bliss, 'Tis ~ to be wise” – Thomas Gray (1716–71), “Ode on… Eton College”)

fond adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ of (she is very ~ of him)

fondness n. 1. to display, show (a) ~ for 2. (a) great ~ 3. (a) for (her great ~ for him)

font n. ["bowl"] a baptismal ~

food n. 1. to cook, prepare; reheat ~ 2. to bolt, gulp (down); chew; digest; eat; swallow; taste ~ 3. appetizing, delicious, tasty; exotic; gourmet; plain; spicy ~ 4. nourishing, nutritious, wholesome ~ 5. coarse; fine; heavy; light; rich; simple ~ 6. canned (AE), tinned (BE); catfood; dogfood; frozen ~ 7. halal; kosher; soul (AE) ~ 8. comfort; health; junk ~ 9. ~ to + inf. (goes bad, goes off, spoils ~ 10. morsels; scraps of ~ 11. (misc.) ~ for thought ~ and drink

fool I n. 1. to play the ~ to make a ~ of smb. ~ to + inf. (it was she was ~ to try = he was ~ even to try)

fool II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ into (she ~ed them into investing their money) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ with

fool about (BE) see fool around

fool around v. (D; intr.) to ~ with (don’t ~ with fire)

foolhardy adj. ~ for (her great ~ for him)

foolish adj. ~ 3. (a) ~ for (her great ~ for him) ~ 4. (misc.) a ~ even to try)

foolishness n. ~ 3. (a) ~ for (her great ~ for him) ~ 4. a ~ even to try)

fool's paradise n. ["footplay"] to play ~ with

foot n. ["lower extremity of a leg"] 1. to stamp; tap one’s (left; right) ~ 2. to shuffle one’s feet 3. to get to, rise to one’s feet; to pull oneself to one’s feet 4. to set ~ on (she has never set ~ on foreign soil) 5. bare feet; flat feet 6. in one’s stocking feet 7. at smb.’s (the ball of one’s ~; the sole of one’s ~; from head to ~; feet first ["bottom, end"]) 10. of the ~ of (at the ~ of the bed) ["unit of measurement equaling twelve inches"] 11. a cubic; square ~ 12. by the ~ (to sell carpeting by the square ~)

football n. 1. to play ~ 2. association ~ ("soccer") 3. the game of ~ 4. a political ~ ("an issue debated by politicians") 5. (misc.) a ~ field (AE), pitch (BE); a ~ game (esp. AE), match (BE); player (esp. AE; BE has footballer)

foot fault n. (tennis) to commit a ~

foot hold 1. to establish, gain, get, secure, win a ~ 2. a firm; precarious ~

footing n. 1. to keep one’s ~ 2. to lose one’s ~ 3. an equal; firm, secure, solid, sure; unequal ~ 4. a friendly; war ~ 5. on a certain ~ (to be on a friendly ~ with smb.; to place a country on a war ~)

footnote n. a ~ to (the ~s to a chapter)


foot race n. to run a ~

footsie n. (slang) ["collusion" (AE)] ["footplay"] to play ~ with

footstep n. 1. to dog smb.’s ~s 2. to follow in smb.’s ~s 3. heavy; light ~

footwork n. ~ (as of a boxer)

force I n. 1. to apply, resort to, use ~ to 2. to renounce (the use of) ~ 3. armed; brute; deadly; lethal; physical ~ 4. moral; spiritual ~ 5. by ~ ["military power"] 6. to marshal, muster, rally one’s ~s 7. to join ~ against; with 8. allied, friendly ~s 9. enemy, hostile ~s 10. armed, military; ground; naval; nuclear; security ~s (the enemy’s strong naval ~s began to shell our positions) 11. an air ~ 12. an expeditionary; guerrilla; occupational ~s began to shell our positions) 11. a cubic; square ~ 12. by the ~ (to sell carpeting by the square ~)

force II n. ["compulsion"] ["violence"] 1. to apply, resort to, use ~ to 2. to renounce (the use of) ~ 3. armed; brute; deadly; lethal; physical ~ 4. moral; spiritual ~ 5. by ~ ["military power"] 6. to marshal, muster, rally one’s ~s 7. to join ~ against; with 8. allied, friendly ~s 9. enemy, hostile ~s 10. armed, military; ground; naval; nuclear; security ~s (the enemy’s strong naval ~s began to shell our positions) 11. an air ~ 12. an expeditionary; guerrilla; occupation; peacekeeping ~ (a U.N. peacekeeping ~) (see also task force) 13. a show of ~ ["organized body, group"] 14. a labor; police; sales; task ~ (see also workforce) 15. in full ~ (the police were out in full ~) ["energy"] ["power"] 16. to spend its/one’s ~s (~ the storm has spent its ~) 17. centrifugal; centripetal ~ 18. a driving; explosive; irresistible; magnetic; motivating ~ (what happens when an irresistible ~ meets an immovable object?) 19. the vital ~ (~ "basic force") 20. a ~ for (can self-interest ever be a ~ for good ?) ["effect"] 21. in ~ (the regulation is still in ~) ["misc."] 22. ~ of circumstance (we were compelled to leave by/through ~ of circumstance = we had to leave through ~ of circumstance): gale-force
winds; market ~s (market ~s drive prices up and down) (see also force of nature at nature)

force II v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ into (they ~d their way into the building and then out of it again) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ off (we were ~d off the road) 3. (d; refl.; tr.) to ~ on (she tried to ~ her views on us) 4. (d; tr.) to ~ through (to ~ one’s way through a crowd) 5. (H) they ~d her to sign 6. (N; used with an adjective) he ~d the door open

foreboding n. 1. to have a ~ 2. a gloomy ~ 3. a ~ that + clause (she had a (feeling/sense of) ~ that an accident would happen)

forecast I n. 1. to do, give, make a ~ 2. an economic; long-range; political; short-range; weather ~ (to give the weather ~)

forecast II n. (L) she forecast that an earthquake would occur

foreclose v. (D; intr.) to ~ on (they will ~ on us) (“they will foreclose our mortgage”)

foredoomed adj. ~ to (~ to failure)

forefront n. in the ~

foreground n. at/in the ~

forehead n. a high; low ~

foreign adj. ~ to

forerunner n. “[precursor] a ~ of, to

foresee v. 1. (K) nobody could have ~n his running away 2. (L) nobody could have ~d that he would run away 3. (Q) who can ~ how the elections will turn out?

foresight n. the ~ to + inf. (he had the ~ to provide for the education of his children)

forest n. 1. to clear, cut down; denude a ~ 2. a dense, thick; impenetrable; luxuriant; primeval; virgin ~ 3. a broadleaf; coniferous; deciduous; evergreen; (tropical) rain ~ 4. a national; state (US) ~ 5. the huge expanse of ~ stretches for miles

foretell v. 1. (L) nobody could have foretold that he would run away 2. (Q) who can ~ how the elections will turn out?

forethought n. the ~ to + inf. (he had enough ~ to provide for the education of his children)

forewarn v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ about, of 2. (L) we were ~d that there would be a hurricane 3. “~ed is for- armed” ~ proverb

foreword v. 1. to complete, go through the ~ 2. formalities

formal adj. ~ with (he is always ~ with his colleagues)

formalities n. 1. to complete, go through the ~ 2. bureaucratic; legal ~ 3. the usual ~
format n. 1. a set; suitable ~ 2. in a ~

formation n. ["arrangement of troops, ships, aircraft"]
1. to break ~ 2. close; tight ~ 3. battle ~ (drawn up in battle ~) 4. in ~ (to fly in close ~) ["structure"] ["grouping"] 5. a cloud; rock ~ (see also back formation)

formula n. ["milk mixture for infant feeding"] (AE) 1. to make up, prepare ~ ["symbolic representation"] ["method"] 2. to come up with, devise, hit on a ~ 3. a chemical; mathematical; scientific; winning ~ 4. a ~ for (to come up with a ~ for settling the strike) 5. a ~ to + inf. (to come up with a ~ to settle the strike)

form up v. (D; intr.) to ~ in (to ~ in three ranks)

fort n. 1. a strong ~ 2. a ~ falls; holds out 3. (misc.) to hold, hold down (AE) the ~ ("to bear responsibility in the absence of others")

fortify v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ against 2. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ by, with (he ~ied himself with/by having a shot of whiskey)

fortitude n. 1. to demonstrate, display, show ~ 2. (humorous) intestinal ~ ("great courage, guts") 3. moral ~ 4. the ~ to + inf. (they had enough ~ to finish the job) 5. with ~ (they underwent their ordeal with great ~)

fortnight n. (BE) 1. to spend a ~ (somewhere) 2. (the) last, past, the previous; next; an/the enormous, whole ~ 3. for a ~ (they came here for a ~) 4. in a ~, in a ~’s time (they’ll be here in a ~) 5. (misc.) a ~ ago; every ~; once/twice a ~; a ~’s holiday; a whole ~ has gone by and we’ve still heard nothing!

fortress n. 1. to besiege; storm, take a ~ 2. an impenetrable, impregnable; strong ~ 3. a ~ falls, surrenders; holds out

fortunate adj. 1. ~ for 2. ~ in (we consider ourselves ~ in having such a nice house) 3. ~ to + inf. (we consider ourselves ~ to have such a nice house) 4. ~ that + clause (we are ~ that we have such a nice house = it is fortunate (for us) that we have such a nice house)

fortune n. ["wealth"] 1. to accumulate, amass, make a ~ (to make a ~ from/out of property speculation and amass a ~ in property) 2. to come into, inherit a ~ 3. to seek one’s ~ 4. to dissipate, run through, spend, squander; lose a ~ 5. an enormous, large, vast ~ 6. a family ~ 7. (misc.) it cost me a small ~ to repair our car; fame and ~ ["lucky"] 8. to try one’s ~ 9. the (good) ~ to + inf. (we had the good ~ to get there at the right time) 10. (good) ~ that + clause (it was our good ~ that we got there at the right time) 11. ~ smiled on us 12. a stroke of good ~ (see also a reversal of fortune at reversal) ["fate"] 13. to improve the ~s of (is it too late to improve the ~s of the party?) 14. to tell smb.’s ~

forum n. 1. to conduct, hold a ~ 2. to provide, serve as a ~ for (discussions that served as a ~ for debate on many issues) 3. an open, public ~ 4. a ~ about, on

forward v. 1. (usu. B; occasionally A) they always ~ my mail to me 2. (D; tr.) to ~ from; to (to ~ letters to a new address; the books were ~ed from Amsterdam to Tokyo)

foul I adv. 1. see afoul 2. to fall ~ of (to fall ~ of the law)

foul II n. 1. to commit a ~ 2. an intentional, professional (BE); personal; team; technical ~ 3. a ~ against, on (BE) (she committed a ~ against the other guard)

foul III v. (esp. basketball) (D; intr.) to ~ out of (to ~ out of a game)

foul out v. (esp. basketball) (D; intr.) to ~ on (he ~ed out on five personals)

foul play n. ["violence"] 1. to meet with ~ 2. to rule out; suspect ~

found v. (D; tr.) to ~ on (our country was ~ed on certain principles)

foundation n. ["underlying base"] 1. to lay; shore up a ~ 2. to shake, subvert, undermine a ~ (revelations that shook our society to its ~s) 3. a firm, secure, solid, sound, strong ~ (hopes built on a firm ~) 4. a shaky ~; weak ~ 5. the ~ of (a building) settles 6. without ~ (rumors completely without ~) ["an endowed institution"] 7. a charitable, philanthropic; educational ~ 8. a ~ for (a ~ for cancer research) 9. a ~ to + inf. (a ~ to conduct cancer research)

fountain n. 1. a drinking, water ~ 2. (esp. AE) a soda ~

fours n. ["two hands and two feet"] on all ~

fox n. 1. an arctic; white; desert; red; silver; city, urban ~ 2. a ~ barks; yelps 3. a young ~ is a cub, pup 4. a female ~ is a vixen 5. ~es live in dens or lairs 6. (misc.) (esp. AE) as sly/wily as a ~; a wily ~ (usu. fig.)

foyer n. 1. a hotel; theater ~ 2. in the ~ (let’s meet in the ~)

fraction n. 1. to reduce a ~ 2. a common; complex; compound; decimal; improper; irreducible; partial; proper; simple, vulgar ~ (to express a decimal as a ~)

fracture n. 1. to get, sustain; have a ~ 2. to reduce, set a ~ 3. a compound; compression; greenstick; hairline; simple; stress ~ 4. multiple ~s

frailty n. human ~

frame I n. a bicycle; mirror; picture; window ~

frame II v. (D; tr.) ("to incriminate wrongly") to ~ for (she was ~d for murder)

framework n. 1. a conceptual; theoretical ~ (does their theory provide a valid conceptual ~ for the discussion of social problems?) 2. within a ~

franchise n. ["the right to vote"] 1. a restricted; universal ~ 2. to exercise one’s ~ (should women exercise the ~ that has been extended to them?) ["the license to sell a product or services in a certain area"] 3. to grant a ~ 4. to get; have; hold a ~ 5. to withdraw a ~ (from)

frank adj. 1. brutally, perfectly ~ (let’s be perfectly ~, to be perfectly ~; to be ~ with you, I don’t think your plan will work) 2. ~ about; with (she was ~ with us about everything)
frankness n. 1. disarming ~ 2. ~ about; with
frantic adj. ~ about, over; with (~ with worry over
the child’s whereabouts)
fraternity n. (US) 1. to pledge a ~ (“to agree to join
a fraternity”) 2. a college ~ (see also sorority)
fraternize v. (D; intr.) to ~ with
fratricide n. to commit ~
fraud n. 1. to commit ~; to perpetrate (a) ~ 2. to
fraudulent adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ (for /
fraudulent adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ (for /
fraternity
fratricide
fraternal
fratricide

free I adj. 1. ~ from, of (~ from pain; ~ of charge;
~ of debt) 2. ~ for (are you ~ for dinner?) 3. ~ with
(~ with advice) 4. ~ to + inf. (are you ~ to come
to dinner with me?) 5. (misc.) ~ as ~ as a bird; ~ as
the wind; to set smb. ~; I got it for ~ = I got it ~ of
charge; ~ and easy; “can I have some more cake?”
“feel ~ (to)!”
free II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ for; from, of (the new
schedule ~d me from many burdens and so ~d me
for new activities) 2. (H) the new schedule ~d me
to undertake new activities
freedom n. 1. to gain, secure, win ~ 2. to give,
grant ~ (to) 3. to abridge, curtail; deny (a) ~ 4.
academic; individual; personal; political; press;
religious ~ (they moved to a place where they
could enjoy religious ~) 5. ~ of action; of assembly;
~ of information; of inquiry; of movement; of choice;
of the press; of religion; worship; of speech 6. an amount, degree, level of ~ (a country
that enjoys a considerable degree of political ~) 7. ~ from (~ from want; does ~ of the press
imply ~ from censorship?) 8. the ~ to + inf. (the
new schedule gave me the ~ to undertake new
activities)
free-for-all n. to join in a ~
free hand n. “[freedom of action, carte blanche]” 1. to
give smb. a ~ 2. to get; have a ~ 3. a ~ to + inf. (she
had a ~ to do whatever she wanted)
free throw n. (basketball) to get, be awarded, be
given; make a ~
free will n. 1. to exercise one’s ~ 2. of one’s own ~
freeze I n. “[frost]” “[freezing]” 1. a deep, hard ~
 “[frezer]” (BE) 2. a deep ~ “[fixing at a certain level]”
3. to impose; lift a ~ 4. a nuclear; price; wage ~ 5.
a ~ on (to impose a ~ on wages)
freeze II v. 1. to ~ hard, solid (it froze hard last
night) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ out of (to ~ smb. out of a
conversation) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ to (his exposed skin
froze to the metal; to ~ to death)
freezer n. 1. to defrost a ~ 2. a home ~ (see also
freezer compartment at compartment)
freezing-point n. to be at; reach (the) ~
fright n. “[goods, cargo]” 1. to carry; handle; load;
ship ~ “[freight train]” (colloq.) (AE) 2. to hop, jump
(“board”) a ~
French n. Canadian ~ (natives of Quebec speak
Canadian ~; a French Canadian who speaks Ca-
nadian ~)
frenzy n. 1. a wild ~ 2. in a ~ (in a ~ of despair) 3.
adj. to ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of them) to claim an exemption of that type)
fray n. (cannot stand alone in AE) ~ with (the
situation was ~ with danger)
fray off n. to paint a ~
frass n. adj. “[recent]” “[new]” 1. ~ from, out of (~
out of school) 2. (misc.) (as) ~ as a daisy /(BE) as
paint
freshen n. an air, room ~
fraternity n. 1. (AE) a college; high-school ~ 2. a
university ~
fret v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ about, over 2. (misc.) to ~
and fume = to fume and ~
friaction n. 1. to create, generate, produce; ease;
eliminate; reduce ~ 2. ~ among, between; with
(there has been some ~ between the union and
management)
friend n. 1. to be; make a ~ 2. to be; make =~ with
(smb.) (he and I are =~ he’s ~ with me and I’m =~ with
him) 3. a bosom, close, good, intimate, old;
faithful, fast, loyal, staunch, strong, true; lifelong ~
4. a mutual; personal; special ~ 5. a fair-weather;
false ~ 6. inseparable ~s 7. a pen ~ (BE; CE has
pen pal) 8. a ~ to (she was a good ~ to us) 9. (misc.)
my good ~; ~ and/or foe; smb.’s best ~ (she’s my
best ~ and I’m her best = she and I are best =~ is
she’s best= with me and I’m best= with her)
friedliness n. 1. to show ~ 2. ~ to, towards, with
friendlyly adj. 1. of (that was ~ of you) 2. to, to-
wards, with 3. ~ to + inf. (it was not very ~ of you
to refuse to help) 4. (misc.) user-friendly
friendship n. 1. to cement, develop, form, make,
strike up a ~ 2. to cherish, cultivate a ~ 3. to pro-
mote (international) ~ 4. to break up, destroy a ~
5. a close, firm, intimate, lasting, strong, warm;
lifelong; long; special ~ 6. the bonds of; the hand
of ~ 7. (a) ~ among, between; with (a lasting ~
developed between them)
fright n. 1. to get; have; give smb. a ~ 2. (esp. BE)
to take ~ at smt. 3. a nasty; sudden ~ 4. in, with (~
to scream with ~) (see also stagefright)
frighten v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ smb. into doing
smt.) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ out of (to ~ smb. out of do-
ing smt.) 3. (R) it ~d us that no one answered the
frightened adj. 1. ~ about, at, by, of (~ at the very thought) ~ of the dark; they are ~ of saying anything) 2. to _+ inf. (they are ~ to say anything) 3. ~ that + clause (we were ~ that the roof would collapse) 4. (misc.) to be ~ (half) out of one’s wits; to be ~ (half) to death

frighteners n. (slang) (BE) to put the ~ on smb. (“to intimidate smb.”) (if he won’t pay up I’ll put the ~ on him!)

frightening adj. 1. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to contemplate that possibility = that possibility is ~ to contemplate = it’s a ~ possibility to contemplate) 2. ~ that + clause (it’s ~ that a war could break out at any time)

frightful adj. see frightening

fringe n. 1. the lunatic ~ 2. on the ~ (of society)

fringe benefits n. to get; provide ~

fritter away 1. (D; tr.) to ~ on (to ~ one’s time) 2. ~ on unimportant things = to ~ one’s time on unimportant things

frivolous adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of him to make such a silly accusation)

frog n. 1. a bullfrog; grass; green; wood ~ 2. ~ croak; hop; jump 3. an immature ~ is a tadpole 4. (misc.) to have a ~ in one’s throat (“to be hoarse”); ~s and toads

frontr n. 1. lake; ocean; river ~ 2. along a ~ (is there a ~?) (to walk along the sea ~) 9. on a ~ (is there a ~?) (to walk along the sea ~) 10. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ for him to ~ on him!)

frontr III v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for the mob) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ on, onto (our building ~ on the main road)

frontrage n. 1. lake; ocean; river ~ 2. ~ on

frontier n. 1. to advance, extend, push back, roll back a ~ (to extend/roll back the ~ of knowledge) 2. to cross a ~ 3. the final ~ (Space : the final ~ !) 4. a ~ between 5. across, over a ~ (to smuggle goods across a ~) 6. along; at, on a ~

frontr line n. at, in, on the ~

frost n. 1. a bitter, hard, heavy, severe; ground; light, slight ~ 2. eternal ~; permafrost 3. ~ forms, sets in 4. a touch of ~ 5. degrees of ~ („degrees below zero”) (five degrees of ~ were reported last night)

froth v. ~ to at the mouth

frown I n. 1. to wear a ~ (to wear a ~ when answering) 2. an angry; perpetual ~ 3. with a ~ (to answer with a ~ on one’s face)

frown II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ at (“to look with displeasure at”) (the teacher ~ed at the noisy children) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ on, upon (“to disapprove of”) (they ~ on all forms of affection in public) 3. (misc.) to ~ with displeasure/disatisfaction

frozen adj. ~ hard, solid, stiff

frugal adj. (formal) 1. ~ of (esp. BE) (old-fashioned), with (~ with one’s money) 2. ~ in (“Both were ~ in their use of energy and time.” – British National Corpus)

frugality n. (formal) to practice ~ (to practice ~ with one’s money)

fruit n. 1. to grow ~ (not all trees bear ~) 3. to pick, pluck ~ (off a tree) 4. ripe; unripe ~ 5. fresh; luscious; young ~ 6. citrus; tropical ~ (our country exports citrus ~) 7. (fig.) forbidden ~ 8. candied, glazed; canned (AE), tinned (BE); dried; fresh; frozen ~ 9. a piece of ~ 10. (misc.) (~ the ~ of one’s labor; the first ~s of the government’s recovery program should become apparent very soon

fruitcake n. (misc.) (colloq.) as nutty as a ~ (“completely insane”)

fruition n. 1. to bring smt. to ~ 2. to come to, reach ~

fruitless adj. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ even to try)

frustrated adj. 1. ~ about, at, by, with; in (he was ~ in his attempts to find support among his friends) 2. ~ to + inf. (he was ~ to find no support among his friends) 3. ~ that + clause (he was ~ that he found no support among his friends)

frustrating adj. 1. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ for him to find no support among his friends) 2. ~ that + clause (it was for him ~ that he found no support among his friends)

frustration n. 1. to express one’s ~ 2. to vent one’s ~ on 3. deep; great; growing; mounting ~ 4. ~ builds up, mounts ~ 5. about, at, over, with (his ~ at finding no support among his friends) 6. ~ that + clause (his ~ that he found no support among his friends)

frustrated adj. 1. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ for him to find no support among his friends) 2. ~ that + clause (it was for him ~ that he found no support among his friends)

fry n. (V) ~ an egg for me; or: ~ me an egg

fry-up n. (colloq.) (BE) “[frying of foods]” 1. to do, have a ~ (“dish of fried foods”) 2. to do, make, prepare a ~
fudge v. (D ; intr.) (“to hedge”) to ~ on (to ~ (on) an issue)
fuel n. 1. to take on ~ 2. to run out of ~ 3. to conserve, save ~ 4. aviation; high-octane; jet; leaded; liq- uid; nuclear; solid; unleaded ~ 5. fossil; synthetic ~ (do all cars run on fossil ~s like gasoline?) 6. (misc.) (usu. fig.) to add ~ to the fire
fugitive n. 1. to track down a ~ 2. a ~ from (a ~ from justice)
fulfilment, fulfilment n. 1. to find; seek ~ (in) 2. personal; wish ~ (a sense of personal ~; a theory based on nothing more than wish ~) 3. partial ~ (of the requirements for a doctoral degree)
full adj. 1. half ~ 2. ~ to the brim with water = the tank was ~ of water 3. ~ to overflowing (the tank was ~ to the brim with water = the tank was ~ of water to the brim)
fulminate v. (D ; intr.) to ~ against
fumble I n. to make a ~
fumble II v. 1. to ~ blindly 2. (d ; intr.) (“to grope”) to ~ for (he was ~ling in his pocket for the key) 3. (d ; intr.) to ~ with (“to handle clumsily”) (she was ~ling with the lock)
fumble about, fumble around v. (D ; intr.) to ~ for (he was ~ling around in his pocket for the key)
fume v. 1. to emit, give off ~ 2. to inhale, be over-fumes
funds n. 1. to allocate, allot ~ 2. to disburse, pay out ~ 3. to raise ~ 4. federal; government; local; public; state ~ 5. matching ~ 6. private ~ 7. limited; unlimited ~ 8. (stamped on a check) insufficient ~ (AE; BE has refer to drawer) 9. ~ dry up, run out 10. the ~ to + inf. (we have the ~ to complete the work) (see also fund)
fundamental adj. ~ to
fund n. 1. to approve ~ 2. to cut off, terminate, withdraw ~ 3. federal; government; local; private; public; state ~ 4. the ~ to + inf. (we have the ~ to complete the work)
fund I n. to pour smt. through a ~
fund II v. (B) to ~ arms to the partisans
funny adj. (colloq.) ["strange"]["interesting"] 1. ~ about (there’s smt. ~ about that affair) 2. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to watch how people order in a restaurant = it’s ~ watching how people order in a restaurant) 3. ~ that + clause (it’s ~ that people keep changing their orders in restaurants) 4. (misc.) it’s ~ how/ the way people keep changing their orders in restaurants
funny bone n. to tickle smb.’s ~
fur n. 1. to wear (a) ~ 2. artificial, fake; genuine, real ~ 3. (misc.) the ~ to + inf. (he was ~ling in his pocket for the key) 4. (misc.) it’s ~ how / the way people keep changing their orders in restaurants
furnace n. 1. to heat ~ 2. blast; coal; coke; gas; hot-air; oil; open-hearth ~ 3. a glowing; roaring
furnish v. 1. to ~ elegantly; luxuriously; plainly; sparsely; tastefully 2. (B) to ~ supplies to the refugees 3. (D ; tr.) ("to provide") to ~ for (to ~ supplies for the refugees) 4. (D ; tr.) ("to provide") to ~ with (can you ~ the refugees with the necessary supplies?) 5. (D ; tr.) ("to supply with furniture") to ~ with (they ~ed the room with very expensive tables, chairs, and drapes)
furniture n. 1. to arrange ~ 2. to upholster ~ 3. an article, piece, plinth, stick (colloq.)
fury n. 1. to turn, vent one’s ~ on, upon 2. to fly into a ~ 3. to fill smb. with ~; to provoke smb.’s ~ 4. to contain, restrain, suppress (one’s) ~ 5. to

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allay, appease, calm smb.’s ~ 6. blind; elemental; pent-up; mounting, rising; savage, unbridled ~ 7. ~ explodes; wells up; blows over; subsides 8. a blaze, explosion, fit, outburst of ~ 9. ~ about, over; at smt. (he could hardly suppress his ~ about/over the matter) 10. ~ that + clause (our ~ that he had refused to help) 11. in; with ~ (she struck back in ~; burning with ~)

**fuse I** **n.** [“safety device”] 1. to blow, blow out (esp. AE) a ~ 2. to change a ~ 3. a safety ~ 4. a ~ blows, blows out (esp. AE) 5. (misc.) to blow a ~ (“to get very angry”)

**fuse II** **n.** [“tube, wick used to set off an explosive charge”] 1. to light a ~ 2. a slow ~ (also fig.)

**fuse III** **n.** (AE) [“detonating device”] 1. to arm, set a ~ 2. a contact; delayed; percussion; proximity; time ~ (AE also has **fuze**) 3. a contact; delayed; percussion; proximity; time ~ (AE also has **fuze**)

**fuse IV** **v.** (D; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ X with Y = to ~ X and Y (together))

**fusion** **n.** nuclear ~

**fuss I** **n.** 1. to kick up, make, put up, raise a ~ 2. a ~ blows over, dies down, subsides 3. a ~ about, over (the ~ they kicked up over the new plan soon blew over) 4. (misc.) (BE) to make a ~ of smb.

**fuss II** **v.** 1. (D; intr.) to ~ about, over 2. (D; intr.) to ~ with

**fussy** **adj.** ~ about

**futile** **adj.** 1. completely, utterly ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to speculate about what might have been = it’s ~ speculating about what might have been)

**futility** **n.** 1. complete, utter 2. an exercise in ~

**future** **n.** [“future time”] 1. to foretell, predict the ~ 2. to plan (out) the ~ 3. to face the ~; to look forward to the ~; to look into the ~ 4. a bleak; dismal; uncertain ~ 5. a bright, glorious, promising, rosy ~ 6. the distant; unforeseeable ~ 7. the foreseeable; immediate, near ~ 8. a ~ for (there is no ~ for them here) 9. for; in the ~ (in the near ~) 10. (BE) in ~ (“from now/then on”) (be more careful in ~) 11. (misc.) what does the ~ hold?; what will the ~ bring? [“future form of a verb”] 12. in the ~

**fuze** (AE) see **fuse III**
gadfly  n. [“annoying person”] a ~ to (the reporter was a constant ~ to the government)

gadget  n. 1. a ~ for (they have a ~ for cleaning windows) 2. a ~ to + inf. (a ~ to clean windows)
gaff  n. (slang) (BE) to blow the ~ (“to reveal a secret”)
gaffe  n. [“blunder”] to commit, make a ~
gag  I  n. (colloq.) [“joke”] as, for a ~ (she did it as/for a ~)
gag  II  v. (D; intr.) to ~ on (to ~ on food)
gaga  adv. (colloq.) [“enthusiastic”] to go ~ over smt./smb.
gage see gauge

gain  I  n. to make ~s (in recent years minority groups have made considerable political ~s) 2. to consolidate one’s ~s (from successful trading) 3. to nullify a ~ 4. a considerable, enormous, notable, substantial, tremendous ~ 5. a personal; tangible ~ 6. (an) economic, financial; electoral, political; weight ~ 7. ill-gotten ~s 8. (economics) capital ~s

gain  II  v. (D; tr.) to ~ by; from (to ~ independence from a colonial power; she stood to ~ a great deal from/by going to college; what do you hope to ~ by betraying me?) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ in (“to acquire”) (to ~ in experience) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ on (“to move faster than and get closer to”) (the police were ~ing on the fugitive; to ~ on one’s prey)
gait  n. 1. a shambling; steady; unsteady ~ 2. at/with a certain ~ (at/with a steady ~)
gale  n. 1. a heavy, raging, severe, strong ~ 2. a sudden ~ (we got caught in a sudden heavy ~) 3. a ~ blows itself out, blows over; blows up; dies down; subsides; rages
gall  I  n. (colloq.) [“impudence”] 1. unmitigated ~ 2. the ~ to + inf. (he had the ~ to sue for damages when he was at fault!)
gall  II  v. (R) it ~ed them (to learn) that they were not invited
gallant  adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of him to say that)
gallantry  n. 1. to display, show ~ 2. outstanding ~ 3. for ~ (to receive a medal for displaying outstanding ~ in battle)
gallery  n. 1. an art; fresco ~ 2. a press; public; visitors’ ~ 3. a shooting ~ (for target practice or, in slang, for addicts to inject drugs) 4. at, in a ~ 5. (misc.) to play to the ~ (“to attempt to attract public attention”)
galling  adj. 1. to ~ 2. ~ to + inf. it was ~ (to them) to learn that they were not invited
gallon  n. 1. an imperial ~ 2. by the ~ (to sell fuel by the ~)
galloping  n. 1. to break into a ~ 2. at a ~ (at full ~)
gallows  n. to be sent to the ~
galoshes  n. [“rubber overshoes”] 1. to put on; wear ~ 2. a pair of ~
galvanize  v. (d; tr.) ~ into (to ~ sbm. into action)
gambit  n. (chess) 1. to play a ~ 2. to accept; decline a ~ 3. an opening ~
gamble  v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ at (to ~ at cards) 2. (D; intr.) (“to risk”) to ~ on (on ~ on sbm.’s cooperation/cooperating) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with sbm.’s future) 4. (L) to ~ that sbm. will cooperate
gambler  n. a compulsive, inveterate; professional ~
gambling  n. 1. to ban; legalize ~ 2. compulsive; illegal; legal; offshore; organized ~
game  I  adj. [“ready, willing”] 1. ~ for (are you ~ for a swim?) 2. ~ to + inf. (are you ~ to go for a swim?)
game  II  n. [“contest, match”] 1. to have, play a ~ 2. to draw; lose; win a ~ 3. (AE) to call (“cancel”) a (baseball) ~ 4. to throw (“purposely lose”) a ~ 5. a close; crucial; fair ~ 6. a bowl (Am. football); championship; home; practice; wild-card (Am. professional football) ~ [“form of recreation”] 7. to play a ~ (to play a ~ of chess with the chess champion) 8. a ball; board; card; chess; children’s; computer; numbers; parlor; party; team; video; word ~ 9. a ~ of cards; a ~ of cards; a ~ of chance; a ~ of chess; a ~ of skill (see also crap; games) [“deception”] 10. to see through smb.’s (little) ~ 11. a con, confidence ~ (AE; BE has con trick, confidence trick) [“tactic, strategy”] 12. a long (esp. BE); waiting ~ (to play a waiting ~ and not say Yes too quickly) 13. a cat-and-mouse ~ (to play a cat-and-mouse-game with people and leave them in suspense) [“hunted animals”] 14. to bag; hunt; stalk ~ 15. big; small ~ 16. (fig.) fair ~ (“a legitimate object of attack”) (to be fair ~ for smb.) 17. (misc.) a ~ preserve, refuge [“prostitution”] (colloq.) (BE) 18. on the ~ [“misch”] 19. the mating ~ (~ under pressure, true champions can raise their ~ to meet the challenge) (see the Usage Note for match)
games  n. [“competition”]; “maneuvers”] 1. to hold, host, organize, stage; participate in, take part in ~ 2. war ~ 3. the Commonwealth; Olympic; summer; winter ~
gamut  n. 1. to run the ~ from; to 2. the whole ~ (her performances ran the whole ~ from outstanding to terrible)
gander  n. (colloq.) [“look”] to have, take (esp. AE) a ~ at
gang  n. 1. to form a ~ 2. to join a ~ 3. to break up, bust (up) a ~ 4. a chain; section; street; work ~ 5. an inner-city; juvenile ~
gangrene  n. ~ sets in
gangster  n. a big-time, notorious ~
gangsters  n. big-time, notorious ~
gang up  v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ against, on 2. (d; intr.) to ~ with
gapel (BE) see jail I, II
gap  n. 1. to leave a ~ 2. to bridge, close, fill, narrow
a ~ 3. to widen a ~ 4. an unbridgeable, wide, yawning ~ 5. a communications; credibility; culture; generation; gender; trade ~ 6. a ~ between 7. a ~ in 8. (BE) a ~ year (“a year off between secondary school and university”)
gape v. (D; intr.) to ~ at

garage n. 1. a parking ~ (AE; BE has multi-storey
car park) 2. (misc.) to park a car in a ~
garage sale n. (AE) to have, hold a ~
garb I n. 1. ceremonial; everyday; formal, official ~ 2. in (formal) ~
garb II v. (D; refl.) to ~ in (they ~ed themselves in colorful costumes)
garbage n. (esp. AE) 1. to collect, pick up the ~ 2. to dispose of; dump ~ (BE prefers rubbish) (see also refuse, trash)
garden n. 1. to lay out; plant a ~ 2. to maintain a ~
gardening n. 1. to do, go in for ~ 2. landscape ~
gas n. 1. to step on the ~ [“accelerator”] 2. to step on the ~ [“combustible
gaseous mixture”] 2. to connect; cook with; light, turn on the ~ 3. to cut off, disconnect; turn off the ~ 4. butane; Calor (T) (BE); coal; greenhouse; natural ~ [“substance dispersed through the air to
disable the enemy”] 5. mustard; nerve; toxic ~ (see also poison gas; tear gas) [“misc.”] 6. laughing ~ (“nitrous oxide”) (see also gasoline)
gash n. 1. to get; have; make a ~ 2. a deep, nasty; long ~ 3. a ~ on (to have a nasty ~ on one’s leg)
gasket n. to blow a ~ (colloq.) (“to lose one’s temper”)
gasoline n. (AE) high-octane; leaded; lead-free, unleaded; premium; regular ~ (BE has petrol)
gasp II v. 1. (d; intr.) (“to express surprise at”) (they ~ed at our offer; she ~ed in amazement) 2. (D; intr.) (“to breathe with difficulty”) to ~ for (to ~ for breath)
gas range n. 1. to light, turn on a ~ 2. to turn off a ~
gate n. 1. to close, shut; open a ~ 2. the back; front; main ~ 3. a ~ closes, shuts; opens 4. a starting ~ (at a racetrack) 5. at; through a ~ 6. (misc.) passengers for flight ten proceed to (departure) ~ five; (AE) (colloq.) to give smb. the ~ (“to reject smb.”); (AE) (colloq.) to get the ~ (“to be dismissed”)
gateway n. a ~ to (the ~ to the west)
gather v. 1. (d; intr.) (“to assemble”) to ~ around (they ~ed around the speaker) 2. (d; tr.) (“to conclude”) to ~ from (I ~ed as much from the expression on your face) 3. (L) (“to conclude”) I ~ (from the expression on your face) that you don’t like him 4. (misc.) so I ~ (“she seems not to like him.” “so I ~”)
gathering n. 1. to attend a ~ 2. a family; public; social ~
gauge n. [“measuring device”] 1. a fuel; oil; pressure; rain; tire-pressure; water; wind ~ (“distance between rails”) 2. broad, wide; narrow; standard ~
gauntlet I n. [“challenge”] 1. to throw down the ~ 2. to pick up, take up the ~
gauntlet II n. [“ordal”] to run a ~ (to run the ~ of reporters)
gavel I n. 1. to rap a ~ 2. a rap of the ~
gavel II v. (d; tr.) to ~ into (he ~ed the protesters into silence)
gawk v. (colloq.) (D; intr.) to ~ at
gawp v. (BE) (D; intr.) to ~ at
gaze I n. 1. to avert; fix; lower one’s ~ 2. an admirable ~; intense, rapt, unblinking; lingering; penetrating, piercing; wistful ~ 3. under smb.’s ~ (he wilted under her penetrating ~)
gaze II v. 1. to ~ intently 2. (d; intr.) to ~ at 3. (d; intr.) to ~ into (to ~ into the distance; she ~d into my eyes)
gather n. [“General Certificates of Secondary Education”] (GB) 1. to do, sit, take ‘one’s’ ~ 2. in one’s ~ (to do well in one’s French and German ~) 3. ~ in (to have ~ in French and German)
gear I n. [“toothed wheel as part of a transmission”] 1. to change (BE), shift ~(s) 2. to reverse ~s 3. to stick; mesh 7. in ~; out of ~
gear II n. 1. grammatical ~ 2. (the) feminine; masculine; neuter ~ (many languages have no neuter ~) 3. (misc.) ~ neutral (to use gender-neutral terms in advertising a job vacancy)
gene n. 1. to carry; transfer, transplant ~s 2. to cut; splice ~s 3. a defective; dominant; recessive ~ 4. a ~ for (a ~ for a trait)
gene II n. 1. an adjutant; brigadier general (US; UK has brigadier); commanding; four-star; lieutenant; major ~ 2. (US) a five-star ~ = a ~ of the
generality

definition: a broad, sweeping; vague ~ to speak

example: 1. to make a ~ 2. to use ~s to


generation

definition: 1. the baby boom/baby boomer; coming, future, next; new; older; present; younger ~ 2. future; past ~s 3. the greatest; a lost ~ 4. for ~; in a ~ (the result won’t be known in this ~ and perhaps not for several ~s to come) 5. (misc.) from ~ to ~ (see also generation gap at gap)

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generalize

definition: 1. (D; intr.) to ~ about 2. (D; intr.) to ~

example: 1. (D; intr.) to ~ about 2. (D; intr.) to ~


gentle

definition: 1. ~ on; with (be ~ with yourself by using a soap that’s ~ on your skin!) 2. (misc.) as ~ a lamb

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genial

definition: 1. the baby boom/baby boomer; coming, future, next; new; older; present; younger ~ 2. future; past ~s 3. the greatest; a lost ~ 4. for ~; in a ~ (the result won’t be known in this ~ and perhaps not for several ~s to come) 5. (misc.) from ~ to ~ (see also generation gap at gap)

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genitalia

definition: (plural) female; male ~

example: (plural) female; male ~


genius

definition: ["great mental capacity, ability"] 1. to demonstrate, display, show ~ 2. great, lavish, magnificent, unstinting ~ 3. ~ in; to; towards; with (~ with money) 4. (misc.) to abuse, take advantage of smb.’s ~

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genocide

definition: 1. (B) ("to deliver") I have to ~ a message to her 2. (C) ("to obtain") she got a newspaper for me (for $1); or: she got me a newspaper (for $1); is $1 really enough to ~ you a newspaper these days? 3. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ across, over ("to cross"); ("to cause to cross") (to ~ across a bridge; the general finally got his troops across the river) 4. (d; intr.) to ~ after ("to exert pressure on") (you’ll have to ~ after them if they keep making noise) 5. (d; intr.) to ~ around ("to evade") (we cannot ~ around the regulations) 6. (d; intr.) to ~ at ("to suggest") (what are you ~ting at?) 7. (d; intr.) to ~ at ("to reach") (I hope that the children cannot ~ at the medicine; you’re safe here; your enemies cannot ~ at you; to ~ at the truth) 8. (esp. AE) (d; intr.) to ~ behind ("to support") (we must ~ behind her campaign) 9. (d; intr.) to ~ between ("to try to separate") (never ~ between fighting dogs) 10. (D; tr.) ("to receive") to ~ for (what did you ~ for your birthday? she got one hundred dollars for her sewing machine; he got five years for larceny) 11. (d; tr.) ("to obtain, receive") to ~ from, out of (is $1 really enough to ~ you a newspaper from a shop these days?; she got the truth out of him; he ~s pleasure from smoking) 12. (d; intr., refl., tr.) to ~ into, into ("to enter"); ("to cause to enter") (to ~ into trouble; to ~ oneself into trouble; to ~ snb. into trouble; to ~ into a car; to ~ into a fight) 13. (d; intr.) to ~ into ("to affect") (what got into him?) 14. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ off ("to leave"); ("to cause to leave") (to ~ off a train) (to ~ smt./snb. off a train) 15. (d; intr.) to ~ on ("to enter") (to ~ on a train) 16. (d; intr.) to ~ on ("to affect") (to ~ on smb.’s nerves) 17. (d; tr.) to ~ on ("to cause to enter") (he finally got the whole group on the train) 18. (d; intr.) to ~ onto ("to enter") (she could not ~ onto the train) 19. (d; intr.) to ~ onto ("to take up for discussion") (we got onto a very interesting topic) 20. (colloq.) (esp. AE) (d; intr.) to ~ onto ("to become aware of") (we finally got onto her schemes) 21. (d; intr., refl., tr.) to ~ out of ("to leave"); ("to extricate") ("to extricate oneself from") (to ~ out of a car; I got him out of trouble; to ~ oneself out of trouble; when did he ~ out of prison?) 22. (d; intr.) to ~ over ("to overcome") (you’ll have to ~ over your
fear of speaking in public) 23. (d; intr.) to ~ over
(“to recover from”) (has she got/gotten over the
shock?) 24. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ past (“to slip by”)
ewe got past the guard; we got it past the guard) 25.
(d; intr.) (“to be unnoticed”) to ~ past (the error got
past him) 26. (d; intr., tr.) (“to pass”) (“to cause to
pass”) to ~ through to ~ through a door; we could
not ~ the piano through the window) 27. (d; intr.)
to ~ to (“to reach”) to ~ to a telephone; to ~ to
the point: we got to the theater late) 28. (coloq.) (d; intr.)
to ~ to (“to affect”) (her pleas got to me) 29.
(coloq.) (d; intr.) to ~ to (“to bribe”) (they got to
the mayor himself) 30. (d; tr.) (“to deliver”) to ~ to
(to ~ smb. to a hospital) 31. (d; intr.) to ~ within
(“to come”) (don’t ~ within range of the enemy
artillery) 32. (E) (“to succeed in”) if you can ~ to
see her, you may receive some help; if you ~ to
know her, you’ll like her 33. (coloq.) (E; used in
the perfect tenses) (“to be obliged to, to have to”)
she’s got to finish the work by tomorrow; (BE) I’d
got to finish the work by yesterday! 34. (G) (“to
begin”) he finally got going 35. (H; no passive)
(“to bring about”) she finally got the television to
work; I got a gardener to cut the grass 36. (J; more
usu. is H) (“to bring about”) she finally got the
television working 37. (N; used with an adjective,
past participle) (“to make”) we got our tools ready;
he got us involved; try to ~ them interested 38. (P; intr.)
 (“to arrive”) he finally got home 39. (s) (“to
become”) to ~ angry; to ~ drunk; to ~ loose; to ~
rid of; to ~ even with smb. 40. (S) (BE) you are
~ting a big girl now! 41. (misc.) to ~ clear of (to ~
clear of all obstacles); to ~ cracking (“to start
moving”); to ~ in touch with smb.; to ~ nowhere
(“to be unsuccessful”); to ~ somewhere (“to score
a success”) (see also get-up-and-go at go I; don’t
get me wrong at wrong 1 adj.) USAGE NOTE: In AE, the past participle of get is usu. gotten
~ they’d gotten everything ready. In BE, it is got
~ they’d got everything ready. (Note that ill-gotten
gains is CE) However, CE does use have got: he’s
got work; I’ve got to go. Only BE uses had got to
form the past tense of this construction – I’d got
to do it yesterday “I had to do it yesterday”. BE also
has he’d got work “he had worked”.

get across v. (B) (“to make clear”) she tried to ~ her
ideas to us across us

get after v. (H) (“to induce”) you’ll have to ~ him
to trim the bushes

get ahead v. (d; intr.) to ~ of (“to occupy a position
in front of”) (try to ~ of him)

get along v. 1. (D; intr.) (“to manage”) to ~ on (we
cannot ~ on his salary) 2. (D; intr.) (“to relate”) to
~ with (how does she ~ with her brother?)

get around v. 1. (d; intr.) (“to find time”) to ~ to
(to we finally got around to answering our correspond-
ce) 2. (L) it got around that she was resigning

get away n. 1. to make (good) one’s ~ 2. a quick ~

get away v. 1. (D; intr.) (“to escape”) to ~ from (to
~ from one’s pursuers) 2. (D; intr.) (“to escape”) to
~ with (the thieves got away with the loot) 3. (d; intr.)
to ~ with (“to succeed in”) (they didn’t ~ with
their scheme)

get back v. 1. (d; intr.) (“to get revenge”) to ~ to ~
for (we got back at him for his insult) 2. (D; intr.)
 (“to return”) to ~ from (we got back from our trip
early) 3. (D; tr.) (“to receive”) to ~ from (we got
the money back from him; they got back a lot of
money from their investment = they got a lot of
money back from their investment) 4. (D; intr.)
 (“to come back, return”) to ~ to (I got back to New
York yesterday; I’ll ~ to you) 5. (d; intr.) to ~ to
(“to resume”) (~ to work)

get behind v. (D; intr.) (“to be late”) to ~ in, with (to
~ with one’s payments)

get by v. 1. (D; intr.) (“to manage”) to ~ on (to ~
on very little) 2. (D; intr.) (“to manage”) to ~ with
(we’ll have to ~ with one car)

get down v. 1. (D; intr.) (“to dismiss”) to ~ from (to
~ from a horse) 2. (D; tr.) (“to bring down”) to ~
from (she got the book down from the shelf) 3.
(d; intr.) to ~ to (“to begin”); (“to take up”) (to ~ to
work; to ~ to details) USAGE NOTE: In BE chil-
dren may ask to get down (from the table) when
they have finished their meal and want to leave.

get in v. (“to join”) 1. (d; intr.) to ~ on (to ~ on the
act) (“to participate in”; (“to join at the very beginning”) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with the wrong crowd) 3. (misc.) to ~
out of the rain; to ~ a word in edgeways l/esp. AE
edgewise

get off v. 1. to ~ lightly 2. (B) we got a letter off to
them yesterday 3. (d; intr.) to ~ to (“begin with”)~
to ~ to a good start) 4. (D; intr.) (“to escape”) to
~ with (he got off with a light sentence; to ~ with
a few scratches)

get on v. 1. (d; intr.) (“to fare”) to ~ at (she is ~ting
on well at her job) 2. (d; intr.) (“to advance”) to ~
in (to ~ ting on in years) 3. (d; intr.) (“to con-
tinue”) to ~ with (to ~ with one’s work) 4. (esp. BE)
(d; intr.) (“to get along”) to ~ with (how does she
~ with her brother?)

get out of v. (G) I couldn’t ~ doing it

get over v. (D; intr.) (“to pass”) to ~ to (to ~ to the
other side)

get round (BE) see get around

get through v. 1. (B) (“to deliver”) (she finally got
the message through to them) 2. (D; intr.)
 (“to reach”) to ~ to (we could not ~ to her) 3. (D; intr.)
 (“to finish”) (esp. AE) to ~ with (we must ~ with
our work)

get-together n. to have a ~

get together v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ on (“to agree on”)
(to we finally got together on a compromise) 2. (D; intr.)
 (“to meet”) to ~ with (we got together with
some friends last night)

get-up n. [“outfit”] an elaborate ~

get up v. 1. (coloq.) (BE) (d; refl., tr.) (“to dress
giggle II
v. (D; intr.) to ~ about, at (the girls ~d)
gift
n. (D; intr.) to ~ at
ghetto
n. ["apparition"] 1. to see a ~ 2. to excercise a
~ 3. a ~ appears; haunts (the ~ of Hamlet’s father
haunted Elsinore) 4. to believe in ~s. (misc.) as
pale/white as a ~; to look as if one has seen a ~
gibe I
n. 1. make a ~ 2. a ~ about; at
gibe II
v. (D; intr.) to ~ at
gift
n. ["present"] 1. to give, present a ~ to; to make
smb. a ~ of smt. 2. to bear ~s for, to 3. to heap,
laugh, rain ~s on 4. to exchange ~s with 5. an
extravagant, lavish; generous; outright ~ (for) 6. a
fearwell; graduation; shower (AE); wedding ~ 7.
to unwrap; wrap a ~ ["talent"] 8. to have a ~ for 9. a
~ for (a ~ for languages)
gifted
adj. 1. academically; highly; very; intellectually
- musically; physically ~ 2. ~; at; in; with
giggle I
n. 1. to get, have the ~ 2. an infectious;
nervous; silly ~ 3. an attack of the ~s 4. a ~ about
(the girls had quite a ~ about what had happened)
5. (misc.) (colloq.) (BE) as /for a ~ ("as a prank")
giggle II
v. (D; intr.) to ~ about, at (the girls ~d about what had happened)
gimmick
n. an advertising, promotional; election; sales ~ (the latest promotional ~)
girdle
n. a steel ~
girdle
n. 1. a tight ~ 2. a panty ~
girl
n. 1. a career; chorus; college (esp. AE);
dancing; flower; office; pinup; stock; working ~
2. a ball ~ (who retrieves tennis balls) 3. a call ~
("prostitute who can be summoned by telephone")
4. a baby; little; small; mere ~; a slip of a ~ 5. (esp. AE)
a poster ~ (her success made her a poster ~ for
early-childhood education) USAGE NOTE: It can
be offensive to call a woman a girl. Thus, career
woman and working woman are considered by many
to be more acceptable than career girl and working
girl. (See the Usage Note for woman.) Besides, in
some circles working girl can be a euphemism for
prostitute. In addition, the former use of girl in the
meaning of "black female" is considered offensive.
(See also the Usage Note for boy.)
girlfriend
n. 1. have a ~ 2. a live-in; long-suffering; steady ~ 3. a series; string of ~s
giro
n. ["system of transferring money"] (BE) by ~ (to
transfer money by ~)
girth
n. to measure the ~
gist
n. (colloq.) ["main meaning"] to get; give the ~ of
give
v. 1. (A) she gave the book to me; or: she gave
me the book 2. (D; tr.) to ~ for (she gave money
for a new health center) 3. (misc.) they gave
generously of their time (see also give smb. to
understand ~ at understand)
giveaway
n. (colloq.) ["unintentional revelation"] a
dead ~ (of)
give away
v. 1. (B) ["to donate"] she gave all her
money away to the poor = she gave away all her
money to the poor 2. (D; tr.) ["to betray"] to ~ to
(they gave him away to the police) 3. (Q) ["to
betray"] they did not ~ where the money was hidden
give back
v. (usu. B; sometimes A) she gave the
money back to us = she gave back the money to us
= (sometimes) she gave us back the money
give in
v. (D; intr.) ["to yield"] to ~ to (we had to ~
to their demands)
given
adj. (cannot stand alone) 1. ~ to ~ (to
exaggeration) 2. ~ that + clause (given that he exaggerates,
can we trust him?) 3. ~ wh-word + clause (given
how often he exaggerates, can we trust him?)
give out
v. (B) we gave the food out to those who
needed it = we gave out the food to those who
needed it
give over
v. 1. (D; refl.) ["to abandon oneself"] to
~ to (to ~ oneself over to grief) 2. (esp. BE) (D;
tr.) ["to turn over"] to ~ to (the building was given
over to the youth club) 3. (colloq.) (BE) (used in
the imper.) (G) ["to stop"] ~ hitting the child
give up
v. 1. (B) ["to yield"] he gave up his seat to a
man on crutches 2. (D; intr.) ["to lose hope"] to ~
on (we have given up on her) 3. (D; refl., tr.) ["to
turn over"] to ~ to (the murderer gave himself up to
the police) 4. (G) ["to stop"] she gave up attempting
to influence them 5. (misc.) they were given
up for dead
give way
v. 1. (d; intr.) ["to yield"] to ~ to (reason
gave way to hysteria) 2. (d; intr.) ["to collapse"]
to ~ under (the table gave way under the sheer ~
of the food)
glad
adj. 1. only too; very ~ 2. ~ about, of 3. for
we are very ~ for them both) 4. ~ to + inf. (I’m
very ~ to have been invited to the meeting) 5. ~
that + clause (I’m very ~ that I’ve been invited to
the meeting)
glance I
n. 1. to cast, dart, shoot; have; sneak,
stolen, surreptitious; suspicious ~ 7. a
disapproving, indignant; hostile; withering ~ 8. at
sidelong; stolen; surreptitious; suspicious ~ 7. a
knowing; meaningful, significant; penetrating, probing, searching
~ 6. a backward; conspiratorial; furtive; quizzical;
sidelong; stolen; surreptitious; suspicious ~ 7. a
knowing; significant; penetrating, probing, searching
~ 6. a backward; conspiratorial; furtive; quizzical;
sidelong; stolen; surreptitious; suspicious ~ 7. a
disapproving, indignant; hostile; withering ~ 8. at
~ (I recognized her at a ~; I could see at a ~ that
she was glad/how glad she was)
glance II
v. 1. ("to look") to ~ admiringly; casually;
furtively, surreptitiously; imploringly; indignant-
ly; knowingly; meaningfully; quizzically; shyly;
suspiciously 2. (d; intr.) ("to look") to ~ at 3. (d;
intr.) ("to look") to ~ down (she ~d down the list)
4. (d; intr.) ("to ricochet") to ~ off (the rock ~d off
the window)
gland
n. 1. the pituitary; prostate; thyroid ~ 2. the
adrenal; ductless, endocrine; eccrine, sweat; lach-
rymal; lymph; mammary; salivary ~s (endocrine
~s secrete hormones) 3. swollen ~
glare n. 1. in the ~ (in the ~ of publicity) 2. the ~ of headlights = the ~ from the headlamps

v. 1. (D; intr.) “(to stare angrily)” to ~ at 2. (d; intr.) “(to shine)” to ~ into (the sun ~d into my eyes)

glass n. ["transparent substance"] 1. to blow, make; break, shatter ~ 2. clear, translucent; colored; cut; ground; plate; safety; sheet; stained ~ 3. a pane, sheet; piece, sliver, splinter of ~ ["tumbler"] ["container"] 4. to drink ~ of (water) 5. to drain; fill ~ 6. to raise one’s ~ to (give a toast) (to) 7. to clink, touch ~es (when giving a toast) 8. a champagne; cocktail; drinking; shot; water; wine ~ 9. a measuring ~ ["optical instrument"] 10. a magnifying ~

glasses n. ["spectacles"] 1. to need; put on; take off; wear ~ 2. to be fitted for ~ 3. dark, sun; horn-rimmed; reading ~ 4. a pair of ~ ["binoculars"] 5. to focus, train ~ on 6. field; opera ~ ["misc"] 7. to see life through rose-colored, rose-tinted (BE) ~ ("to see only the good in life")

glare I n. 1. a faint ~ 2. a wild ~ (there was a wild ~ in his eyes)

glare II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ with 2. (s) the coin ~ed

glimpse n. 1. to catch a ~ of 2. a brief, fleeting; ~s (the heavens ~ed)

glimmer II (D; intr.) to ~ with (the heavens ~ed)

glimmer I n. 1. a faint, pale, slight, tiny, weak ~ (there remained just the faintest ~ of hope)

glimmer II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ with (the heavens ~d in the sunlight)

glantry n. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ from (I ~d from the government statement that nothing would change)

gleam I n. 1. to need; put on; take off; wear ~

glitter v. 1. (D; refl.) to ~ with (to ~ with)

glitter II v. 1. to ~ in the sunlight; over (the rodents ~ed through the wood)

glow I n. 1. to cast, emit a ~ 2. an eerie ~

glow II v. 1. to ~ brightly; dimly 2. (D; intr.) to ~ with (the award made her positively ~ with pride!)

glitter I n. 1. to blow, make; break, shatter ~ 2. clear, translucent; colored; cut; ground; plate; safety; sheet; stained ~ 3. a pane, sheet; piece, sliver, splinter of ~ ["tumbler"] ["container"] 4. to drink ~ of (water) 5. to drain; fill ~ 6. to raise one’s ~ to (give a toast) (to) 7. to clink, touch ~es (when giving a toast) 8. a champagne; cocktail; drinking; shot; water; wine ~ 9. a measuring ~ ["optical instrument"] 10. a magnifying ~

glance n. ["spectacles"] 1. to need; put on; take off; wear ~ 2. to be fitted for ~ 3. dark, sun; horn-rimmed; reading ~ 4. a pair of ~ ["binoculars"] 5. to focus, train ~ on 6. field; opera ~ ["misc"] 7. to see life through rose-colored, rose-tinted (BE) ~ ("to see only the good in life")

glitter v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ with (the award made her positively ~ with pride!)

glue n. (can not stand alone) ~ to (he was ~ to his TV set; her eyes were ~ to the door)

glut II n. 1. a ~ on the market

glutton n. a ~ for punishment

gnaw v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ (away) at 2. (D; intr.) to ~ through (the rodents ~ed through the wood)

go I n. (colloq.) ["attempt"] 1. a ~ at (let’s have a ~ at it) ["misc"] 2. to make a ~ of it ("to make it succeed"); always on the ~ ; it’s all ~ here from morning till night! ; get-up-and-go ("energy and initiative") (have you got the get-up-and-go to make a success of this shop?)

go II v. 1. to ~ badly; fast; quickly; slow; slowly; well 2. (d; intr.) ("to proceed") to ~ about (to ~ about one’s business) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ across ("to cross") (to ~ across a river) 4. (d; intr.) to ~ after ("to follow") (this piece of the puzzle ~es after that one) 5. (d; intr.) to ~ after, at ("to seek to reach") (the dog went after/at the intruder; she went after the job and then went at it energetically) 6. (d; intr.) to ~ against ("to be opposed to"), ("to be unfavorable to") (this ~es against my principles; to ~ against the grain; the war began to ~ against them) 7. (d; intr.) to ~ around ("to circle") (they ~ed around the block) 8. (d; intr.) to ~ before ("to precede") (this piece of the puzzle ~es before that one) 9. (d; intr.) to ~ beyond ("to exceed") (to ~ above and beyond the call of duty) 10. (d; intr.) to ~ by ("to travel") (to ~ by car) 11. (d; intr.) ("to pass") to ~ by (to ~ by smb.’s house) 12. (d; intr.) to ~ by ("to follow") (to ~ by the rules) 13. (d; intr.) ("to be known") to ~ by (he used ~ by another name) 14. (d; intr.) to ~ down ("to descend") (to ~ down a hill) 15. (d; intr.) ("to leave") to ~ for (to ~ for a drive; to ~ for a walk; to ~ for the doctor) 16. (d; intr.) ("to be spent") to ~ for (half our money ~es for food) (see also 27) 17. (d; intr.) ("to
be sold”) to ~ for (the painting went for a hundred dollars) 18. (d; intr.) to ~ for (“to attack”) (he went straight for me; to ~ for the jugular) 19. (d; intr.) (“to try”) to ~ for (she went for first prize) 20. (d; intr.) to ~ for (“to concern”) (what he said ~es for you too) 21. (colloq.) (d; intr.) to ~ for (“to like”) (I could ~ for her; we could really ~ for a drink!) 22. (d; intr.) (“to move”) to ~ from; to ~ from the sublime to the ridiculous) 23. (d; intr.) to ~ into (“to enter”) (to ~ into town; to ~ into the army; to ~ into detail; five ~es into ten twice = five ~es twice into ten) 24. (d; intr.) to ~ off (“to leave”) (to ~ off the house; to ~ off busi-
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cer) in ~ (who’s (playing) in ~ for Spurs?) 1. (D; tr.) to ~ with (“to agree to”) 2. (D; intr.) (“to proceed”) to ~ with (“to agree to”) (with ~ with one’s plans) 1. to set a ~ 2. to achieve, attain, reach, real-
alize a ~ 3. (sports) to allow, concede (esp. BE); deny (esp. BE); kick, make, score a ~ 4. (sports) to nullify a ~ 5. a clear; immediate; realistic; ultimate ~ 6. a long-range, long-term ~ (we have the immediate ~ of making things better and the ultimate ~ of changing society) 7. a short-range, short-term ~ 8. (sports) a disputed; field; winning ~ 9. (BE) (soccer) an own ~ (“a goal scored by a player against his own team”) 7. a male ~ is a buck or billy goat 8. (misc.) to get a male ~ 9. a female ~ is a doe or nanny goat 10. a young ~ is a kid 11. a female ~ is a doe or nany goat 12. a young ~ is a kid 13. a female ~ is a doe or nany goat 14. a young ~ is a kid 15. a female ~ is a doe or nany goat 16. a female ~ is a doe or nany goat 17. a male ~ is a buck or billy goat 18. (misc.) to get a male ~ 19. (misc.) to get a male ~ 20. (misc.) to get a male ~ 21. (misc.) to get a male ~ 22. (misc.) to get a male ~ 23. (misc.) to get a male ~ 24. (misc.) to get a male ~ 25. (misc.) to get a male ~ 26. (misc.) to get a male ~ 27. (esp. BE) to ~ for (“to concern”) (what he said ~es for you too) 21. (colloq.) (d; intr.) to ~ for (“to like”) (I could ~ for her; we could really ~ for a drink!) 22. (d; intr.) (“to move”) to ~ from; to ~ from the sublime to the ridiculous) 23. (d; intr.) to ~ into (“to enter”) (to ~ into town; to ~ into the army; to ~ into detail; five ~es into ten twice = five ~es twice into ten) 24. (d; intr.) to ~ off (“to leave”) (to ~ off the house; to ~ off busi-
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row but we had been ~ing to see them yesterday 50. (F) she told me to go (and) see who was at the door, so ~I went and saw/I went to see~ who was
went back to his home) 3. (d ; intr.) (“to date back”) to ~ to (this painting ~es back to the seventeenth century)

God n. 1. to bless; praise; pray to; worship ~ 2. to believe in ~ 3. (misc.) in praise of ~; thank ~; ! ~ forbid!; for ~’s sake! = (AE) for God sakes!; al-mighty ~!; almighty; good ~;! the god of war; to believe that ~ exists = to believe that there is a ~
go down v. 1. (d ; intr.) (“to become known”) to ~ to ~ for (to ~ v.) going-over n. going v. 1. to mine; pan, pan for; prospect for ~ 2. n. (old-fashioned) to bid, wish smb. ~ godspeed n. 1. a real ~ 2. a ~ to

godsend n. 1. a real ~ 2. a ~ to
goods n. 1. to order ~ 2. to send, ship ~ 3. to sell; stock ~ 4. capital; consumer; dry (esp. AE); soft (esp. BE); durable; manufactured; piece, yard (AE) ~ 5. damaged; shoddy; stolen ~ 6. (misc.) to have the ~ on (colloq.) (“to have evidence against”; smb.’s worldly ~; to deliver the ~ (“to keep one’s word”); ~s and services
goodwill n. 1. to display, show ~ 2. to promote ~ 3. international ~ 4. a gesture, sign, token of ~ 5. ~ to, towards
go off v. (D ; intr.) (“to leave”) to ~ with (she went off with my pen)
go on v. 1. (d ; intr.) (“to continue”) to ~ to ~ about (to ~ (and on endlessly) about one’s own problems) 2. (d ; intr.) (“to continue”) to ~ as (he went on as chairman) 3. (D ; intr.) (“to perform”) to ~ as (he went on as Hamlet) 4. (d ; intr.) to ~ at (“to nag”) (stop ~ing on at me all the time about my mis-
takes!) 5. (d ; intr.) (“to advance”) to ~ (she went on to fame and fortune) 6. (D ; intr.) (“to continue”) to ~ with (they went on with their work) 7. (E) (“to advance”) she went on to become rich and famous 8. (G) (“to continue”) he went right on typing
goose n. 1. geese cackle, honk; waddle 2. a flock of geese, a gaggle of geese (on the ground) (literary), a skein of geese (in flight) (literary) 3. a young ~ is a gosling 4. a male ~ is a gander

golf ball n. to drive; put a ~
goof n. to sound a ~
goorrhrea n. 1. to catch, contract, get; have ~ 2. a case of ~
good I adj. 1. any; no; very ~ (“is he any ~ at chess?”)

“I’m afraid he’s ~ at chess at all!”; it’s ~ (you/ your) protesting your innocence: no one believes you! 2. ~ at, in (she is ~ at/in mathematics) 3. ~ for (exercise is ~ for you; this ticket is ~ for a month) 4. ~ to (he is ~ to his parents) 5. ~ with (he is ~ with his hands) 6. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ for you) to protest your innocence: no one believes you!; it’s ~ to be home again; it was ~ of you to come) 7. ~ clause (it’s ~ that we’re home again; it was that you came) 8. (misc.) for ~ (“for ever”); she is ~ about baby-sitting (“she doesn’t mind baby-sitting”); they made ~ escape (“they succeeded in escaping”); so far so ~; as ~ as gold (“very good and esp. very obedient”) (the baby’s been as ~ as gold!); would you be ~ enough to help us? = would you be so ~ as to help us?; she said she’d help us and she was as ~ as her word (“…and she kept her word”)
good II n. [“something useful”] 1. to do ~ 2. the common; highest ~ [“positive qualities”] 3. to bring out the ~ in smb. [“favor”] 4. in ~ with smb. [“favorable result”] 5. to come to no ~ [“restitution”] 6. to make ~ (for) [“benefit, help”] 7. to do smb. ~ (a vacation will do you a/the world of ~ /a power of ~; it will do you ~ to take a vacation) [“misc”] 8. to be up to no ~ (“to be plotting mischief”); for smb.’s own ~ (I’m punishing you – but it’s for your own ~!); the greatest ~ for the greatest number
goodbye n. to say; wave ~ (to)
goose bumps, gooseflesh, goose pimples n. 1. to give (smb.) ~ 2. to get; have ~
go out v. 1. (D ; intr.) (“to leave”) to ~ for (to ~ for a team) 2. (esp. AE) (D ; intr.) (“to try out”) to ~ for (to ~ for a team) 3. (BE) (D ; intr.) to ~ to (“to emigrate”) (she went out to New Zealand) 4. (D ; intr.) (“to go steady”) to ~ with (Olga has been ~ing out with Joe) 5. (G) they went out drinking every night 6. (misc.) our hearts ~ to the bereaved (“we have deep sympathy for the bereaved”); to ~ into the world (“to become independent”)
go over v. 1. (d ; intr.) (“to pass”) to ~ from; to (let’s ~ from this side of the room to the other side of the room = let’s ~ from this side of the room over to the other side of the room; to ~ to the attack) 2. (d ; intr.) to ~ to (“to desert to”) (to ~ to the enemy) 3. (misc.) her speech went over well/badly (with the audience) (“her speech was a success/failure”)
gorge v. (D ; refl.) to ~ on, with (to ~ oneself on sweets)
gorilla n. a band, troop of ~s
gossip n. 1. to spread ~ 2. (BE) to have a ~ (with) 3. common; idle; juicy; malicious; vicious; silly ~ 4. a bit, piece, tidbit (AE), titbit (BE) of ~ 5. ~ about (have you heard the ~ about his intention to resign?) 6. ~ that + clause (have you heard the ~ that he intends to resign?)

gossip II v. (D; intr.) to ~ about; with

gospel, Gospel n.

gradation adj. 1. ~ to, towards (she is ~ to all) 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of him to make the offer)

graduation n. 1. (ling.) vowel ~ 2. a ~ in

graduate II n. 1. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ from (to ~ from Harvard / college / high school. AE has also to be graduated from Harvard)

graduates n. prescribe medication 3. ~s examine; see; treat (their) patients 4. ~s refer (their) patients to consultants/hospitals/specialists 5. (misc.) to see ("consult") a ~

grab v. 1. (C) ~ a few for me (from the table); or: ~ me a few (from the table) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ at (she ~bed at my arm) 3. (d; tr.) to ~ by (he ~bed me by the shoulder) 4. (d; intr.) to ~ for (she ~bed for his pistol)

grasps n. (colloq.) up for ~ ("readily available to anyone")

grace I n. ["short prayer"] 1. to say ~ ["sense"] ["deco- ncey"] 2. the ~ to + inf. (she had the good ~ to concede defeat) ["favor"] 3. divine ~ 4. to fall from ~ 5. by the ~ of God 6. in smb.'s good ~ 7. (rel.) a state of ~ ["willfulness"] 8. with a (bad); good ~ ["attractiveness or movement"] 9. effortless ~ (she moves with effortless ~) ["feature"] 10. a saving ~ (her saving ~ is her sense of humor)

grace II v. (d; tr.) to ~ with (she ~d us with her presence)

graspful adj. as ~ as a swan

gracious adj. 1. ~ to, towards (she is ~ to all) 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of him to make the offer)

grain n. 1. to grow ~ 2. to store ~

gowns n. an academic; dressing; evening (AE), ball; formal; hospital ~; nightgown (esp. AE); wedding ~ USAGE NOTES: (1) Both dressing gown and bathrobe are CE. But BE uses dressing gown for any such garment not made of toweling, whereas AE can use bathrobe for all but the most luxurious dressing gowns. (2) BE prefers evening dress and night dress to evening gown and nightgown.

GP n. 1. a family; local; NHS; private ~ (you should register with an NHS ~ if you move to a new area) 2. ~s prescribe medication 3. ~s examine; see; treat (their) patients 4. ~s refer (their) patients to consultants/hospitals/specialists 5. (misc.) to see ("consult") a ~

grasping adj. as ~ as a swan
grammar
1. comparative; descriptive; functional; generative; historical; normative; prescriptive; structuralist; systemic; transformational
2. a rule of ~ (to learn the ~s of English grammar)
3. (misc.)
   it’s bad ~ to say ain’t

grand adj. see great

grant I n. delusions of ~
1. to award, give; refuse a ~ to, for
2. a firm, thorough ~
3. an intuitive ~
   (I am ~ to you for your help)

grant II v. 1. (A) the government ~ed a pension to her; or: the government ~ed her a pension 2. (L; may have an object) I ~ (you) that this is true 3. (D; intr.) to ~ on (the noise ~s on my ears)
1. to award, give; refuse a ~
2. to apply for
3. delusions of ~

grape n. 1. to pick ~
2. to press ~
3. seedless; sweet

grapefruit n. 1. pink; seedless; white ~

granted
1. to take smb. for ~
2. ~ that + clause (I’m ~ that you can help)

gratification n. 1. to express ~
2. deep, profound ~
3. instant ~
4. smb.’s ~ at (we expressed our profound ~ at the acceptance of our proposal)
5. ~ that + clause (we expressed our profound ~ that our proposal had been accepted)

gratified adj. 1. ~ at, by, over, with (~ at the outcome)
2. ~ to + inf. (we were very ~ to learn that our proposal had been accepted)
3. ~ that + clause (we were very ~ that our proposal had been accepted)

gratifying adj. 1. ~ to + inf. (it was profoundly / very ~ (for us) to learn that our proposal had been accepted)
2. ~ that + clause (it was ~ profoundly / very (for us) that our proposal had been accepted)

gratitude n. 1. to express; feel; show ~
2. profound, sincere, undying; eternal, everlasting ~
   3. ~ at; for (we expressed our profound ~ at / for the acceptance of our proposal)
4. ~ to (we expressed our profound ~ to him for the acceptance of our proposal)
5. ~ that + clause (we expressed (to him)
   our profound ~ that our proposal had been accepted)
6. in, with ~ to (we are making this contribution in ~ to all of you)

grave n. 1. to dig a ~
2. to desecrate a ~
3. a common, mass; pauper’s; unmarked; watery ~

gravy n. 1. to make; pass; pour; serve ~
2. thick; thickening ~

graph n. 1. to draw a ~
2. a bar ~
3. in, on a ~ (to draw a ~ showing useful information on it)

graphics n. computer; media ~

grapple v. (d; intr.) ~ to for (they ~d for the key)
2. (d; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with a problem; they ~d with each other for the key)

grasp I n. ‘comprehension’ 1. to have a good ~ (of a subject)
2. a firm; thorough ~
3. an intuitive ~
4. slip from smb.’s ~
5. beyond smb.’s ~

grasp II v. 1. (d; intr.) ~ to at, for
2. (D; tr.) ~ to by (to ~ smb. by the arm)
3. (L) they finally ~ed that it was true ~ 4. (Q) they could never quite ~ how to do it

grasping
1. ~ to + inf.
2. ~ that + clause (we were very ~ that our proposal had been accepted)
3. ~ that + clause (I’m ~ that you can help)

grey
1. (AE) see gray

greed
1. to have a good ~ (of)
2. to achieve ~
3. ~ for; to (I am ~ to you for your help)

greed n. 1. to demonstrate, display ~
2. insatiable ~
3. ~ for 4. consumed with ~

grain n. 1. to cut, mow; water the ~
2. high, short ~
3. a blade; clump, tuft of ~
4. across; through; in; on the ~ (to run across / through the ~)
5. beyond smb.’s ~
6. within smb.’s ~

gravity
1. the government ~ed a pension to
2. (L; or : the government ~ed her a pension

grave adj. 1. ~ to + inf.
2. ~ that + clause (we were very ~ that our proposal had been accepted)
3. ~ that + clause (we were very ~ that our proposal had been accepted)

graveside
n. at a ~ (to pray at a ~) (see also graveside service at service)

gravitation n. 1. to express ~
2. deep, profound, sincere, undying; eternal, everlasting ~
3. ~ at; for (we expressed our profound ~ at / for the acceptance of our proposal)
4. ~ to (we expressed our profound ~ to him for the acceptance of our proposal)
5. ~ that + clause (we expressed (to him)
   our profound ~ that our proposal had been accepted)
6. in, with ~ to (we are making this contribution in ~ to all of you)

grazes
v. (d; intr.) ~ to ~ (against (he ~d against the table)

grease n. 1. to cut, dissolve ~
2. axle ~
3. a smear; spot of ~ (see also elbow grease)

great adj. (colloq.) 1. ~ at (she’s ~ at improvising)
2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of you to help; it was ~ to see everyone again = it was ~ seeing everyone again)
3. ~ that + clause (it was ~ to see everyone again) 4. (misc.) huge ~ (BE) (I saw a huge ~ bear in the woods!)
4. (misc.) huge ~ (BE) (I saw a huge ~ bear in the woods!)
5. (misc.) huge ~ (BE) (I saw a huge ~ bear in the woods!)
6. (misc.) huge ~ (BE) (I saw a huge ~ bear in the woods!)

great Guns n. (colloq.) to go ~ (to have great energy)

greatness n. to achieve ~

great one n. (colloq.) ‘enthusiast’ ~ for (he’s a ~

grateful adj. 1. deeply, profoundly; everlastingly; very ~
2. ~ for; to (I am ~ to you for your help)

(auspicium) ~ (to the police)) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ to (the criminal ~ed on his accomplices to the police)

2. ~ that + clause (we were very ~ that our proposal had been accepted)
3. ~ that + clause (we were very ~ that our proposal had been accepted)

grammatical; descriptive; functional; generative; historical; normative; prescriptive; structuralist; systemic; transformational ~
2. a rule of ~ (to learn the ~s of English grammar)
3. (misc.)
greedy adj. 1. ~ for 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of them to eat up all the candy)

Greek n. (colloq.) it was (all) ~ to me (“it was in-comprehensible to me”)

green I adj. 1. (of a traffic light) to go, turn ~ 2. (cannot stand alone) to be; go, turn ~ with (envy) 3. as ~ as grass

green II n. [“color”] 1. (a) bright; dark; light; pale ~ 2. to dress in, wear ~ 3. to go, turn ~ 4. a shade of ~ [“something green”] 5. a patch of ~ 6. in ~ (dressed in ~) [“green light”] 7. on ~ (turn on ~ only)

green light n. [“permission to continue”] 1. to give smb. the ~ 2. to get the ~ 3. the ~ to + inf. (we got the ~ to proceed with the investigation)

grateful v. 1. to ~ warmly 2. (D; tr.) to ~ with (they were ~ed with cheers; the news was ~ed with alarm) 3. (misc.) to ~ with open arms (“to welcome warmly”)

greeting n. 1. to extend a ~ 2. to respond to a ~ 3. a cordial, friendly, sincere, warm; enthusiastic ~ 4. an official ~

greetings n. 1. to exchange ~ 2. to extend, send ~ 3. to receive ~ 4. to return ~ 5. cordial, friendly, sincere, warm, warmest; enthusiastic ~ 6. official ~ 7. holiday, season’s ~ (see also regards)

grenade n. 1. to launch; lob, throw a ~ 2. a hand; percussion; rifle ~ 3. (misc.) to pull the pin on a ~

grey n. 1. to go, turn ~ (“he’s/his hair is’ starting to go a bit ~ at the temples”) 2. dark; light; pale ~

gridlock n. (esp. AE) 1. to cause ~ 2. (misc.) ~ paralyzed the western end of the city

gridlocked adj. (AE) hopelessly ~ (traffic was hopelessly ~)

grief n. 1. to cause ~ 2. to express; feel, suffer ~ (at, for, over) 3. to come to ~ 4. to ease smb.’s ~ 5. (slang) (BE) to give smb. ~ (“to criticize or make trouble for smb.”) (don’t give me any more ~ about it!) 6. bitter, deep, inconsolable, overwhelming, profound ~ 7. ~ at, over 8. of ~ (to die of ~) 9. “exclamation expressing mild dismay”

grievance n. 1. to air, vent a ~ 2. to file, submit a ~ (formal/official) ~ 3. to hear a ~ (the committee heard the ~) 4. to harbor, nurse a ~ 5. to redress; settle a ~ 6. a genuine, justified, legitimate, valid; unjustified ~ 7. a ~ against

grieve v. 1. to ~ deeply 2. (D; intr.) to ~ at, for, over 3. (R) it ~d me (to learn) that she had been severely injured

grill I n. 1. a charcoal ~ 2. (a) mixed ~

grill II v. (“to broil”) (C) ~ a hamburger for me; or: ~ me a hamburger

grill III v. (“to question”) 1. to ~ mercilessly, relentlessly 2. (D; tr.) to ~ about (he was ~d about his role in the swindle)

grimace I n. to give, make a ~ (he gave a ~ of disgust at the thought of eating it)

grimace II v. (D; intr.) to ~ in, with (to ~ with pain) (he ~d in with disgust at the thought of eating it)

grin I n. 1. to break into, give, flash a ~ 2. a broad; contagious, infectious; foolish, silly; sardonic; sheepish ~ 3. (misc.) wipe that silly ~ off your face!

grin II v. 1. to ~ broadly 2. (D; intr.) to ~ at 3. (D; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with pleasure) 4. to ~ from ear to ear

grind I n. [“boring activity”] the daily ~

grind II v. 1. (C) ~ a pound of coffee for me; or: ~ me a pound of coffee 2. (D; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ wheat into flour) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ from, out of (to ~ flour from wheat) 4. (N: used with an adjective) I ground the coffee very fine 5. (misc.) to ~ to a halt; she ground her heel into the dirt

grind away v. (colloq.) (D; intr.) (“to work hard”) (esp. AE) to ~ at (to ~ at one’s studies)

grinder n. 1. a coffee ~ 2. (AE) a meat ~ (to pass meat through a meat ~) (BE has mincing machine, mincer)

grin II n. [“grasp”][“hold”] 1. to get a ~ on; to strengthen one’s ~ on 2. to lose one’s ~ 3. to loosen, relax, release; tighten one’s ~ (he had a firm grip that he refused to loosen) 4. a firm, iron, strong, tight, vise-like; loose; weak ~ [“control”] 5. to get a ~ on oneself 6. to lose one’s ~ 7. in the ~ of (in the ~ of a general strike; do you remember when young people were in the ~ of Beatlemania?) [“device that grips”] 8. a hair ~ (BE: AE has hobby pin) [“stage-hand”] 9. a first, key ~ (see also grips)

gripe I n. (colloq.) [“complaint”] 1. a legitimate ~ (she has a legitimate ~) 2. a ~ about (she has a ~ about not being treated fairly) 3. a ~ that + clause (her ~ is that she is not treated fairly)

gripe II v. (colloq.) 1. (D; intr.) (“to complain”) to ~ about, at (she kept ~ping to everyone about not being treated fairly) 2. (L; to) (she kept ~ping to everyone that she was not being treated fairly)

grips n. to come to, get to (esp. BE) ~ with smt. (“to confront, deal with”)

grist n. ~ for (AE), to (BE) smb.’s mill (“smt. used to good advantage”)

grit n. [“courage, perseverance”] (colloq.) 1. to display, confront, deal with)

groan I n. 1. to emit, give, heave, let out, utter a ~ 2. a loud; muffled ~

groan II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ about, over (to ~ over new taxes) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ in, with (to ~ with frustration) 3. (d; tr.) to ~ under (the table ~d under the weight of the food) 4. (L) he ~d (to us) that he had been shot ~ “I’ve been shot!” he ~d (to us) 5. (misc.) to ~ under the weight of oppression; to grunt and ~; to moan and ~

groom v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ as (she was ~d as our next candidate) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ for (to ~ smb. for the presidency) 3. (H) they were ~ing her to assume the presidency

grooming n. good; immaculate ~

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groove n.  1. (stuck) in a ~ 2. to fit into a ~ 3. to slide along in a ~ 4. a ~ in (to cut a ~ into a piece of wood)
grope v.  1. to ~ blindly 2. (D; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for one’s keys) 3. (P; intr.) to ~ around (in the dark); they ~d their way along the corridor
grotesque adj. ~ to + inf. (it was of/for him to come dressed like that)
ground n. [“contested area”] 1. to gain ~ on 2. to hold, stand one’s ~ 3. to give ~ to, lose yield ~ [“soil”] [“terrain”] 5. firm, hard, solid; frozen; high; soft; swampy ~ (a patch/piece of solid ~) 6. hallowed, holy ~ 7. on the ~ [“interest”] 8. common ~ (to find common ~ with smb.) [“area used for a specific purpose”] 9. a burial; camping; dumping ~; fairground; hunting; parade; picnic ~; playground; recreation (BE) ~ (what did you do at the fairground?) (see also breeding ground; dumping ground; proving ground) [“area of knowledge”] 10. to cover, go over ~ (we covered the same ~ yesterday) [“misc.”] 11. to break ~ (to “begin building”); to break new ~ (to “explore smt. new”); from the ~ up (from the very beginning); on delicate ~ (“in a situation that demands great tact”); to get off the ~ (to “get started”); on dangerous ~ (exposed to danger); on safe ~ (“in safety”); on shaky ~ (“without a firm basis”); smb.’s favorite stamping ~ (“smb.’s favorite spot”); (to occupy) the center, middle ~ in politics; (to occupy) the moral high ~ [“basis, foundation”] 12. on ~ (on what ~ do you base your charge?) (see also grounds; middle ground)
grounded adj. (usu. does not stand alone) ~ in (she is well ~ in grammar)
ground floor n. to be in on/get in on the ~ (“to be part of an undertaking from the beginning”)
ground rules n. to establish, lay down the ~
ground zero n. at ~ (a camp was set up at ~)
grounding n. [“training”] 1. to get, receive a (good) ~ (in) 2. a ~ in (she got a good ~ in grammar)
grounds n. [“basis, foundation”] 1. to give smb. ~ 2. ample; solid ~ 3. moral ~ 4. ~ for (~ for denying bail) 5. ~ to + inf. (we had sufficient ~ to sue; there were no ~ to deny bail) 6. on ~ (on what ~ do you base your charge?) [“sediment”] 7. coffee ~ (sm.’s favorite spot”); (to occupy) the center, middle ~ in politics; (to occupy) the moral high ~ [“basis, foundation”] 12. on ~ (on what ~ do you base your charge?) (see also grounds; middle ground)
grumble v. (colloq.) ~ about (to complain) ~ about, at (she kept ~sing to everyone about not being treated fairly) 2. (L; to) (she kept ~sing to everyone that she was not being treated fairly)
grove n. a lemon; olive; orange ~ (compare orchard)
grow v.  1. (D; intr.) to ~ to (she will not ~ to anyone) 2. (misc.) to ~ at smb.’s feet; to ~ in the dirt
growl v.  1. (D; intr.) to ~ by (the city grew (by) ten percent) 2. (d; intr.) (“to develop”) to ~ from (oaks ~ from acorns) 3. (d; intr.) (“to develop”) to ~ into (acorns ~ into oaks) 4. (colloq.) (d; intr.) to ~ on (“to become likable”) (the strange new sculpture just ~s on you) 5. (d; intr.) to ~ out of (“to become too large for, outgrow”) (the children grew out of their clothes) 6. (d; intr.) (“to develop”) to ~ out of (of the city grew out of a small village) 7. (d; intr.) (“to develop”) to ~ to (to ~ to adulthood; to ~ one’s full height) 8. (E) (“to begin”) we grew to love them 9. (s) (“to become”) to ~ longer; old; taller (in the autumn/fall the days ~ longer) USAGE NOTE: The verb grow “to become” often suggests a gradual process rather than a sudden change. Compare it grew cold (gradually) and it turned cold (suddenly).
growl v.  1. (B) he ~d a few words to us 2. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ at (the dog ~ed at the jogger; he ~ed a few words at us) 3. (L; to) he ~ed (at/to us) that he would be late = “I’m going to be late!” he ~ed (at/to us) 4. (misc.) he ~ed at/for/to us to wait for him
growth n.  1. to foster, promote, stimulate ~ 2. to arrest, inhibit, retard, stifle, stunt ~ 3. rapid; untrammeled; zero ~ 4. economic; population ~ (zero population ~) 5. (med.) a benign, non-cancerous, non-malignant; cancerous, malignant; inoperable ~ (to remove a malignant ~) 6. (biology) cell ~ 7. ~ in 8. (misc.) a scraggily ~ (of beard)
grub I n. (colloq.) pub ~ (BE) (“pub food”)
grub v. (d; intr.) (“to rummage”) to ~ for (to ~ in the garbage for food)
grudge I n.  1. to bear, harbor, hold, nurse a ~ 2. a bitter; deep-seated ~ 3. a ~ against
grudge v. (O) he ~s us our success
grumble I n.  1. to have a ~ 2. a ~ about, at, over; to (have a ~ to us about the new taxes)
grumble II v.  1. to ~ constantly 2. (D; intr.) to ~ about, at, over; to (to ~ at the new taxes) 3. (L; to) they ~d (to us) that the new taxes were too high
grubbler n. a chronic, constant ~
grumbling n. chronic, constant ~
grumpy adj. (colloq.) ~ about
grunt II n.  1. to give, let out, utter a ~ (of) 2. with a ~ (he lifted the box with a loud ~ of effort)
grunt II v.  1. (B) she ~d a few words to them 2. (L; to) he ~ed (to her) that he would get up later 3. (misc.) to ~ and groan
guarantee I n. ["assurance of quality"] ["warranty"] 1. to give, offer, provide a to 2. a cast-iron; lifetime, money-back; written 3. a expires, runs out; lasts 4. a against; on (a against mechanical defects; a two-year on a new car) 5. under (the new car is still under the assurance, pledge) 6. to give a 7. a cast-iron, firm we gave a firm of our willingness to abide by the rules 8. a that clause (we have a firm that the work will be finished on time)

guarantee II v. 1. to fully 2. (A; usu. without to) we cannot you regular hours 3. (D; tr.) to against (to a new car against mechanical defects) 4. (D; tr.) to for (to a new car for one year) 5. (H) it's to last five years 6. (L) we can to (to you) that the work will be finished on time 7. (formal) the owner to the coins to be genuine 8. (misc.) satisfaction to your money back!

guard I n. ["group of sentries"] ["sentry"] 1. to call out the 2. to mount, post the 3. to change, relieve the 4. an advance; armed; color; honor 5. of honor; palace; police; rear; security they slipped past the palace 5. under ["guard duty") 6. to stand over 7. on (to go on ) ["militia"] 8. a home ["police officer"] ["auxiliary police officer"] 9. a crossing [AE; ] a school-crossing [BE] 10. a prison [AE; BE has warder, wardress] (see also National Guard and the Usage Note for prison war) (AE) ; a school-crossing war (BE) 11. off ; on (to be caught off) 12. to put smb. on their to 13. to keep one's up 14. to let one's down ["protective article of clothing"] 15. a knee; nose; shin

guard II v. 1. to closely (the player was closely by her opponent) 2. (d; intr.) to against (to against catching cold) 3. (D; tr.) to against (to an embassy against intruders) 4. (D; tr.) to from (to from harm)

guerrilla n. 1. to appoint smb. 2. (often fig.) a self-appointed 3. a legal

guerrillan. 1. an armed; urban 2. (misc.) a band a band of

guess I n. 1. to have (esp. BE), hazard, make, take (AE), venture 2. an educated, informed, shrewd; inspired; lucky; random; rough 3. a that clause (is only a that she will be appointed) a. (at a a. I'd say she'll be appointed)

guess II v. 1. to shrewdly; wildly 2. (D; intr.) to at (to at smb.'s age from their appearance) 3. (L) I "could never have that she would be late" "but knowing her, you might have that she'd be late!" 4. (Q) where the money is 5. (misc.) to keep smb. sensing; (AE) I she's late; I not; I so

guesswork n. (I got the answer) by pure

guest n. 1. to greet, welcome; introduce a 2. to have a (for dinner) 3. a dinner; wedding; weekend 4. an invited; welcome 5. an unexpected; uninvited; unwelcome 6. a paying; regular (at a hotel) 7. (misc.) "can I have some more cake?" "be my!" (see also guest of honor at honor)
guff n. (colloq.) ["back talk"] to take (I will not take any of your !)
guffaw n. 1. to emit, give, let out a 2. a loud

guidance n. 1. to offer to; to provide for 2. to seek (about) 3. friendly; parental; spiritual; vocational 4. under smb.'s

guide I n. ["guidebook"] 1. a handy; pocket 2. a to (this handbook is a good to London) ["person who guides"] 3. a tour

guide II v. (P; tr.) to smb. around a city; she ed us out of the congested area

guidelines n. 1. to draw up, establish for 2. to adhere to, follow 3. to ignore; violate 4. clear; flexible; rigid 5. a set of (a set of clear s from the EU about standards of hygiene)
guilt n. 1. to establish, prove smb.'s 2. to bear (the) for 3. to admit; expiate one's 4. collective 5. a pang, twinge of (I felt a twinge of about/for what I'd done) 6. (misc.) by association; the burden of

guiltless adj. of

guilt trip n. (slang) to lay a on smb.
guilty adj. 1. to find; pronounce of (the jury found him of murder) 2. to feel about smt.

"be my " (see also
guinea pig n. to serve as a ; to be used as a

guise n. in, under the of (under the of friendship)
guitar n. 1. to play a/the ; to play (esp. AE) 2. to pluck, strum a 3. an acoustic; electric, steel; Hawaiian

gulf n. 1. a wide, yawning 2. a between (a wide between generations)
gull n. (old-fashioned) ["to trick"] 1. (D; tr.) to into 2. (D; tr.) to out of

gulp n. 1. to a at, in a (she swallowed the whole spoonful at one) 3. (misc.) she gave a of surprise when she heard the news = she heard the news with a of surprise

gum n. 1. to chew 2. bubble (see also chewing gum) 3. a stick, wad of

gumption n. (colloq.) ["courage"] 1. to show 2. the to + inf. (will she have enough to refuse?)
gun I n. 1. to aim; fire; point a at 2. to load; unload a 3. to hold a at smb.'s head 4. to carry, pack (AE, colloq.) a 9. to silence an enemy 10. to spike ["make unusable"] a 11. an aircraft; antitank; BB; burp (colloq.), submachine, Tommy (colloq.); field; heavy; ray; riot ; shotguns; starter's; stun; toy; zip (AE) (see also machine gun) 12. a grease; spray 13. a fires, goes off; jams; misfires 14. (misc.) to jump the ("to start too early") to stick to one's ["to defend one's position staunchly"] a smoking ["dramatic

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proof” (see also great guns; at gunpoint at point

**gun** II v. (d.; intr.) to ~ for (”to search for with a

gun”) (also fig.) (the media are ~ning for the Prime

Minister)

**gunfire** n. 1. concentrated, fierce, heavy, murderous

~ 2. a burst of ~ 3. under ~ (we came under heavy

enemy ~ as we tried to advance)

**gung ho** adj. (slang) [”enthusiastic”] ~ about

**gunpoint** n. to hold smb. at ~

**gunpowder** n. 1. smokeless ~ 2. a grain of ~

**gurgle** v. (B) the baby ~d a few sounds to us

**gush** v. 1. (d.; intr.) to ~ from (a column of oil ~ed

from the ground) 2. (d.; intr.) to ~ over (they were

~ing over their new grandchild)

**gusher** n. [”oil well from which oil gushes”] to hit a ~

**gush forth** v. (D.; intr.) to ~ from (a column of oil

~ed forth from the ground)

**gust** n. 1. fitful; strong ~s (the wind was blowing in

fitful ~s) 2. a ~ of wind

**gusto** n. with ~ (with great ~)

gutless adj. (colloq.) ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of him
to lie)

guts n. (colloq.) 1. the ~ to + inf. (he doesn’t have
the ~ to do it) 2. (misc.) to hate smb.’s ~ (”to hate
smb. very much”)

gutter n. (fig.) 1. to get down into the ~ 2. to drag

smb. down into the ~

guy n. (colloq.) 1. a great, nice, regular (AE); an
ordinary ~ 2. a bad; good ~ USAGE NOTE: In AE
you guys (colloq.) can now be used in speaking not
only to a group of men, but also to a group of men
and women, and even to a group of women only
(it’s time for you guys to get ready); guys (colloq.)
can be used vocatively to the same groups (it’s
time to get ready, guys!)

gymnastics n. 1. to do ~ 2. at; for; in ~ (she’s very

good at ~ and has won several prizes for/in it)

gyp v. (slang) (D.; tr.) to ~ out of (he ~ped me out
of my share)

gyrate v. 1. ~ wildly 2. (D.; intr.) to ~ to (the young

people were ~ting wildly to the music)
habeas corpus n. (to obtain; seek) a writ of ~
habit n. ["custom"; "usual manner"] 1. to acquire, develop, form, pick up; have a ~ to make a ~ of smt. (she makes a ~ of getting up early) 3. to fall into, get into a ~ (she got into the ~ of getting up late) 4. to break, shake a ~ to get out of a ~; (slang) to kick the ~ (she broke the ~ of a lifetime when she started getting up early) 5. to break smb. of a ~ 6. an annoying; bad; deplorable; strange ~ 7. an entrenched, fixed, ingrained; incurable ~ 8. a filthy; nasty; repulsive ~ 9. a good ~ 10. irregular; regular ~ 11. a ~ of (he has a bad ~ of interrupting people) 12. by force of ~ 13. in the ~ of (she is in the ~ of getting up early) 14. out of ~ (I did it out of ~) (see also a creature of habit at 2: habits) 15. a monk’s; nun’s; riding ~
habitat n. 1. to provide a ~ for 2. a natural ~ (these marshes provide a ~ for many creatures whose natural ~ is threatened elsewhere)
habits n. ["customs"] drinking; eating; sleeping; work ~
habituated adj. ~ to (they became ~ to drugs early in life)
hack I n. ["hireling"] a party ~
hack II v. 1. ("to chop") (d; intr.) to ~ at (to ~ at the dense undergrowth) 2. (computers) (d; intr.) ("to penetrate") to ~ into (to ~ into secret files) 3. (misc.) they ~ed their way through the forest; to ~ (a body) to pieces
hack away v. (D; intr.) ("to chop away, reduce") to ~ to ~ (to ~ at the dense undergrowth; to ~ at the work force)
hacking n. computer ~
hackles n. ["anger"] to raise smb.’s ~
hemorrhage (BE) see hemorrhage
haggie v. (D; intr.) to ~ about, over; with
hail I n. 1. to have ~ (we had ~ yesterday) 2. ~ falls; melts 3. in the ~ (to get caught in the ~) 4. through the ~ (to run through the ~)
hail II v. 1. (C) ("to summon") ~ a taxi for me; or: ~ me a taxi 2. (esp. AE) (d; intr.) to ~ from ("to be from") (where do you ~ from?) 3. (D; tr.) ("to proclaim") to ~ as (she was ~ as a heroine) 4. (rare) (N; used with a noun) ("to name") to ~ smb. emperor
hailstones n. ~ fall
hair n. 1. to brush; comb; curl ~ 2. to backcomb (BE), tease (AE); braid, plait; do; set; style ~ 3. to cut; trim ~ 4. to blowdry, dry; shampoo, wash ~ 5. to color, dye, tint ~ 6. to part one’s ~ (he parts his ~ in the middle, and I part mine on the side) 7. to stroke smb.’s ~ 8. to lose, shed one’s ~ (people lose their ~; animals shed their ~) 9. braided, plaited; curly; dry; kinky; normal; oily; straight; wavy ~ 10. bobbed, short; long; thick; thinning ~ 11. unmanageable, unruly ~ 12. dark; light ~ 13. black; blond; brown; dark; grey; light; red; silver (literary); white ~ 14. body; facial; pubic ~ 15. ~ falls out; grows 16. a single ~ 17. a curl, lock; strand; wisp of ~ 18. a head; shock of ~ (he has a thick head of ~) 19. (misc.) how does she wear her ~? to tear one’s ~ out ("to become extremely agitated"); to split ~ (~ to nitpick"); to get in smb.’s ~ ("to annoy smb."); to let one’s ~ down ("to lose one’s inhibitions"); by a ~ ("by a small margin")
haircut n. 1. to get; have a ~ to give smb. a ~ 3. a short ~
hairline n. a receding ~
hair’s breadth n. 1. (to miss) by a ~ 2. (to come) within a ~ (of)
half adj. adv. 1. ~ between; through 2. (misc.) to have all the ~ of
hall n. 1. a city, town, village; concert; dance; entrance; lecture; mess; music; pool; study ~ 2. (esp. BE) a ~ of residence 3. (BE) in ~ (at a university) (to dine; live in ~)
hallmarks n. ["characteristics"] to have all the ~ of
hallucination n. 1. to have ~ 2. a drug-induced ~
halo n. a ~ (around the sun, moon) 1. to call a ~ (to smt.) 2. to bring smt. to a ~ 3. to come; grind, screech to a ~ 4. an abrupt; complete; grinding, screeching ~
halter n. to put a ~ on an animal
ham n. 1. baked; cured; honey-roast (BE), sugar-cured (AE); smoked ~ 2. a piece; slice of ~ 3. (misc.) ~ on the bone
hamburger n. to grill a ~
hammer I n. 1. to swing a ~ (sports) to throw the ~ 2. a drop ~ 4. to come under (the auctioneer’s) ~ ("to be sold at auction") 5. with a ~ to hit a nail with a ~
hammer II v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ at (the enemy ~ed at our positions) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ a nail into a wall; to ~ an idea into smb.’s head) 3. (N) to ~ smt. shut
hammer and tongs adv. to go at smb.; smt.; it ~ ("to go at with great energy")
hammer away v. (d; intr.) to ~ at (to ~ at a compro-
mise; the enemy ~ed away at our positions)

hamper v. (D; tr.) to ~ in

hand I n. ['part of the arm below the wrist'] 1. to shake
smb.’s ~; to shake ~s (with smb.) 2. to clasp, grab,
grap; press; pump; seize, take smb.’s ~ 3. to hold;
join ~s 4. to lay one’s ~s on 5. to cup; fold
one’s ~s 6. to clap one’s ~s 7. to wring one’s ~s 8.
to lower; raise one’s ~ 9. bare; delicate; dishpan
(esp. AE); gentle ~s (he grasped the hot metal with
his bare ~s); a free ~ (he waved to me with his free
~; if you wear a rucksack you can keep your ~s
free) 10. a pair of ~s 11. by ~ (to do smt. by ~);
in smb.’s ~ (to hold smt. in one’s ~); on smb.’s ~ (he
has a tattoo on his left ~) 12. by the ~ (to lead smb.
by the ~); to grab, grasp, seize, take smb. by the ~) 13.
~s off; ~s up ['help']['active participation'] 14.
to give, lend smb. a ~ 15. to lift a ~ (he would not
lift a ~ to help) 16. to have a ~ in 17. a guiding ~
(see also helping hand) 18. a ~ at, in, with (give
me a ~ with the dishes) ['worker'] 19. a factory,
mill (BE); hired; ranch ~ ['smb. experienced'] 20.
an old ~ (at smt.) ['pointer on a clock'] 21. an hour;
minute; second, sweep-second ~ ['ability'] 22. to
try one’s ~ at smt. ['control'] 23. to get out of ~ 24.
to take smb. in ~ 25. a firm; iron ~ (see also upper
hand) ['pledge of betrothal'] (formal) 26. to ask for
smb.’s ~ ['cards held by a player'] (also fig.) 27.
to show, tip one’s ~s 28. to have, hold a ~ 29. a
good, strong; losing; weak; winning ~ (she held a strong
~) ['possession'] ['ownership'] 30. to fall into smb.’s
~ 31. to change ~s 32. enemy; private; safe ~s
(the documents fell into enemy ~s; the files were
in safe ~s) ['source'] 33. at first ~ ("directly") 34.
at second ~ ("indirectly") ['viewport'] 35. on one
(au), on the one ~ ("from one viewpoint"); the
other ~ ("from the other viewpoint") ['closeness']
36. at, on ~ near at ~) ['appliance'] 37. to give smb.
a ~ 38. to get, receive a ~ 39. a big ~ (they got a
big ~ after their performance) ['misc'] 40. do you
have a free ~? ("are you free to help?") ("can you
function without restrictions?"); she is good with
her ~s ("she has great manual dexterity"); a show
of ~s ("a vote taken by raising hands"); to lay a
~ ("to harm smb.") (I never laid a ~ on her,
officer!); from ~ to mouth ("barely existing"); to
have one’s ~s full ("to be very busy"); to eat out
of smb.’s ~ ("to be subservient to smb."); to force
smb.’s ~ ("to compel smb. to act."); to wash one’s ~s of
smt. ("to shed all responsibility for smt."); with a heavy
~ ("crudely"); to suffer at smb.’s ~s; with clean
~s ("innocent"); to go ~ in ~ ("to go together");
to dismiss/reject out of ~ ("to dismiss/reject un-
reservedly"); to win ~s down ("to win easily"); all
~s on deck! ("all sailors on deck"); to have time on
one’s ~s ("to have free time"); to have worthless
property on one’s ~s ("to be burdened by worthless
property"); ~ in glove with ("conspiring with"); a
dab ~ at doing smt. (BE) ['colloq.']; a safe pair of ~s
("smb. reliable") (see also free hand; old hand;
second hand; whip hand)

hand II v. 1. (A) ~ the salt to me; or: ~ me the salt
2. (misc.) you have to ~ it to her! ("you must give
her credit!")

hand back v. (usu. B; occ. A) she ~ed the docu-
ments back to me = she ~ed back the documents
to me = she ~ed me back the documents

handball n. 1. to play ~ team ~

handbook n. a ~ for (a ~ for beginners)

handcuff v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ to (the prisoner was
~ed to the bars; the prisoner was ~ed to another
prisoner = the prisoners were ~ed to each other) 2.
(misc.) the prisoners were ~ed together

handcuffs n. 1. to put (the) ~ on smb. 2. to remove
~ 3. a pair of ~ 4. in ~ (the prisoner was led away
in ~)

hand down v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ from; to (~ to a tradi-
tion to the next generation = to ~ a tradition
to the next generation; to ~ old clothes from one
child to the next = to ~ clothes down from one
child to the next) 2. (misc.) she ~ed it down to me
from the shelf

handicap n. ['assigned advantage or disadvantage, as
in golf'] 1. to assign, give; have a ~ ['hindrance']
2. to overcome a ~ 3. a mental, physical ~ 4. a ~
to (lack of experience can prove a serious ~ to the
beginner) 5. under a ~

hand in v. (B) to ~ homework to the teacher = to ~
work into the teacher

hand I n. ['part grasped by the hand'] 1. to turn a
~ 2. (BE) a starting ~ 3. (to pick up smt.) by the ~
['misc.'] (colloq.) 4. to fly off the ~ ("to lose one’s
temper"); to get a ~ on smt. ("to comprehend
smt.")

handle II v. to ~ carefully; to ~ with care

handler n. a baggage; food ~

handling n. 1. delicate; gentle; sensitive; tactful ~
(the matter requires delicate ~) 2. careless, inept;
rough ~ 3. special ~ (by the post office)

hand on v. (D; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ a tradition to the
next generation = to ~ a tradition on to the next
generation)

hand organ n. to grind, play a ~

handout n. (colloq.) ['alm's'] ['leaflet'] 1. to give smb.
a ~ 2. to ask for a ~

hand out v. (B) to ~ food to the needy = to ~ food
out to the needy

hand over v. (B) to ~ a criminal to the police = to ~
a criminal over to the police

handpicked adj. 1. ~ for (she was ~ for the job) 2. ~
to + inf. (she was ~ to do the job)

handrail n. 1. to grasp a ~ 2. to hold on to a ~

handshake n. 1. to give smb. a ~ 2. a cordial,
hearty; warm; firm; limp ~ 3. (misc.) a golden ~
("a gift presented to smb. who is retiring or leaving
a firm")

handspring n. to do, execute, perform, turn a ~

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handstand n. to do, execute, perform a ~
handwriting n. 1. to decipher smb.'s ~ 2. clear, legible; illegible ~ 3. in smb.'s ~ (the letter was in her own clear ~) 4. (misc.) (AE) to see the ~ on the wall (for CE, see writing n. 5) (“to foresee impending doom”) (we saw the ~ on the wall for the international monetary system = the ~ was on the wall for the international monetary system)

handy adj. 1. to have, keep smt. ~ 2. ~ at; with (she's ~ at using tools = she's ~ with tools) 3. ~ for (this tool is ~ for (doing) various jobs; this house is ~ for the local pharmacy) 4. ~ to + inf. (it's ~ to have a pharmacy so close = it's ~ having a pharmacy so close) 5. (misc.) to come in ~ (this tool may come in ~ for (doing) various jobs)

hang I n. (colloq.) ['knack'] to get the ~ of smt.

hang II v. 1. (“to be suspended”) to ~ limp; loose, loosely 2. (colloq.) (d; intr.) to ~ around (“to frequent”) (to ~ around a bar) 3. (d; intr.) (“to be suspended”) to ~ by (to ~ by a thread; to ~ by a rope (from a spike)) (see also 16) 4. (d; tr.) (“to execute by hanging”) to ~ for (he was ~d for murder) 5. (d; intr. ; tr.) (“to be suspended; to suspend”) to ~ from (flags hung from the windows; to ~ a flag from a window; to ~ (by a rope) from a spike) 6. (d; intr.) (“to cling”) to ~ on (to ~ on to smb.'s arm) 7. (d; intr.) to ~ on, upon (“to listen closely to”) (to ~ on smb.'s every word) 8. (d; intr.) to ~ on (“to depend on”) (the outcome ~s on the results of the election) 9. (d; intr.) to ~ on (“to be oppressive”) (time ~s (heavy) on their hands) 10. (d; intr. ; tr.) (“to be suspended”; “to suspend”) to ~ on (she hung the picture on the wall) 11. (d; intr.) (“to cling”) to ~ onto (he hung onto my arm) 12. (colloq.) (d; intr.) to ~ onto (“to keep, retain”) (we intend to ~ onto this property; they hung onto their privileges) 13. (d; intr.) (“to lean”) to ~ out of (to ~ out of a window) 14. (d; intr.) (“to be suspended”) to ~ over (the coat was ~ing over the chair; the threat of war hung over the country) 15. (d; tr.) (“to drape, suspend”) to ~ over (she hung the wet towel over the tub) 16. (misc.) her paintings were ~ing in the museum; to ~ by a thread (“to be in a critical situation”); to ~ in the balance (“to be undecided”) (see also hang loose at loose I adj.: hang tough at tough II USAGE NOTE: The past and past participle of hang are hung or hanged. The form hanged is more usual in the sense “killed by hanging”. In other senses the form hung is usual.

hang around v. (colloq.) (“to spend time”) 1. (D; intr.) to ~ at (they ~ at the senior citizens' club) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ with (he likes to ~ with the boys down at the bar)

hang back v. (D; intr.) to ~ from (to ~ from giving information)

hang down v. (D; intr.) to ~ from (to ~ from a branch)

hanger n. a coat ~

hang on v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ to (“to grasp”) (to ~ to the rail; he hung on to my arm) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ to (“to keep”) (we intend to ~ on to this property; they hung on to their privileges) 3. (misc.) to ~ for dear life; (BE) to ~ like grim death

hangout n. (colloq.) ['gathering place to hang out in'] a ~ for (a ~ for me and my friends)

hang out v. (slang) (D; intr.) (“to spend time”) to ~ with (to ~ with one's friends)

hangover n. 1. to have a ~ 2. to sleep off a ~

hang-up n. (colloq.) ['worry'] to have a ~ about

hang up v. (D; intr.) to ~ on (she hung up on me) (“she broke off her telephone conversation with me”)

hanker v. (colloq.) 1. (d; intr.) to ~ after, for (“to want”) (to ~ for a good steak) 2. (E) (“to want”) she ~d to have a good steak

hankering n. (colloq.) 1. a ~ after, for (a ~ for a good steak) 2. a ~ to + inf. (a ~ to have a good steak)

happen v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ on, upon (“to find by chance”) (to ~ upon a rare item) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ to (what ~d to you?) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ with (what's ~ing with your new project?) 4. (E) I ~d to be there when they arrived 5. (L) it (so) ~d that I was there when they arrived

happiness n. 1. to bring ~ to (to 2. to find; seek ~ 3. to wish smb. ~ 4. personal ~ 5. a feeling, glow of ~

happy adj. 1. blissfully, deliciously, perfectly; very ~; as ~ as a lark; not entirely ~ 2. ~ about; at; in; with (she was ~ about/at the good news; he was ~ in his interesting work; they were ~ with the good results) 3. ~ for (we are ~ for them both) 4. ~ to + inf. (we felt ~ to be together; I'm ~ to have been invited to the meeting; she'll be ~ to work here) 5. ~ that + clause (we felt ~ that we were together; I'm very ~ that I've been invited to the meeting) 6. (misc.) she'll be ~ working here

harakiri n. to commit, perform ~

harangue I n. to deliver, launch into a ~

harangue II v. (D ; tr.) to ~ about (she always ~s the children about their untidy rooms)

harassment n. 1. to engage in ~ 2. to subject to ~ 3. police; sexual ~

harbor, harbour n. 1. to clear; dredge a ~ to blockade; mine a ~ 3. an artificial; natural ~ 4. a safe ~ (also fig.)

hard I adj. ['demanding'] 1. (cannot stand alone) ~ on (she's very ~ on herself) ['difficult'] 2. ~ to + inf. (this book is ~ to translate = it is ~ to translate this book = it is a ~ book to translate; she is ~ to understand; it is ~ to understand her; it is ~ to get them to participate = it is ~ getting them to participate) 3. ~ for (this job will be ~ for me; it is ~ for us to concentrate) ['misc.']; 4. to play ~ to get (“to pretend to be uninterested in an invitation or proposal”); ~ of hearing; as ~ as a rock; as ~ as nails (see also the hard way at way)

hard II adv. 1. ~ at (~ at work) 2. (misc.) they've been ~ at it all day long!
hardback  n. in ~ (the book came out in ~)
hardened adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ to (~ to suffering)
hard-pressed adj. 1. ~ for (~ for time; ~ for money) 2. ~ to + inf. (she was ~ to find the money to pay her rent)
hard put adj. (["facing difficulties"]  ~ to + inf. (she was ~ to pay her rent) 2. (misc.) she was ~ (to it) to pay her rent
hardship n. 1. to bear, endure, face, suffer, undergo ~ 2. to overcome (a) ~ 3. severe, unrelieved ~ (to live in unrelieved ~) 4. a ~ to + inf. (it was a real ~ for her to pay her rent)
hard time n. (colloq.) 1. to give smb. a ~ ("to make things difficult for smt.") 2. (misc.) she had a hard ~ ~ing; to fall on ~s; "A hard ~ we had of it." – T.S. Eliot (1888–1965), "Journey of the Magi"

hard up  adj. (colloq.) ("in need of") ~ for (she’s ~ for money to pay her rent)
harmonica n. (AE) to play a /n.
harm n. 1. to cause, do ~ 2. to undo ~ 3. to come ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to your health) to smoke
harmful adj. 1. ~ to 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of him to do that; was any ~ done to the children?) 7. ~ to + inf. (it will not do any you ~ to try again) 8. ~ to come ~ (I don’t want any harm to come to them); to mean ~ (I’m sorry; I meant (you) no harm!); out of ~’s way; (esp. AE) in/into ~’s way
harmless adj. 1. ~ to ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to your health) to smoke
harmonica n. to play a/the ~
harmonic n. (AE) ~ to with
harmonize v. (D; intr.) ~ with
harmony n. ("concord, agreement") 1. to achieve; maintain ~ 2. close; perfect ~ 3. ethnic; marital; racial; religious ~ 4. in ~ (with) ["congruity"] (ling.)
5. vowel ~
harness I n. in ~ ("at work")
harness II v. (D; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ horses to a coach)
harp I n. to play the ~
harp II v. (D; intr.) to ~ on (about) (to keep ~ing on the same old theme)
harpoon v. to hurl; throw; shoot a ~
harsh adj. ~ to, with (he’s too ~ with the children)
harvest n. 1. to bring in, reap a ~ 2. an abundant, bountiful, bumper, rich; poor ~ 3. (fig.) a bitter ~ (a bitter ~ of resentment)
hash I n. ("failure, mess") to make a ~ of smt.
hash II v. (colloq.) (AE) (d; intr.) to ~ over (~ to discuss") (we ~ed over the problem and then we ~ed over it again = we ~ed over the problem and then we ~ed it over again)
hassle I n. ["struggle"] ~ to + inf. (it was a real ~ to get a visa! = it was a real ~ getting a visa!)
hassle II v. (D; tr.) to ~ about, over; with
haste n. 1. to make ~ (~ to hurry") 2. with great, excessive, indecent, unseemly ~ 3. in ~ (they acted in great ~) 4. (misc.) in their ~ to leave, they forgot their keys
hasten v. (E) he ~ed to apologize
hat n. 1. to don, put on a ~; to place, put a ~ on one’s head 2. to doff, take off; tip a ~ 3. to have a ~ on, to wear a ~ 4. a bowler, derby (AE); cowboy, stetson, ten-gallon; top ~ 5. a broad-brimmed; fur; Panama; straw ~ 6. a cardinal’s ~. (misc.) to pass the ~ (~ to "collect money"); to hang up one’s ~ (~ to "retire"); to take one’s ~ off to smb. (~ to congratulate smb.; to feel respect for smb."); to talk through one’s ~ (~ to "say foolish things"); to throw one’s ~ in/into (esp. AE) the ring (~ to enter a political campaign"); to keep smb. under one’s ~ (~ to "keep smt. confidential"); at the drop of a ~ (~ "without hesitation") (see also hat trick at trick I n.)
hatch n. 1. to hatchery the ~es 2. an escape ~.
(harmonica) (used when about to raise a drink to one’s mouth)
hatchet n. to bury the ~ (~ to "make peace")
hate I see hatred
hate II v. 1. to ~ bitterly, deeply, intensely, passionately, profoundly, utterly, very much 2. (E) he ~s work 3. (G) he ~s working 4. (J) he ~s them watching when he works 5. (K) he ~s their watching when he works 6. (misc.) (colloq.) I’d really ~ you/for you (AE) to think that my mistake was intentional = what I’d really ~ is for you to think that my mistake was intentional; he ~s it when/if they watch when he works
hateful adj. 1. ~ to 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of him to say that)
hatred n. 1. to arouse, incite, stir up ~ 2. to instill ~ 3. to incur ~ 4. to develop; express; feel; show ~ 5. abiding, bitter, blind, deep, deep-rooted, great, immeasurable, intense, profound, violent, virulent ~ 6. ~ of, of, towards 7. out of ~. consumed with, filled with ~
haul I n. ("distance") a long; short ~ (also fig.) (see also longhaul; shorthaul)
haul II v. (D; tr.) to ~ from; to (to ~ coal from the mines to the city)
haul off v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ to (they were all ~ed off to jail) 2. (misc.) (colloq.) she ~ed off and hit him
haul up v. (D; tr.) to ~ before (to ~ smb. up before a magistrate)
haunt n. a favorite; old; quiet ~ (to revisit one’s old ~s)
have v. 1. (d; tr.) ("to keep") ~ to ~ of (BE), around (it’s dangerous to ~ a gun around the house) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ against ("to consider as grounds for rejection, dislike") 1 ~ nothing against him 3. (D; tr.) to ~ for ("to consume") (what are we ~ing for
havoc n. 1. to play, raise, wreak (~ with) 2. to cause, create (~ for)
hay n. 1. to make (~) 2. to bundle, gather, stack (~) 3. a
n. hay
haven 1. to play, raise, wreak (~ with) 2. to cause, ~ havoc
1. to go on a ~
2. to turn on the ~ 3. under a ~ (which head-
to do, have, make, take a ~
hazard n. 1. a health; fire; moral; occupational; safety ~ 2. a ~ to (a ~ to health)
hazardous adj. 1. ~ (~ to ~ one’s health) 2. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ to work at that height = it is ~ working at that height)
haze n. 1. a light ~ 2. the ~ lifts 3. in; through a ~
hazy adj. ~ about (she’s ~ about the details)
head I n. ["upper part of the body"] 1. to nod; shake one’s ~ (he nodded his ~ Yes; she shook her ~ No) 2. to bare; bow; drop, duck, hang, lower; lift, raise; move; poke; stick; scratch; toss; turn one’s ~ (to scratch one’s ~ in amazement; to poke one’s ~ around the corner) 3. to hold one’s ~ high ("to be proud") 4. from ~ to foot/toe ["length of a horse’s head"] 5. by a ~ (our horse won by a ~) ["poise"] 6. to keep; lose one’s ~ ("If you can keep your ~ when all about you Are losing theirs and blaming it on you …"
– Rudyard Kipling (1865–1936), "If") 7. a cool, level ~ (to keep a level ~) ["person"] 8. to count ~ 9. per ~ (to charge two dollars per/a ~) ["brain"] 10. to use one’s ~ 11. to cram, fill, stuff smb.’s ~ (with nonsense) 12. a clear ~ 13. to have a ~ for (figures) 14. (misc.) it never entered my ~ that they would not support the proposal! ["climax"] 15. to bring smt. to a ~ 16. to come to a ~ (the boil came to a ~; when will the crisis come to a ~?) ["front part"] 17. at the ~ (of a column) ["leader"] 18. a titular ~ 19. (misc.) crowned ~s (of state) (see also head of state at state I n.) ["chairperson"] (esp. BE) 20. (the) department ~, (the) ~ of (the) department (AE usu. has chair, chairman, chairperson) ["misc."] 21. a thick ~ of hair; success went to his ~ ("his success made him conceited"); ~ first; ~ over heels ("completely") (they’re ~ over heels in love); ~s up! ("watch out!"); to get smt. through one’s ~ ("to finally comprehend smt."); to hang one’s ~ in shame ("to be greatly embarrassed"); to be ~ and shoulders above smb. ("to be greatly superior to smb."); to keep one’s ~ above water ("to manage to survive"); over smb.’s ~ ("incomprehensible"); out of one’s ~ ("delirious"); ~s or tails?; to make ~ or tail of (~ comprehend") (I can’t make ~ or tail of these equations!); to put ~s together ("to collaborate") (they put their ~s together and came up with a solution); prejudice reared its ugly ~ ("prejudice appeared"); he took it into his ~ to leave ("he suddenly decided to leave"); success turned her ~ ("she was spoiled by success") to bury one’s ~ in the sand ("to isolate oneself from reality") to have a swelled, swollen (BE) ~ ("to be conceited") to bang/beat/knock one’s ~ against a stone wall ("to be cruelly frustrated") (see also head and shoulders above at shoulder I n.; head of steam at steam I n.)
head II v. 1. (d; intr.) ("to go") ~ for (to ~ for the city; to ~ for a downfall) 2. (P; intr., tr.) they ~ed (their boat) east; to ~ out of town; to ~ for the west coast; they were ~ing towards the city
headache n. 1. to get; have a ~ 2. a bad, racking, severe, splitting; migraine; sick; slight; tension ~ 3. at that height)
headcount n. to do, have, make, take a ~
heading n. 1. a chapter ~ 2. under a ~ (which heading does this topic come under?)
headlights n. 1. to turn on the ~ 2. to turn off the ~ 3. to dim, dim, dip (~) ["front part"] 2. (P; intr.) ~ from (to ~ from the theater) 2. (D; intr.) ~ to, towards (to ~ towards home)
headcount n. to do, have, make, take a ~
heading n. 1. a chapter ~ 2. under a ~ (which heading does this topic come under?)
headlights n. 1. to turn on the ~ 2. to turn off the ~ 3. to dim, dim, dip (BE) ~ 4. (misc.) the glare of the ~
headline n. 1. to carry a ~ 2. banner; front-page; screaming ~s 3. the ~s say … 4. in (banner) ~s 5. the story made the ~s
headlock n. ["wrestling hold"] to get, put; have a ~ on smb.

headquarters n. 1. to set up ~ 2. supreme ~ 3. an army; corps; military; police ~ 4. at ~
headstand n. to do, execute, perform a ~
headstart n. to have a ~ on, over
headway n. to gain, make ~ against; with
heal v. (D; tr.) to ~ of (she was ~ of her illness)
healer n. a faith ~
healing n. faith ~
health n. ["condition of the body and mind"] 1. to enjoy good ~ 2. to look after, maintain; promote (good) ~ 3. to recover, regain one’s ~ 4. to risk; ruin, undermine smb.’s ~ 5. bad, broken, delicate, deteriorating, failing, feeble, fragile, frail, ill, poor ~ 6. (rude) good; robust; excellent ~ 7. holistic; mental; physical ~ 8. for one’s ~ (she swims for her ~); smoking is bad for one’s ~) 9. in a certain ~ (they are in (rude) good ~ = they are in the best of ~) 10. (misc.) the state of smb.’s ~ ["science of protecting the health of the community"] 11. community, public; occupational ~ ["misc."] 12. (here’s) to your (good) ~!
health care n. 1. to deliver, provide ~ 2. holistic ~
health insurance n. 1. to have ~ 2. national ~ 3. compulsory; voluntary ~
healthy adj. ["promoting health"] 1. ~ for (smoking is not ~ for you) ["safe"] (colloq.) 2. ~ to + inf. (it’s not ~ for you to smoke; it’s not ~ to walk there at night = it’s not ~ walking there at night)
heap I v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ on, on to, onto, upon (she ~ed food on my plate) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ with (she ~ed my plate with food) 3. (misc.) a ~ed spoonful (BE = a ~ing spoonful (AE)
heap II v. 1. (d; intr.) ("to learn") to ~ about, of (we ~ed from the bottom of my heartstrings !) to tug at smb.’s ~ (the sentimental song really tugged at my heartstrings !) to know a poem by ~
hear v. 1. (d; intr.) ("to learn") to ~ about, of (we have heard of her; have you heard about the earthquake?) 2. (d; intr.) ("to receive word") to ~ from (I have not heard from him about this matter) 3. (I) ("to perceive by ear") I heard them go out = they were heard to go out 4. (J) ("to perceive by ear") I heard them go out = they were heard going out; we heard the aria being sung in Italian = the aria was heard being sung in Italian 5. (L) ("to learn") we have heard that he is in town 6. (N; used with a past participle) ("to listen to") we heard them going out = they were heard going out; we heard the aria being sung in Italian 7. (Q) ("to learn") we heard why she left
hearing n. ["perception of sounds"] 1. acute, good, keen ~ 2. bad, defective, impaired ~ 3. hard of ~ (help for the hard of ~) 4. hearing-impaired (help for the hearing-impaired) ["session of a committee, court"] 5. to conduct, hold a ~ 6. a fair, impartial; open ~ (he got a fair ~) 7. Congressional ~ 8. an administrative; court; judicial; pre-trial; public ~ 9. at a ~ (to testify at a ~
heart n. ["organ that circulating the blood"] 1. to transplant a ~ 2. a bad, weak; good, healthy, strong ~ 3. an artificial ~ 4. a ~ beats; fails, stops; palpitates, throbs; pounds, thumps; pumps blood ["the heart as the center of emotion"] 5. to gladden; harden smb.’s ~ 6. to break; steal, win smb.’s ~ 7. my ~ aches, bleeds (for her); my ~ goes out to the homeless; my ~ is broken; my ~ leaps up ("My ~ leaps up when I behold a rainbow in the sky") ~ W Wordsworth (1770–1850), ["My Heart Leaps Up"); my ~ skips a beat 8. from the ~ (to speak from the ~) (see also from the bottom of my heart at bottom) 9. in one’s ~ (of ~s) (in my ~ of ~s I know that she is right) ["disposition"] 10. a cold, cruel, hard; good, kind, soft, tender, warm; stout ~ (she has a kind ~); a ~ of gold/stone ["liking"] 11. to have no ~ for (she has no ~ for this type of work) 12. after smb.’s own ~ (he’s a man after my own ~) ["sympathy"] 13. to have a ~ (have a ~ and lend me some money) ["essence"] 14. to get to the ~ of smt. 15. at ~ (he’s not bad at ~; to be young at ~) ["feeling"] 16. to have a change of ~ 17. a heavy; light ~ 18. with a (heavy) ~ ["courrage"] 19. to take ~ from (he took ~ from her example) 20. to lose ~ 21. a brave; faint ~ ("Faint ~ never won fair lady!"); Sir W.S. Gilbert (1836–1911), ["Iolanthe"] 22. my ~ sank 23. the ~ to + inf. (I didn’t have the ~ to tell her) ["memory"] 24. by ~ (to know a poem by ~) ["resolve"] 25. to set one’s ~ (on doing smt.) 26. a change of ~ ["misc."] 27. a bleeding ~ ("who always supports the underdog"); to eat one’s ~ out ("to brood"); to lose one’s ~ to ("to fall in love with"); to have one’s ~ in the right place ("to have good intentions"); to do smb.’s ~ good ("to make smb. happy"); with all one’s ~ ("wholeheartedly"); to take smt. to ~ ("to take smt. seriously"); the way to smb.’s ~ ("how to please smb."); my ~ was not in it ("I did not really want to do it"); I gave her everything her ~ could want! ~ to ~ ("intimately") (we finally began to speak ~ to ~); could you put your hand on your ~ and swear she’s the culprit ?; we must strive to win the ~s and minds of the people! ~ and soul (I’ll support you ~ and soul!); she poured out her ~ to me and told me everything
heart attack n. 1. to have a ~ 2. a fatal; massive; mild; severe; sudden ~
heartbroken adj. 1. ~ about, at, over (~ over a friend’s death) 2. ~ to + inf. (I’m ~ to hear that he cannot come) 3. ~ that + clause (I’m ~ that he cannot come)
heart failure n. 1. to experience, have, suffer ~ 2. heart failure
heartstrings n. ["deep feeling"] [to tug at smb.’s ~ (the sentimental song really tugged at my heartstrings!) heat I n. ["warmth"] 1. to conduct; generate; produce; radiate ~ 2. to absorb (the) ~ 3. to alleviate the ~ 4. blistering, extreme, great, intense, oppressive, scorching, stifling, sweltering, unbearable ~ 5. dry; latent (technical); penetrating; radiant; red; white ~ 6. animal; body ~ 7. builds up, increases;
dissipates; emanates from (an oven) 8. (misc.) the body loses ~ ["excitement"] 9. in the ~ (of battle; of the moment) ["estrus, sexual excitement"] 10. in (AE), on (BE) ~ (the bitch was in ~) ["heating system"] 11. to raise, turn up; turn on; the ~ to lower, turn down; turn off the ~ 13. electric; gas; steam ~ ["preliminary race, race"] 14. to end in, run a dead ~ 15. a qualifying ~ ["pressure"] (colloq.) 16. to put the ~ on (the police were putting the ~ on him)

heat II n. 1. (C) ~ some water for me; or: ~ me some water 2. (D; tr.) to ~ to (she ~ed the oven to two hundred degrees; to gas mark 4 (BE))

heater n. 1. to turn on; turn up the ~ 2. to turn down; turn off the ~ 3. an electric; gas; hot-water, immersion (BE); kerosene (AE), paraffin (BE); oil; radiant; space; storage (BE) ~

heating n. 1. to turn on; turn up the ~ 2. to turn down; turn off the ~

heave I n. to give a ~

heave II v. 1. (P; tr.) ("to throw") they ~d the trash

heave-ho n. (colloq.) ["pressure"] (colloq.) 16. to ~

heaven 1. to go to ~ 2. in ~ 3. (misc.) in seventh ~ 4. dizzying ~s 5. one’s full ~ (she rose to her full ~) 6. a ~ above; below (to fly at a ~ of ten thousand feet above sea level) 7. at; to a ~ (at the ~ of one’s success; to fly at a ~ of ten thousand feet; to rise to a ~ of 10,000 feet) 8. in ~ (ten feet in ~) 9. (misc.) to adjust the ~ of a table; to achieve new ~

heir n. 1. to fall ~ (they fell ~ to a large estate) 2. an ~ apparent; an ~ presumptive 3. an immediate; rightful ~ 4. ~ to USAGE NOTE: The form heiress is used in some combinations as, for example, in heiress to a large fortune (she fell heir to a large fortune and so became heiress to a large fortune).

heirloom n. a family; priceless ~

helicopter n. 1. to fly, pilot a ~ 2. an attack ~ = a ~ gunship (see also airplain)

hell n. (colloq.) ["the netherworld"] 1. go to ~! 2. to be in ~ ["scolding"] 3. to catch, get ~ to give smb. ~ ["great suffering"] 5. to go through ~; sheer, unmitigated, unspeakable ~; ~ to + inf. (it was ~ to work there) = it was working there) ["misery"] 8. to beat (the) ~ out of smb. ("to give smb. a good thrashing"); to raise ~ ("to make trouble") he’s going to raise ~ if we’re late!; to wait till ~ freezes over ("to wait for ever"); living there was on earth ("it was terrible to live there"); a one~ of a team ("an excellent team"); for the ~ of it ("for no real reason"); to be on ~ ("to be harmful to"); bloody ~! (BE; slang); what the/in ~ is that?!; where the/in ~ did she go?!; why the/in ~ not?; from ~ (colloq.) (it was the vacation from ~; it rained all the time and the food was awful!)

hell-bent adj. (cannot stand alone) ["determined"] 1. ~ for, on (~ balancing the budget) 2. ~ to + inf. (~ to balance the budget)

hello n. 1. to say ~ to (to) 2. a big ~ (they gave me a big ~)

helm n. 1. to take (over) the ~ 2. at the ~

helmet n. 1. to put on; take off; wear a ~ to have a ~ on 3. a crash, safety; football; pith, sun ~ 4. a steel ~

help I n. 1. to extend, give, offer, provide ~ to call for, seek ~ 3. to cry for, plead for ~ 4. a big ~ to (they were a big ~ to us) 5. (a) great, invaluable, tremendous; little ~ of ~ to (she was of great ~ to us; they were of little ~ to me) 7. (misc.) ~ wanted (as in a newspaper advertisement); domestic ~ (BE) a home ~ (AE has home health aide); will the new legislation be a ~ or a hindrance to us?

help II v. 1. (D; tr.) ("to assist") to ~ across (we ~ed them across the street) 2. (D; tr.) ("to assist") to ~ in, with (we ~ed them in their work; she ~ed me with the translation) 3. (D; tr.) ("to assist in moving") to ~ into; off; out of (~ them into the house; ~ her off the train; ~ him out of the car) 4. (D; tr.) ("to assist") to ~ through (they ~ed us through the crisis) 5. (D; refl.) ("to serve oneself") to ~ to (she ~ed herself to the cake) 6. (D; tr.) ("to serve") to ~ to (can I ~ you to some cake?) 7. (E) they ~ed to cook the meal 8. (F) ("to assist") they ~ed cook the meal 9. (G; often used with: cannot
helpful

1. (adj.) in; to (she’s been very ~ to us) 2. ~ of (that was very ~ of you) 3. ~ to + inf. (it’s always ~ to be well-informed; it was of you to do that)

helping n. a generous; second ~ (of)

helpful adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of them to oppose the invader)

helpless adj. 1. to leave, render smb. ~ (the stroke left him ~) 2. ~ against (we were ~ against the invasion) 3. ~ to + inf. (we were ~ to resist the invasion)

helplessness n. 1. complete, utter ~ 2. learned ~ (to)

helping hand n. to give, lend (smh.) a ~

help off v. (d.; tr.) to ~ with (he ~ed me off with my coat)

help out 1. (D.; intr., tr.) to ~ by (she ~ed me out of) 2. ~ with (she ~ed me out with some good advice) 3. (misc.) she ~s them out in her own way

helpless n. 1. a brain, cerebral; internal ~ 2. a massive ~

hemp n. 1. ~s cackle, cluck 2. ~s lay eggs

hepatitis n. infectious; serum ~

herbs n. 1. dried; fresh; medicinal ~ to garnish food with ~ 2. a bunch of ~

herd I n. 1. to drive; round up a ~ 2. to tend a ~

herd II v. (P.; tr.) the prisoners were ~ed into the compound; the children were ~ed out of the classroom; the tourists were ~ed through the exhibition

here adv. 1. from; (up) to ~ down; over; up; from ~ 3. from ~ 4. (misc.) I’ve had it up to ~ with your constant complaining! ("I’ve had more than enough of your constant complaining")

hereafter n. in the ~

hesitancy 1. to show ~ 2. ~ about, in (I have no ~ about throwing him out)

hesitant adj. 1. ~ of (they are ~ about signing a contract) 2. ~ to + inf. (they were ~ to sign the contract)

hesitation v. 1. to show ~ 2. (a) momentary, slight ~

hesitate v. 1. (D.; intr.) to ~ over (to ~ over a choice) 2. (E) they ~ed to sign the contract; do not ~ to call me

het up adj. (slang) ["excited"] to get (all) ~ about, over

hew (d.; intr.) ("to adhere") (AE) to ~ to (to ~ to)

hiding I n. (colloq.) to ~ of (that was very ~ of you) 3. ~ to + inf. (it’s always ~ to be well-informed; it was of you to do that)

heroic adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of them to oppose the invader)

heroin n. 1. to do (colloq.), inject, shoot (colloq.); smoke ~ 2. a shot of ~

herony n. see hero

heroinism n. to demonstrate, display ~

heroes n. 1. to come down with, contract, get ~

hesitancy n. 1. to show ~ 2. ~ about, in (I have no ~ about throwing him out)

hesitant adj. 1. ~ about (they are ~ about signing a contract) 2. ~ to + inf. (they were ~ to sign the contract)

hesitation v. 1. to show ~ 2. (a) momentary, slight ~

hesitate v. 1. (D.; intr.) to ~ over (to ~ over a choice) 2. (E) they ~ed to sign the contract; do not ~ to call me

het up adj. (slang) ["excited"] to get (all) ~ about, over

hew v. (d.; intr.) ("to adhere") (AE) to ~ to (to ~ to the party line)

hex n. (AE) to put a ~ on smb.

heyday n. ["most successful period"] 1. to have one’s ~ 2. in smb.’s ~

hiatus n. a brief ~

hiccups n. 1. to give, let out a ~ 2. to get; have the ~s 3. to get rid of the ~s 4. an attack of (the) ~s

hide I n. 1. to tan a ~ 2. (misc.) to save smb.’s ~ ("to rescue smb.")

hide II v. 1. (D.; intr.) to ~ behind (to ~ behind a legal technicality) 2. (D.; intr., tr.) to ~ from

hide-and-seek n. to play ~

hideaway n. a secret ~

hiding n. 1. to get ~ on (a drug) ; as ~ as the sky = sky-high ; the building is 200 feet ~ = it is a 200-foot-high building; shoulder-high; waist-high

highball n. ["type of drink"] to make, mix a ~

highhanded adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of him to remove the equipment without permission)
high horse

high horse n. (colloq.) "[arrogance]" to get on one’s ~ ("to start to show arrogance")

highness n. (her, his, your) royal ~; their royal ~es

high-pressure v. (AE) 1. (D; tr.) to ~ at (into (she was ~d into signing) 2. (H) she was ~d to sign

high road n. ["direct route"] 1. to take the ~ to (2. (misc.) (fig.) the ~ to success

high sign n. (esp. AE) ["signal"] 1. to give smb. the ~ to get the ~

highway n. 1. (AE) a divided ~ (BE has dual carriage-way) 2. a limited-access ~ (BE prefers motorway) 3. (to drive) on the ~ 4. the ~ to 5. (misc.) the Information Highway; the public ~ (BE)

hijack v. (D; tr.) to ~ to (they were ~d to an unknown country)

hijacking n. 1. to carry out, commit a ~ to, foil, thwart a ~

hike I n. 1. to go on; organize a ~; a long; short ~ (they went on a long ~ from one place to another) 3. an overnight ~ (as of Boy Scouts)

hike II v. (P; intr.) they ~d to town on foot; we ~d around the village; the scouts ~d over the mountain; they ~d from one place to another

hike III n. (colloq.) 1. a pay; tax ~ an across-the-board; annual (pay) ~

hill n. 1. to climb up, go up; come down a ~; a rolling ~; a steep ~ in the ~s (to live in the ~s) 4. on a ~ (the house stood on a ~) 5. (lit.) the brow of a ~ 6. the bottom, foot of a ~ 7. the top of a ~ 8. a ~ ~s 9. a chain, group of ~s 10. down; over; up a ~ 11. (misc.) the height of a ~; (colloq.) to take to the ~s ("to take refuge in or escape to the hills")

hit n. ["limit"] to the ~ (he plunged the dagger in up to the ~; we were mortgaged (up) to the ~ and couldn’t afford any more)

hinder v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ from 2. (D; tr.) to ~ in 3. (misc.) will the new legislation help or ~ us?

hindrance n. a ~ to will the new legislation be a help or a ~ to us?

hindsight n. with (the benefit / wisdom of) ~ (with the benefit of ~, we could see that the plan was doomed from the start!)

hinge v. (d; intr.) ["depend"] to ~ on, upon (the future ~s on what we decide now)

hint I n. 1. to drop, give a ~ to take a ~ 3. a broad, heavy, obvious; delicate, gentle, subtle; helpful ~ 4. the merest, slightest ~ 5. a ~ about, on; of (a ~ about the answer; a ~ of suspicion; a book that gives helpful ~s on child care) (also fig.) (there’s just a ~ of garlic in the sauce) 6. a ~ that + clause (she dropped a ~ that she would retire soon) 7. a ~ at (~ they flied at the first ~ of trouble)

hint II v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ at 2. (L; to) she ~ed (to us) that she would retire soon

hip n. 1. to shake, sway, wiggle one’s ~s ~ 2. (misc.) they stood with their hands on their ~s

hire I n. for ~

hire II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ as (to ~ smb. as a guide) 2. (esp. BE) (D; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ a car from an agency) (AE usu. uses to rent) 3. (H) we ~d her to mow our lawn

hired adj. ~ to ~ inf. (she was ~ to mow our lawn)

hire out v. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ as; to (he ~d himself out as a mercenary to the highest bidder)

hire purchase n. (BE) on ~ to (buy smt. on ~) (AE has the instalment plan)

hiss v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ at (the crowd ~d at the delay) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ off (the actor was ~d off the stage) 3. (misc.) "be quiet!" she ~d (at us)

history n. 1. to make ~ 2. to record, take down; trace the ~ of smt./smb. 3. to distort; revise, rewrite ~ 4. to go down in ~ as (he went down in ~ as a tyrant) 5. ancient; art; medieval; modern; past; recorded ~ 6. cultural; military; natural ~ 7. a case; family; life; medical; personal; social ~ (I recorded his personal ~) (see also case history) 8. (an) oral ~ 9. a ~ of (she had a long ~ of drug abuse/violence) 10. in, throughout ~ (people have struggled for freedom throughout recorded ~) 11. (misc.) ~ repeats itself; ~ shows that ..., ~ tells us that ...; a page in ~; the nurse did / got / took the patient’s ~; she was a mere extra – but that’s all past ~ now because she finally got a chance to replace the star ~ and the rest is ~!

hit I n. ["blow that strikes the target"] 1. to score a ~ to 2. to take a ~ (our ship took several direct ~s) 3. a direct ~ ["success"] (colloq.) 4. to make a ~ with (she made quite a ~ with the audience) 5. a big, smash ~

hit II v. 1. ("to strike") to ~ hard 2. (d; tr.) ("to strike") against, at (they ~ against ~) ("blow that strikes the target") 3. (d; intr.) to ~ at (~ attack") (the press hit hard at government corruption) 4. (slang) (AE) (d; tr.) to ~ for (~ request") (he hit me for twenty dollars) 5. (D; tr.) ("to strike") to ~ in, on, over (to ~ smb. in the face; she hit me on the hand) 6. (slang) (AE) ("to make sexual overtures to") to ~ on smb. 7. (d; intr.) to ~ on, upon (~ discover") (they finally hit on an acceptable compromise) 8. (BE) (O; can be used with one animate object) ("to strike") he hit me a hard blow 9. (P; tr.) she hit the ball over the net; the batter hit the ball into the bleachers

hit back v. (D; intr.) to ~ at (President Hits Back At Critics – headline)

hitch I n. (colloq.) ["obstacle"] ["stoppage"] 1. a slight; technical ~ 2. ~ in (there’s been a slight ~ in our plans) 3. without a ~ (it went off without a ~) ["period of military service"] (esp. AE) 4. to do a ~ 5. to sign up for another ~

hitch II v. (d; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ horses to a cart)

hitch up v. (D; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ horses to a cart)

hit off v. to ~ it off with smb. ("to get along well with smb.")

hit out v. (D; intr.) to ~ against, at (they ~ against their political rivals)

hitter n. (esp. AE; baseball and fig.) 1. a designated ~ 2. a leadoff; pinch ~
hit up v. (slang) (AE) (d; tr.) ("to request") to ~ for (he hit me up for a loan)

hob n. 1. to perpetrate a ~ 2. to play a ~ on smb.
hold III n. 1. to play ~ 2. field (AE); ice ~
holdout v. (D; intr.) to ~ with
hold on v. to ~ tight, tightly (~ tight and don’t fall off!)
hold over n. a ~ from (a ~ from the old days)
hold up v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ as (to ~ as an example) 2. (esp. AE) (D; intr.) to ~ on (they had to ~ on their travel plans) 3. (d; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ smt. up to ridicule)

hold II v. 1. ("to keep") to ~ high (to ~ one’s head high; also fig.) 2. ("to keep, support") to ~ tight, tightly (~ tight and don’t fall off!) 3. (d; tr.) to ~ against ("to take into account") (we will not ~ your past blunders against you; they held his criminal record against him) 4. (D; tr.) to ~ by ("to keep, support") (to ~ smb. by the hand) 5. (d; tr.) to ~ in ("to regard") (to ~ smb. in contempt; to ~ smb. in high esteem) 6. (d; intr.) to ~ onto ("to seize and cling to") (~ onto my arm) 7. (d; intr.) ("to adhere") to ~ to (to ~ to the terms of a contract) 8. (d; tr.) ("to make smb. comply") to ~ to (they held us to the terms of the contract) 9. (d; tr.) ("to restrict") to ~ to (we held the visiting team to a tie) 10. (d; intr.) ("to agree") to ~ with (I don’t ~ with his ideas) 11. (L) (formal) ("to assert") we ~ that these truths are self-evident 12. (M) ("to consider") we ~ him to be responsible: "We ~ these truths to be self-evident" – U.S. Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776 13. (N; used with an adjective) ("to consider"); ("to keep") to ~ smb. responsible; she held the ladder steady; they ~ life cheap; we ~ these truths self-evident

hold III n. ["interior of a ship below decks"] in the ~
hold back v. (D; tr.) ("to keep") to ~ from (lack of education held him back from promotion) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with one’s reserves)

hole n. 1. a candle; cigarette; napkin ~ 2. a leaseholder; license-holder; permit-holder; office-holder; passport-holder; policy-holder; record-holder 3. (AE) a pot ~ (AE also has oven mitt; BE has oven glove)

hold forth v. (D; intr.) ("to give an opinion") to ~ about, on (to ~ about various matters)
holdings n. ["investments"] 1. to diversify one’s ~ 2. far-flung ~

hold off v. (G) to ~ making a decision
hold on v. to ~ tight, tightly (~ tight and don’t fall off!)

hold out v. 1. (B) ("to offer") they didn’t ~ much hope to us; to ~ a helping hand to smb. to ~ a helping hand out to smb.; she held her hand out to us in friendship = she ~ed out her hand to us in friendship 2. (D; intr.) to ~ against ("to resist") (they held out against the enemy for a month) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ for ("to demand") (they held out for better terms) 4. (d; intr.) to ~ on ("to keep information from") (don’t ~ on me) 5. (D; intr.) ("to persevere") to ~ to (to ~ to the end)

holdover n. a ~ from (a ~ from the old days)

hole n. 1. to bore; burrow; dig; drill; make a ~ to fill (in), plug a ~ 3. a deep; gaping, yawning ~ 4. a plug (esp. BE); rabbit; watering ~ 6. a ~ on (they refused to relinquish their ~ over this area; they thought they had a ~ on us) ["waiting"] 12. on ~ (the plan is on ~ until next year; when I called him, he put me on ~; I cannot leave the phone because I’m still on ~)

holiday n. ["day set aside for the suspension of business, labor"] 1. to celebrate, observe a ~ 2. a bank (BE), legal (AE), public; national; religious ~ ["period of rest"] (esp. BE; AE prefers vacation) 3. to have, take a ~ 4. to be on; go on ~ 5. a summer ~ 6. a ~ from 7. on ~ (she was away on ~) ["misc"] 8. a busman’s ~ ("a holiday spent in doing one’s usual work") (see the Usage Note at vacation)
holler v. (colloq.) (esp. AE) 1. (B) she ~ed a few words to him 2. (D; intr.; tr.) to ~ at (they ~ed at the children) 3. (misc.) "Be careful!" she ~ed; they ~ed at the children to stop shouting; they ~ed to the children to be careful

hollow v. (d; tr.) to ~ out of (to ~ a canoe out of a log)
holocaust n. a nuclear ~
holster n. a shoulder ~
holy orders n. ["ordination"] to receive, take ~
homage n. 1. to pay ~ to 2. in ~ to
home n. ["establishment providing care or service"] 1. to manage, operate, run a ~ 2. a convalescent; funeral (AE); nursing; remand (BE); rest; retirement ~ ["residence"] 3. to build; establish a ~ 4. to provide a ~ for 5. to make one’s ~ at, in 6. an ancestral;
childhood; country; mobile; summer; winter ~ 7. (a) ~ for, to (San Francisco was ~ to them for years) 8. ~ to (make yourself at ~; she is never at ~; AE also has: she is never ~) 9. a broken; foster; good; happy ~ [misc. 10. to romp ~ ("to score an easy victory"); she is at ~ in with Greek literature; to go ~; a ~ away from ~ (AE) = (BE) a ~ from ~ USAGE NOTE: In many instances home is used as an adverb ~ to go home, to get home from work, etc.

home in v. (D; intr.) ~ to on (to ~ on a target) USAGE NOTE: The incorrect variant *honey in on is sometimes encountered.

home page n. (computers) to create; view; visit a ~

home run n. (AE; baseball and fig.) ["hit that allows the batter to score a run"] to hit a ~

homesick adj. 1. to get ~ 2. ~ for

home straight (BE), 1. to get ~ 2. ~ for

adj. 1. ~ about; in; with (be ~ about this mat-~ honest

v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ smt. to a point) 2. hone

homily n. 1. to deliver a ~ 2. a ~ about, on

homicide 1. to commit ~ 2. justifiable ~

n. 1. to do, prepare ~ 2. to assign, set

homework

home straight (BE), 1. to get ~ 2. ~ for

adj. 1. to gather ~ 2. (BE) runny ~ 3. (misc.)

honey

home in 1. to gather ~ 2. (BE) runny ~ 3. (misc.)

as sweet as ~

honeycombed adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ with

honeymoon n. 1. to go for/on one’s ~s (they went to Hawaii on/for their ~) 2. to spend one’s ~ (they spent their ~ in Hawaii) 3. a second ~ 4. (misc.) the ~ is over (usu. fig.)

honey v. (D; tr.) ~ to ~ (to ~ smt. to a point) 2. (misc.) finely ~d

honk v. (D; intr.) to ~ at

honor I honour II honor II honour adj. 1. ~ to + inf. (we were ~ to get the job done on time) 2. (formal) in ~ (we were in ~ to get the job done on time)

honorable, honourable adj. ~ to + inf. (it is not ~ to deceive them with false promises)

honorarium n. to accept; offer; pay; receive an ~

honored, honoured adj. 1. deeply, greatly, highly, very 2. ~ to + inf. (he was ~ to be invited) 3. + clause (he was ~ that you invited him)

hood n. (AE) ["cover over a front car engine"] to check under the ~ (of a car) (BE has bonnet)

hoot v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ into 2. (D; tr.) to ~ out of

hook n. 1. a cloven ~ 2. hoofs/hooves clatter 3. on the ~ (to buy cattle on the ~)

hook v. (D; intr.) (AE) to play ~ ("to play truant")

hookey, hooky n. (colloq.) (AE) to play ~ ("to play truant")

hooks and eyes n. ["type of fastening"] 1. to fasten; unfasten ~ 2. to sew on ~

hookup n. 1. a satellite ~ 2. a ~ with

hook up v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ a telephone up to the cable = to ~ a telephone to the cable) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ with ("to join")

hook n. to roll a ~

hoopla n. (slang) (AE) ["bustle, noise, fuss"] the ~ subsides

hoot I n. (colloq.) ["slightest care"] not to give a ~ (see also hoots of derision at derision)

hoot II v. 1. (D; intr.) ("to shout") to ~ at (they ~ed as a community leader = she was ~ed for being a community leader) 2. (D; tr.) ~ to ~ by; with (he was ~ed by being invited)

honor bound, honour bound adj. 1. ~ to + inf. (we were ~ to get the job done on time) 2. (formal) in ~ (we were in ~ to get the job done on time)

honor bound adj. 1. deeply, greatly, highly, very 2. ~ to + inf. (he was ~ to be invited) 3. + clause (he was ~ that you invited him)

hood n. (AE) ["cover over a front car engine"] to check under the ~ (of a car) (BE has bonnet)

hoodwink v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ into 2. (D; tr.) to ~ out of

hoof n. 1. a cloven ~ 2. hoofs/hooves clatter 3. on the ~ (to buy cattle on the ~)

hood n. ["curved implement"] 1. a crochet; meat; pruning ~ 2. (misc.) to hang a coat on a ~; to leave the phone off the ~ ["blow delivered with bent arm"] 3. to deliver a ~ (the delivered a right ~ to his opponent’s jaw) ["implement used to catch fish"] 4. to bait a ~ ["misc."] (slang) 5. off the ~ ("relieved of responsibility")

hooked adj. (slang) ["addicted"] ~ on (~ on drugs)

hookey, hooky n. (colloq.) (AE) to play ~ ("to play truant")

honor I honour II honor II honour n. ["respect"] ["credit"] 1. to bring, do ~ to (she brought ~ to her family) 2. an ~ to (they are an ~ to their country) 3. in smb.’s ~; in ~ of (to give a reception in smb.’s ~) ["distinction"] ["recognition"] 4. to win (an) ~ 5. to bestow, confer an ~ on 6. a dubious; great, high, signal ~ 7. an ~ that + clause (it was a great ~ that we were chosen) 8. (to graduate) with ~ 9. (misc.) she did us the ~ of attending our party ["privilege"] 10. to have the ~ (may I have the ~ of your company?) 11. an ~ to + inf. (it was an ~ to serve with; it was a great ~ for us to have been chosen) ["integrity"] ["reputation"] 12. to stake one’s ~ on smt. 13. one’s word of ~; an affair of ~ 14. on one’s ~ (word of) ~ ["rite"] 15. to do the ~s ("to serve as host") 16. military ~s (to be buried with full military ~s) ["misc."] 17. a (military) guard of ~; the guest of ~

honor II honour v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ as, for (she was ~ed as a community leader = she was ~ed for being a community leader) 2. (D; tr.) ~ to ~ by; with (he was ~ed by being invited)
flimmer, glimmer, ray, spark of ~ 17. ~ for; in; of (~ for better times; we had high ~ for her) 18. a ~ that + clause (it was our ~ that they would settle near us; there was little ~ that she would be elected) 19. in, with the ~ (we returned to the park in the ~ of finding her wallet) 20. beyond, past all (~ 21. (misc.) they are our best ~ for a medal at/in the games; "We shall nobly save, or meanly lose, the last best ~ of earth." – Abraham Lincoln (December 1, 1862)

**hope II** v. 1. to ~ fervently, sincerely, very much 2. (D; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for an improvement) 3. (E) she ~s to see them soon 4. (L) she ~s that she will see them soon 5. (misc.) I ~ so; I ~ not; here’s ~ing!; we ~ and pray that she will be forgiven

**hopeful I** adj. 1. ~ of 2. ~ that + clause (she’s ~ that she will see them soon)

**hopeful II** n. a presidential; young ~

**hopeless adj.** 1. ~ at, with (he’s ~ with figures; he’s ~ hopeless adj. 1. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ to learn that their house had burned down) !) 2. ~ to + inf. (we were ~ to learn that their house had burned down)

**horror** n. 1. to express; feel ~ 2. to have a ~ of 3. indescribable, unspeakable, sheer ~ 4. ~ at (we expressed our ~ at the news that their house had burned down) 5. in ~ (to scream in ~) (see also *to recoil in horror at recoil* 6. to smb.~ (to ~ our ~, their house burned down! 7. (misc.) a scream, shriek of ~

**horror-stricken, horror-struck** adj. 1. ~ at 2. ~ + inf. (we were ~ to learn that their house had burned down)

**horse** n. ["animal"] 1. to mount; ride; spur (on); walk a ~ 2. to lead a ~ by the bridle 3. to dismount, get off a ~ 4. to bride; curry; groom; harness; hobble; saddle; shoe a ~ 5. to break (in) a ~ 6. to breed, raise; train a ~ 7. a cart (BE), draft (AE), dray; race; saddle; thoroughbred; wild ~; a workhorse (usu. fig.) 8. ~s bolt; canter; gallop; rear; shy; trot; walk 9. ~s with them over foreign policy) ; to take the bull to ~ on smb. else’s conversation) ; (AE) ~s with them over foreign policy) ; to stir up a ~

**horoscope** n. to play ~

**horizon** n. 1. (fig.) to broaden, expand one’s ~s 2. above; below; beyond the ~ 3. on the ~ (to appear on the ~)

**hormone** n. a female; growth; male; sex ~

**horn** n. ["device on a car"] 1. to blow, honk, sound, toot a ~ 2. ~s blare, blow 3. a ~ gets stuck 4. to blow/toot one’s own ~ ("to boast") (BE has *to blow one’s own trumpet*)

**hornet** n. a female; growth; male; sex ~

**hornets’ nest** n. ["angry reaction"] to stir up a ~

**hospitable** adj. 1. ~ to, towards (~ to strangers) 2. ~ adj.

**hospital** n. 1. a legislative ~ 2. in a ~

**hospitability** n. a presidential; young ~

**hospitality** n. 1. ~ of 2. ~ that + clause (she’s ~ that she will see them soon)
hostility n. 1. openly ~ to, towards

hostilities n. ["war"] 1. to begin, open ~ to end; suspend ~ 3. impending ~ 4. ~ begin, break out, erupt; cease, end 5. an outbreak of ~ 6. ~ between

hostility n. 1. to arouse, stir up ~ 2. to display, show ~ 3. to express; feel ~ 4. (a) bitter, deep, profound; open; veiled ~ 5. ~ against, to, towards 6. ~ between

hot adj. 1. boiling, burning, piping, red-hot; scalding, warm; lavish ~ 2. to express; feel ~ 4. (a) bitter, deep, profound; open; veiled ~ 5. ~ against, to, towards 6. ~ between

hostel n. a youth ~

hostess n. 1. see host 1, 2, 3, and sometimes 4) (at home she ia always a perfect hostess; at work, she is a well-known game-show host/hostess) 2. an air (BE), airline (AE) ~ 3. a dance-hall; nightclub ~ USAGE NOTE: In AE, the phrase flight attendant has almost completely replaced air hostess.

hostile adj. openly ~ to, towards

hostilities n. ["war"] 1. to begin, open ~ 2. to end; suspend ~ 3. impending ~ 4. ~ begin, break out, erupt; cease, end 5. an outbreak of ~ 6. ~ between

hostility n. 1. to arouse, stir up ~ 2. to display, show ~ 3. to express; feel ~ 4. (a) bitter, deep, profound; open; veiled ~ 5. ~ against, to, towards 6. ~ between

hot adj. 1. boiling, burning, piping, red-hot, scalding, steaming; unbearably; uncomfortably ~, white-hot 2. (misc.) ~ on smb.’s heels/trail ("close behind smb. being pursued"); all ~ and bothered ("disturbed or excited") (see also hot under the collar at collar 3)

hotel n. 1. to manage, operate, run a ~ 2. a deluxe, five-star, luxury; first-class; four-star; posh, swanky (colloq.); three-star ~ 3. a run-down, seedy ~ 4. at, in a ~ (she works at/in a ~) 5. (misc.) to check in at, check into, register at a ~; to check out of a ~; to go to a ~; to stay at a ~

hound I n. ["hunting dog"] 1. a pack of ~s 2. (esp. BE) to ride to ~s, to follow, the ~s, to hunt with ~s ("to hunt on horseback with dogs") 3. ~s bay ["enthusiast"] 4. autograph ~s

hound II n. 1. (d. tr.) to ~ from, out of (they ~ed her out of office) 2. (d. tr.) to ~ into (they finally ~ed me into getting a haircut) 3. (H) they kept ~ing me to get a haircut

hour n. 1. to show, tell the ~ (my watch shows the minute and ~) 2. a solid ("full") ~ (the police grilled him for three solid ~s) 3. an ungody ("very early"); ("very late") ~ (she called at an ungody ~) 4. the decisive ~; or: the ~ of decision 5. the cocktail ~ 6. business, peak; unsocial (BE); visiting ~s (during peak ~s more trains run; to get extra pay for working unsocial ~s) (see also office hours; working hours) 7. flexible; irregular; regular ~s (she keeps regular ~s) 8. the rush ~ (traffic is very heavy during the rush ~) 9. at a certain ~ (at the appointed ~; we had to get up at an ungody ~) 10. by the ~ (to pay workers by the ~) 11. during, in, on, on a certain ~ (during the lunch ~; in smb.’s ~ of need) 12. in, inside, within an ~ (she’ll be here in an ~; or BE: in an ~s time) 13. on the ~ ("hourly") (coaches for Birmingham leave (every ~) on the ~; coaches for Bradford leave (every ~) on the half-hour; coaches for Bolton leave (every ~) at 20 minutes past the ~) 14. (BE) out of ~s (I cannot see you out of (normal working) ~s, which are between (the ~s of) nine and five) 15. (misc.) they spent many happy ~s playing cards; to keep late ~s ("to go to bed late"); smb.’s darkest/finer ~ ("the worst/noblist period in smb.’s life or history"); in the wee ~s of the morning ("late at night"); after ~s ("after work"); (a) happy ~ ("period in which a bar sells alcoholic drinks at a reduced price"); H-hour/zero hour ("time at which a significant event is scheduled to begin")

house n. ["building"] ["house"] 1. to build, put up a ~ 2. to redecorate, refurbish, remodel, renovate a ~ 3. to demolish, raze, tear down a ~ 4. to rent a ~ from smb. 5. to let (BE), rent (out) a ~ to smb. 6. (BE) to move ~ (AE has: to move) 7. a dilapidated, ramshackle 8. an apartment (AE); council (BE) ~ 9. a detached; one-family; single; ranch (AE); row (AE), terrace (BE), terraced (BE); semidetached; town; tract (AE) ~ 10. a country; doll’s house (esp. BE); dollhouse (AE); maison (esp. BE); summer; tree; Wendy (BE) ~ 11. a brick; claspboard (AE), weatherboard; frame; prefabricated ~ 12. a lodging (esp. BE), rooming (AE) ~ 13. a haunted ~ 14. (AE) a fraternity; sorority ~ (housekeeping) 15. to clean ~ 16. to keep ~ for smb. ["theater"] 17. to bring the ~ down ("to win thunderous applause") 18. an empty; full, packed ~ (to play to a packed ~) 19. an opera ~ ["chamber of a legislative body"] 20. a lower; upper ~; both ~s of Congress (see also the House of Commons at common; the House of Lords at lord; a house of worship at worship I n.) ["home"] 21. a banking; clearing ~ (see also clearinghouse) 22. a discount; mail-order; pharmaceutical; publishing ~ 23. a gambling ~ 24. a slaughterhouse (literal or fig.) (BE prefers abattoir in literal sense) ["place providing a public service"] 25. a boarding; halfway; safe; settlement ~ ["bar"] (BE) 26. a free; public; tied ~ ["shelter"] 27. a reptile ~ (at a zoo) ["misc."] 28. a ~ of correction/detention ("a prison"); a disorderly ~ ("a brothel"); (AE) a station ~ ("a police station"); drinks are on the ~ ("drinks are served free") (see also the drinks are on me at on); an open ~ (AE)/show ~ (BE) ("a residence being sold or rented out that is open for inspection") (see also open house)

house arrest n. to place, put smb. under

household n. 1. to establish, set up a ~ 2. to run a ~ 3. (the) head of (a) ~

housekeeping n. 1. to set up ~ 2. to do ~ 3. light ~
housework n. 1. to do ~ 2. light ~
housing n. affordable, low-cost, low-income, social (BE); council (BE), public (AE); fair (AE), open (AE); off-campus; rent-controlled; student; subsidized; substandard ~
hovel n. a miserable, wretched ~
hover v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ around (we ~ed around our guide) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ between (to ~ between life and death) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ over (the fear of a new war ~ed over us)
how, howl II 1. (d; intr.) to ~ 2. light ~
hound II v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ at 2. light ~
hub n. according to ~ ("according to the rules")
hug I n. to give, let out a ~ (of)
hug II n. 1. to give smb. a ~ 2. an affectionate, loving hug I 1. to have a ~ and a kiss
huff n. 1. to raise a ~ and cry
hum n. 1. about (~ about them?) 2. (used in exclamatory sentences) ~ wonderful! 3. (misc.) ~ on earth/ever ~ can she do it?; ~ else?; ~ much/many/often?
howl I n. to do ~ 2. light ~
howl II v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ 2. light ~
hum n. 1. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ for us) to take ~
humiliate v. 1. (d; refl.) to ~ before (to ~ oneself before God)
humiliation n. ~ to + inf. (he’s in no ~ to be fooled with!) 8. in a certain ~ (in bad ~)
hump n. ["fault of depression"] (colloq.) (BE) 1. it gives me the ~ (~ "it depresses me") 2. I got; had the ~ ["worst part"] (colloq.) 3. over the ~
hunch n. (colloq.) ["feeling"] ["suspicion"] 1. to back, play a ~ ("to act on the basis of a hunch") 2. a ~ that + clause (I have a ~ that she will not come) 3. on a ~ (she did it on a ~)
hundred n. by the ~s, in the ~s, in their (BE) ~s (the crowd streamed into the studio by the ~s)
hunger I n. 1. (formal) to allay, alleviate, appease one’s ~ to experience ~; more usu. is: to be hungry 2. to satisfy smb.’s ~; ~ to gratify one’s ~ (fig.) 3. (a) gnawing, ravenous ~ 4. to have a ~ for (~ for knowledge) 5. of ~ (to die of ~)
hunger II v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ after (formal), for (to ~ for the truth; "Blessed are they which do ~ and thirst after righteousness" — "The Sermon on the Mount," The Bible: St. Matthew) 2. (E) (formal) to ~ to know the truth
hungry adj. 1. ravenously ~ 2. (cannot stand alone) ~ for (~ for the truth) 3. to be, feel; get; go ~
hunker down v. (D; intr.) ("to settle down") to ~ for (to ~ for the night)
hunt I n. 1. to organize, stage a ~ 2. to go on a ~ 3. a ~ for (a ~ for big game; the ~ for a new director) 2. to ~ high and low (for smt. lost)
hunter n. a bargain; big-game; bounty; fortune; head; souvenir ~
hurdle n. 1. to clear, overcome, take a ~ to hit, knock down a ~ 3. the high; low ~s 4. (misc.) to fall at the last ~ (usu. fig.) ("to fail at the last minute")
hurl v. 1. (d; refl., tr.) to ~ at (the enemy troops ~ed themselves at us); to ~ insults at smb.) 2. (misc.) to ~ oneself into the fray
horrah n. the last ~ ("a last attempt")
hurricane n. 1. a severe, violent ~ 2. a ~ comes up; hits; strikes; rages (the ~ struck several cities) 3. a ~ blows itself out, blows over, dies down, subsides 4. (in) the eye of a ~
hurry I n. 1. in a ~ (in their ~ to leave, they forgot their keys) 2. a ~ to + inf. (we were in a ~ to finish; they were in no ~ to leave the party)
hurry II v. 1. (E) we ~ried to finish 2. (P; intr.) to ~ across the road; to ~ towards the school; to ~ to the scene
hurry back v. (D; intr.) to ~ to (she ~ried back from her lunch break to her desk)
hurt I adj. ["insulted"] 1. deeply, very (~ ["injured"] 2. badly, seriously; slightly ~
hurt II v. 1. to ~ badly, seriously; deeply; slightly 2. (R) it ~s (me) to cough ~ it ~s when I cough; it ~s me to see her ruin her life

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hurtful adj. 1. very ~ 2. (formal) ~ to
hurtle v. (d; intr.) to ~ through the air (a large rock came ~ing through the air)
husband n. 1. to beat; desert, leave; divorce one’s ~ 2. a common-law; cuckolded; estranged ~; ex-husband, former; faithful; future; henpecked; jealous; late; philandering, unfaithful ~ 3. (misc.) she had two children by her first ~; ~ and wife
husbandry n. animal ~
hush n. 1. a ~ fell (over/on the crowd) 2. a breathless, deathly ~ (“There’s a breathless ~ in the Close to-night” – Sir Henry Newbolt (1862–1938), “Vitaï Lampada”)
hustings n. ["route of an election campaign"] to go out on the ~
hustle I n. (slang) ["quick movement"] to get a ~ on (AE)
hustle II v. (P; tr.) the police ~d the prisoner into a cell
hut n. 1. a bamboo; thatched ~ 2. a Nissen (BE), Quonset (AE) ~
hutch n. a rabbit ~
hydant n. 1. to open, turn on a ~ 2. to turn off a ~ 3. a fire ~
hyena n. 1. a brown; laughing; spotted; striped ~ 2. a ~ howls 3. a clan, pack of ~s
hygiene n. 1. to practice (good) ~ 2. dental, oral; feminine; field; industrial; mental; personal; sexual; social ~
hygienist n. a dental, oral ~
hymn n. 1. to rupture a ~ 2. an intact ~
hymn n. 1. to chant, sing a ~ 2. a rousing; solemn ~ 3. a ~ to (a ~ to freedom)
hype n. 1. to fall for; see through ~ 2. media ~ 3. ~ surrounds (the media ~ surrounding their romance) 4. ~ about (I hope you haven’t fallen for all the media ~ about their romance !)
hypersensitive adj. 1. ~ about (~ about charges of corruption) 2. ~ to (~ to criticism)
hypertension n. essential; malignant; mild; severe ~
hypnosis n. 1. to induce, produce ~ 2. to put smb. under ~ 3. to experience, have, undergo ~ 4. during, under ~
hypnotism n. to practice ~
hypocrisy n. 1. to display ~ 2. sheer ~ 3. ~ about (her ~ about the other political party’s tax policy) 4. ~ to + inf. (it was sheer ~ to criticize the other political party for its tax policy)
hypocritical adj. 1. ~ about (she was being ~ about the other political party’s tax policy) 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of her to criticize the other political party for its tax policy)
hypothesis n. 1. to advance, formulate, propose, put forth/forward a ~ 2. to confirm, vindicate; disconfirm; support; test a ~ 3. to accept; refute; reject a ~ 4. a null; working ~ 5. a ~ about, on (her working ~ about the role of rodents in spreading the disease) 6. that + clause (she advanced the ~ that the disease was spread by rodents) 7. on the ~ (on the ~ that the disease is spread by rodents, we should acquire some cats)
hypothesize v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ about (she ~d about the role of rodents in spreading the disease) 2. (L) she ~d that the disease was spread by rodents
hysterectomy n. 1. to do, perform a ~ (on) 2. to have, undergo a ~
hysteria n. 1. to produce ~ 2. mass ~ 3. an attack, fit; note of ~ 4. ~ about, over (~ about imaginary threats)
hysterical adj. ~ about, over (~ about imaginary threats)
hysterics n. 1. to have ~ 2. a fit of ~ (to have a fit of ~) 3. in ~ (about, over) (her jokes had us in ~)
ice n. 1. to form, make, produce ~ 2. to melt ~ 3. hard; thick ~ 4. cracked; crushed; ~ 5. dry ~ 6. black; pack ~ 7. ~ forms; melts 8. a block; patch; sheet of ~ 9. on the ~ (to slip on the ~) 10. (misc.) to break the ~ (“to create a more relaxed atmosphere”); to cut no ~ (with) (“to have no effect on”); on thin ~ (“in a dangerous situation”); on ~ (“in reserve”); (a) water ~

iceberg n. 1. to hit, strike an ~ (the ship struck an ~)

ice cream n. (colloq.) (AE) to raid the ~ (“to eat heartily of”)

icebox n. (colloq.) (AE) to raid the ~ (“to eat heartily esp. during the night”)

idea n. 1. to come up with, conceive, get, hit upon; develop; have an ~ 2. to consider, explore, entertain, toy with an ~ 3. to communicate, disseminate ~s 4. to market, package an ~ 5. to implement an ~ 6. to endorse, espouse, favor an ~ 7. to dismiss, drop, reject an ~ 8. a bright, brilliant, clever, good, great, ingenious; logical ~ 9. a fresh, new, novel ~ 10. a clear; fixed; general; main ~ 11. a daring; grandiose ~ (the glimmering of a daring new ~ came into my head ~ and then another one occurred to me !) 12. an approximate, rough; vague ~ 13. any; no; the faintest, foggiest, slightest ~ (she didn’t have any ~ of what I meant, she had no ~ what I meant, she didn’t have the faintest ~ of what I meant) 14. an old, outmoded, stale, warmed-over (AE) ~ 15. an absurd, bad, crackpot, crazy, fantastic, far-fetched, foolish, wild; desperate; silly, simplistic, stupid, strange ~ (such a foolish ~ will never catch on !) 16. an ~ about; of; behind (what’s your ~ of a good night out ?; The Idea of a University (1852, 1858)= John Henry, Cardinal Newman; the ~ behind our advertising campaign is to appeal to young people) 17. an ~ to + inf. (it was her ~ to attend the meeting; was it really such a good ~ for her to attend the meeting ?) 18. the ~ that + clause (I had no ~ that she would attend the meeting) 19. (misc.) “have you any ~ why she attended the meeting?” “No, I have absolutely no ~ why !”; he didn’t get the ~ (“he did not understand”) ; an association of ~s; what’s the big ~ ?

ideal I adj. 1. ~ for 2. (misc.) less than ~ (lots of stress is less than ~ for mental health)

ideal II n. 1. to attain; realize an ~ 2. a lofty, noble ~ ; high ~s

idealistic adj. ~ about

identical adj. ~ to, with (his hat is ~ to mine)

identification n. [“process of identifying”] 1. to make an ~ 2. (a) positive ~ 3. a means of ~ [“document”] 4. to carry; show ~ (see also identification parade at parade)

identify v. 1. to ~ positively 2. (B) she ~died the intruder to the police 3. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ as; to (he ~died himself as an old friend of the family; she ~died him to the police as the intruder) 4. (D; tr.) to ~ by (the police ~died her by her fingerprints) 5. (d.; intr., refl., tr.) to ~ with (she always ~dies herself with the underdog; he didn’t want to be ~died with the liberals)

identity n. 1. to establish smb.’s ~ 2. to conceal; reveal one’s ~s to assume smb.’s ~ 4. mistaken ~ (it was a case of mistaken ~) (see also identity parade at parade)

ideology n. 1. to embrace; espouse; reject an ~ 2. the dominant, prevailing ~ (to reject the prevailing ~)

idol n. 1. congenital ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (it was sheer ~ for him to arrive late !)

idiot n. 1. a blithering, blooming, blundering, confused, driveling, gibbering ; prize, proper (BE), real, right (BE) ~ 2. the local, village ~ 3. an ~ to + inf. (he was a real ~ to have arrived late !)

idiomatic adj. ~ to + inf. (it was for/of him to arrive late = he was ~ to arrive late ! = to arrive late was an ~ thing for him to do !)

idle adj. 1. to lie, remain, stand ~ (the machinery stood ~ for a month) 2. to be left ~ 3. bone ~ (don’t ask her to help: she’s bone ~ !)

idolize v. (D; tr.) to ~ as (she was ~d as a movie star)

ignition n. (in a car) 1. to switch on, turn on the ~ 2. to switch off, turn off the ~ 3. in the ~ (the key is already in the ~)

ignorance n. 1. to betray, demonstrate, display, show ~ 2. blissful ~ 3. abysmal, appalling, blatant, complete, crass, profound, total ~ 4. ~ about; of (I had to admit my complete ~ of the facts) 5. in ~ of (I was in complete ~ of the facts; in my ~, I believed that there were tigers in Africa)

ignorant adj. 1. blissfully ~ 2. abysmally, appallingly, blantly, completely, crassly, profoundly, totally ~ 3. ~ in; of (~ of the facts)

ignore v. 1. to ~ completely; totally; conveniently (they conveniently ~d some uncomfortable facts) 2. (K) you’ll have to ~ their talking so loud 3. (misc.) to ~ one’s peril (we ~ these inconvenient facts at our peril !)

ilk n. [“kind”] of a certain ~ (people of that/his ~ are not to be trusted !)

ill adj. 1. to be taken ~ 2. to become, fall, get; feel ~ 3. chronically; critically, dangerously, desperately, gravely, seriously; incurably, terminally ~ 4. emotionally; mentally; physically ~ 5. ~ with
(she is ~ with a tropical disease) 6. (misc.) ~ at ease ("uncomfortable"); the situation bodes ~ for the future; it makes me ~ to smell that sewage; it ~ becomes/behooves (BE)/behooves (AE) you to say such things

ill-advised adj. ~ to + inf. (you would be ~ to come late)

ill-disposed adj. (formal) (cannot stand alone) ~ to, towards (they are ~ towards me)

illegal adj. 1. ~ for (smoking is ~ for minors) 2. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ to for minors to smoke)

illegitimate adj. ~ to + inf. (is it really ~ to pose such questions?)

ill feeling n. 1. to foment, stir up ~ to bear, harbor ~ 3. ~ against 4. ~ over (there was a great deal of ~ stirred up over the appointment)

ill-informed adj. ~ about, on

illiteracy n. 1. to eliminate, stamp out ~ 2. ~ in computer; functional; widespread ~ 3. ~ in (~ even in one’s native language)

illiterate n. 1. to get over an ~ 2. to go down with, develop an ~ 3. to die of an; succumb to an ~ 4. (an) acute; sudden ~ 5. (a) fatal; incurable, untreatable; terminal ~ 9. mental; organic; psychosomatic ~ 10. (misc.) the management; treatment of an ~ (for additional combinations, see ailment, disease)

illlogical adj. 1. ~ of 2. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ of/for us to assume that they won’t attend)

ills n. economic; social ~

illuminating adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ to read the candidate’s earlier speeches)

illusion n. 1. to create, give, produce an ~ 2. to cherish, harbor, have an ~ 3. to dispel, shatter an ~ 4. an optical ~ 5. an ~ about 6. an ~ to + inf. (it’s an ~ for him to think that she really loves him) 7. an ~ that + clause (he has no ~ that she really loves him) 8. under an ~ (he’s under no ~s that she really loves him) 9. the ~ to + inf. (does she have the ~ to figure out what happened?) 10. in smb.’s ~ 11. (misc.) by no stretch of the ~ (by no stretch of the ~ can he be called a genius!); it is pure ~ on your part; to leave nothing to the ~

imagine v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ as (can you ~ him as an actor?) 2. (G) he can’t ~ becoming an actor without strong motivation 3. (J) can you ~ him becoming an actor? 4. (K) it is difficult to ~ his becoming an actor 5. (L) I don’t ~ that he will become an actor 6. (N; used with an adjective, noun, past participle) can you ~ him an actor? 7. (Q) can you ~ how thrilled he must have been to become an actor? 8. (misc.) has he really become an actor – or am I just ~ning things?

imbalance n. 1. to correct, redress an ~ 2. a trade ~ 3. an ~ between, in (a trade ~ in imports and exports between two countries)

imbecile n. an ~ to + inf. (he was a real ~ to have arrived late!)

imbecilic adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ for/of him to arrive late = he was ~ to arrive late! = to arrive late was an ~ thing for him to do!)

imbed see embed

imbued adj. (cannot stand alone) 1. deeply, profoundly, thoroughly ~ 2. with (~ with fighting spirit)

imitation n. 1. to do, give an ~ of 2. a pale ~ 3. in ~ of

imitative adj. (formal) ~ of

immaterial adj. 1. wholly ~ 2. ~ to 3. (misc.) it is ~ whether she attends or not; it is ~ how or when they get here

immature adj. 1. emotionally; mentally; physically ~ 2. ~ for (she is ~ for her age) 3. to + inf. (it was ~ of her to do that)

immaturity n. to display ~

immerse v. 1. ~ deeply 2. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ in (she ~d herself in the water; ~d in one’s work)

immersion n. 1. total ~ 2. ~ in (total ~ in one’s work)

immigrant n. 1. an illegal; legal ~ from; to (~s to Canada)
immigrate v. (D; intr.) to ~ from; into, to (to ~ into a country)

immigration n. 1. illegal; legal ~ 2. a flood; wave of ~ 3. ~ from; into, to

immodest adj. 1. ~ about (she was ~ about her achievements) 2. in (she was ~ in boasting about her achievements) 3. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of her to boast about her achievements)

immoral adj. to + inf. (it’s ~ to steal)

immune adj. ["exempt"] 1. from (from prosecution; her prestige made her ~ from criticism) ["unaffected"] 2. to (~ to a disease; her self-confidence made her ~ to criticism)

immunity n. ["resistance to disease"] 1. to acquire, develop; have ~ to, confer, give ~ (this shot will give you ~ for about twelve months; that vaccine will confer lifelong ~) 3. acquired; natural ~ 4. active; passive ~ 5. ~ against ["exemption; special status"] 6. to grant ~ to 7. to have ~ 8. from, to (~ from prosecution; ~ to a disease) (see also diplomatic immunity)

immunization n. 1. to carry out a (mass) ~ against 2. active; passive ~

immunize v. (D; tr.) to ~ against (the children have been ~d against polio)

impact I n. 1. to have, make an ~ on, upon 2. to lessen, soften; sustain, take, withstand the ~ of 3. (a) considerable, strong; cumulative; great; lasting; profound ~ 4. (a) dramatic; emotional; favorable ~ 5. (an) environmental ~ 6. on ~ (the pole collapses on ~)

impact II v. (d; intr.) to ~ on, upon (global warming ~ing the environment) USAGE NOTE: Those who use impact as a verb can also use it as a transitive verb: global warming ~ing the environment.

impaired adj. hearing-impaired; visually ~

impairment n. (a) hearing; memory; mental; physical; speech; visual ~

impale v. (D; tr.) to ~ on, upon (the driver was thrown from the car and ~d on a fence)

impart v. (B) to ~ knowledge to students

impartiality n. 1. a chief, leading, major ~ 2. an ~ from; into, to (~s from abroad)

impasse n. 1. to reach an ~ 2. to break an ~ 3. at an ~ (negotiations were at an ~)

impatience n. 1. to display, show ~ 2. ~ at; with (we noted their ~ at the delay and their ~ with the organizers of the conference) 3. ~ to + inf. (we noted their ~ for the conference to start)

impatient adj. 1. ~ at, with (~ at the delay; ~ with the organizers of the conference) 2. ~ for (I was ~ for the conference to start) 3. ~ to + inf. (I was ~ to start)

impeach v. (D; tr.) to ~ for (to ~ smb. for taking bribes)

impediment n. 1. a speech ~ 2. an ~ to (an ~ to progress)

impel v. (formal) 1. (d; tr.) to ~ into, to 2. (H) her conscience ~led her to intervene

impelled adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ to + inf. (she felt ~ to intervene)

imperative I adj. 1. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ to act now) 2. ~ that + clause; subj. (it is ~ that you be/should be/are (esp. BE) present)

imperative II n. 1. a moral ~ 2. an ~ that + clause; subj. (it is a moral ~ that you be/should be/are (esp. BE) present)

imperceptible adj. to (~ to the touch)

imperfect n. (grammar) the future; past; present ~
imperfection n. a slight ~ (in)
impersonation n. to do, give an ~
impertinence n. the ~ to + inf. (he had the ~ to demand a raise!)
impertinent adj. 1. ~ to 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of him to demand a raise = he was ~ to demand a raise)
imperious adj. to (~ to criticism)
impetuous adj. to + inf. (it was ~ of her to do that)
impetus n. 1. to give, provide an ~ 2. to gain ~ 3. an ~ to 4. an extra added; fresh ~ 4. a powerful, strong ~ 5. an ~ to (there was no ~ to hard work) 6. an ~ to + inf. (there was no ~ to work harder)
imping v. (formal) (d; intr.) to ~ on, upon (to ~ on smb.’s rights)
impingement n. an ~ on, upon

implant I n. a breast; dental; heart; kidney ~
implant II v. 1. to ~ deeply 2. (d; tr.) to ~ in (to ~ in the contract) ~ that + clause (I resent your ~ that my work is unsatisfactory!)

implantation I n. 1. a speech ~ 2. an ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of them not to respond)
impolitic adj. 1. ~ to (interrupting people who are speaking is ~ to them) 2. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ to interrupt someone who is speaking; it was ~ of them to start)
impoliteness n. 1. ~ to

importance n. 1. to acquire, assume ~

implication n. 1. a chief, leading, major ~ 2. an ~ from; into, to (~s from abroad)

import I n. 1. a chief, leading, major ~ 2. an ~ from; into, to (~s from abroad)

import II v. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ from; into (we ~ from abroad)
importance n. 1. to acquire, assume ~ 2. to attach, attribute ~ to 3. (a) considerable, great, overriding, paramount, primary, prime, utmost, vital ~ (the matter assumed paramount ~) 4. minor, secondary ~ 5. ~ arises from; lies in, resides in (it was a question whose great ~ to us arose from its possible
important

in I

consequences) 6. ~ for, to 7. of ~ (it was a question of great ~ to us)
important adj. 1. vitally ~ 2. ~ for (irrigation is ~ for farming) 3. ~ to (attending the meeting was very ~ to her) 4. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ for everyone to attend) 5. ~ that + clause; subj. (it is ~ that everyone attend/should attend attend/attend BE))
importune v. (formal) 1. (D ; tr.) to ~ for (he ~d us v.

n. impression

important adj. 1. almost, next to, practically, impossible I

an ~ on imposition

v. 1. (D ; intr., refl.) to ~ on, upon (“to take advantage of”) (to ~ on smb.’s good nature; don’t ~ yourself on them) 2. (D ; tr.) (“to levy”) to ~ on (to ~ a new tax on cigarettes)
imposition n. an ~ on

impossible 1 adj. 1. almost, next to, practically, quite, virtually, well-nigh ~ 2. physically ~ 3. ~ for (nothing is ~ for them) 4. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ for them to predict the future; that child is ~ to control = it is ~ to control that child = he’s an ~ child to control) 5. ~ that + clause (it is ~ that we will be able to attend)
impossible II n. 1. to attempt the ~ to 2. to do the ~
impracticable adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ to put up a new building there)
impractical adj. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to live in one city and work in another)
imprecation n. (formal) 1. to hurl, utter an ~ 2. an ~
impryuant ~ed itself on their minds)

2. published under the ~ of a vanity press

imprint II v. (d ; refl., tr.) to ~ in, on, upon (the scene ~ed itself on their minds)
imprison v. (D ; tr.) to ~ for (to ~ smb. for fraud; to be ~ed for life)
imprisonment n. life ~
improvable adj. 1. equally; highly, very ~ 2. ~ that + clause (it’s highly ~ that she will show up)
improvement n. 1. ~ for, to 2. the ~ of (we condemned the crass ~ of passing off smb. else’s work as one’s own) 3. with ~ (to behave with crass ~)
improve v. 1. to ~ beyond all recognition, dramatically, greatly, noticeably, significantly, very much; gradually, slowly; rapidly 2. (D ; intr.) to ~ in (she has ~d in English) 3. (d ; intr.) to ~ on, upon (I cannot ~ on her performance) 4. (misc.) to ~ with age; your work is much ~d !
improvement n. 1. to bring about an ~ to show (an) ~ 3. a considerable, decided, definite, distinct, dramatic, great, marked, noticeable, significant, substantial; gradual, slow; minor, slight; rapid ~ 4. an ~ in, of (an ~ in her work; an ~ of service) 5. an ~ on, over, upon (this edition is an ~ over the previous one)
improvisation n. to do an ~
improvisate v. (D ; intr., tr.) to ~ on (to ~ on a given theme)
imprudent adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of you to sell that property so soon = you were ~ to sell that property so soon)
impuance n. 1. brazen ~ 2. the ~ to + inf. (she had the ~ to answer back like that!)
imputate adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of her to answer back like that! = she was ~ to answer back like that!)
impulse n. ["driving force"] 1. to feel an ~ to 2. to curb, repress, resist an ~ 3. an irresistible; sudden ~ 4. an ~ to + inf. (she felt an irresistible ~ to intervene) 5. the ~ behind (what was the ~ behind her intervention?) 6. on, under (an) ~ (to act on ~) ["stimulus"] 7. to convey, transmit an ~ of (a nervous; nerve ~)
imper H.

v. (formal) (d ; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ base motives ~)

n. ~ of a 1. to use ~ of a key ["imitation"] 18. to do an ~ (the comedian does humorous ~s)
imprimatur n. 1. to get, receive an ~ to the official ~
imprint I n. 1. to bear an ~ (to bear the ~ of genius) 2. to leave one’s ~ on 3. an indelible ~ 4. (misc.) published under the ~ of a vanity press

imprint II v. (d ; refl., tr.) to ~ in, on, upon (the scene ~ed itself on their minds)
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v. (formal) (d ; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ base motives to smb.)
in I adv. (colloq.) 1. ~ for ("facing") (they are ~ for trouble) 2. ~ with ("on intimate terms with") (they are ~ with highly influential people)
in II n. (colloq.) ["influence"] to have an ~ with smb.
in III prep. 1. ~ smb. to + inf. (it’s not ~ me to lie; she doesn’t have it ~ her to break her word) 2. ~ that + clause (I’m lucky ~ that I have a good job) (see also Usage Note 3 at fact)
inability n. 1. to demonstrate, display, exhibit, show ~ 2. ~ at, in (to display ~ in mathematics) 3. ~ to + inf. (her ~ to pay caused trouble)
inaccessible adj. ~ to ~ from; to (unfortunately, the stacks are ~ to the public from the main staircase; the director is remote and ~ to anyone!)
inaccuracy n. 1. (a) glaring; total ~ 2. ~ in inaccurate adj. 1. completely; somewhat; strictly, totally ~ 2. ~ in 3. ~ to + inf. (it would be ~ to say that he is lazy)
inadequate adj. 1. completely, grossly, totally, woefully ~ 2. ~ for; to (the food was ~ for all of us) 3. ~ to (she was ~ to the task; ~ to the occasion) 4. ~ to + inf. (the supply is ~ to meet the demand)
inadvisable adj. 1. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ for her to remain silent) 2. ~ that + clause; subj. (it was ~ that she remain/should remain/ remained (BE) silent)
inapplicable adj. ~ to (~ to this particular case)
inappropriate I adj. 1. entirely, highly, wholly ~ 2. ~ for; to (~ for us; ~ to the occasion) 3. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ (for passengers) to tip a bus driver) 4. ~ that + clause; may be subj. (it is wholly ~ that passengers tip/should tip a bus driver; it is entirely ~ that he is/should be present)
inattention n. ~ to (~ to our needs; ~ to detail)
inattentive adj. ~ to (~ to our needs; ~ to detail)
inauldable adj. 1. almost, completely, nearly ~ 2. ~ above, over; to (his voice was almost completely ~ to us above the din)
inaugurate v. (D; tr.) ~ among, in (to ~ smb. in a list)
inauguration n. 1. to have, hold an ~ (for) 2. the presidential ~ 3. ~ as (his ~ as president)
incantation n. to chant, intone, utter an ~
incompatible adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ of (she is ~ of cheating)
incarnation n. (in) a previous ~
incense n. 1. to burn ~ 2. a stick of ~ (the smell of a stick of burning ~)
incensed adj. 1. greatly, highly, very ~ 2. ~ about, at, over (she was very ~ over their failure to invite her) 3. ~ to + inf. (she was greatly ~ to learn that they had failed to invite her) 4. ~ that + clause (she was highly ~ that they had failed to invite her)
incense n. 1. to give, offer, provide an ~ to have ~ 3. a powerful, strong ~ 4. a tax ~ 5. an ~ for 6. an ~ to (an ~ to harder work) 7. an ~ to + inf. (they have no ~ to work harder)
inception n. at; from; since smt.’s ~
incest n. 1. to commit ~ (with) 2. the crime of ~ 3. ~ between
inch I n. 1. to contest, fight for every ~ of one’s land 2. a cubic; square ~ 3. every (~ to the utmost degree”) (“every ~ a king” – Shakespeare, King Lear) 4. (to) within an ~ (“almost”) (he was beaten (to)
within an ~ of his life) 5. (misc.) ~ by ~; to miss smt. by ~es
inch II v. (P; intr.) ~ forward slowly; ~ towards the goal; ~ along a corridor
incidence n. a high; low ~ (a high ~ of crime in the population, especially among young people)
incident I adj. (formal) (cannot stand alone) ~ to (the problems ~ to growing up)
incident II adj. 1. to cause, give rise to, provoke an ~ to cover up, suppress an ~ 3. an amusing, funny, humorous; curious; nasty, painful, ugly, unpleasant; pleasant; strange; touching ~ 4. a border; diplomatic; international ~ 5. an ~ occurs, takes place 6. without ~ (the ceremony went off without ~)
incidental adj. ~ to (the problems ~ to growing up)
incision n. 1. to make an ~ 2. a deep ~ 3. an ~ into incisors n. central; lateral ~ incite v. 1. (D; tr.) ~ to ~ (to ~ workers to rebellion) 2. (H) ~ to ~ workers to rebel incitement n. ~ to (~ to riot/rebellion) inclination n. 1. to feel an ~ 2. a natural; strong ~ 3. an ~ for, to, towards 4. an ~ to + inf. (the carburetor has an ~ to flood)
inclive v. (esp. BE) 1. (d; intr.) ~ to ~, towards (he ~s to laziness; I ~ to the belief that she is innocent) 2. (d; tr.) ~ to ~ (to the evidence ~s me to the belief that she is innocent) 3. (E) I ~ to believe that she is innocent 4. (H) the evidence ~s me to believe that she is innocent
inclined adj. (cannot stand alone) 1. academically; artistically; intellectually; mechanically; musically; romantically; favorably; strongly; very ~ 2. ~ to; towards (I am favorably ~ towards them; I am ~ to the belief that she is innocent) 3. ~ to + inf. (I am ~ to agree; I am ~ to believe that she is innocent) 4. (misc.) I never suspected that he liked dancing: who would have thought he was that way ~?
include v. (D; tr.) ~ to ~ among, in (to ~ smb. in a list of candidates; who was ~d among the guests?) inclusive adj. ~ of (is the price ~ of sales tax?) incognito adj., adv. to go, travel; remain ~ incognizant adj. (formal) ~ of (~ of the risks involved)
income n. 1. to earn an ~ 2. to have an ~ 3. to generate (an) ~ 4. an annual, yearly; monthly; weekly ~ 5. a gross; net; taxable ~ 6. an earned; unearned ~ 7. a fixed; independent ~ 8. a good, high, sizeable ~ 9. a limited, low ~ 10. (an) ~ from (~ from investments) 11. per capita ~ 12. beyond one’s ~ (they live beyond their ~) 13. on a certain ~ (to live on a fixed ~) 14. within one’s ~ (they live within their ~) 15. (misc.) a source of ~ (what is your principal source of ~?) incomensurable adj. ~ with incomensurate adj. ~ to, with (a reward ~ with the results achieved)
incommunicado adv. to hold smb. ~ incompatibility n. ~ between, with
**incomplete adj.** 1. grossly, hopelessly, totally; very ~ as ~ (he is hopelessly ~ as a teacher) 3. ~ at, in (he is hopelessly ~ at teaching) 4. ~ to + inf. (he is ~ to judge)

**incompetent adj.** 1. (D; tr.) to ~ in, into (to ~ ideas in (the minds of) young people) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ with (to ~ (the minds of) young people with ideas)

**incumbent I adj.** (cannot stand alone) ~ on, upon + to + inf. (it’s ~ on you to warn them = warning them is ~ on you)

**incumbent II n.** to unseat an ~

**incursion n.** 1. to make an ~ 2. an armed ~ 3. an ~ into (to make an armed ~ into neutral territory)

**indebted adj.** 1. deeply, heavily; (very) much ~ 2. (cannot stand alone) ~ for; to (we are ~ to her for help)

**indecent adj.** ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of her to refuse to help us!)

**indecision n.** ~ about, over

**indecisive adj.** ~ about

**indefinite adj.** ~ about

**indelicate adj.** ~ about

**indecisive adj.** ~ about, over

**indemnification n.** [“compensation, damages”] 1. to award ~ (the court awarded ~) 2. to claim; sue for ~ 3. to pay; receive ~, ~ for 5. in ~ (to award one thousand dollars in ~ for injuries sustained in the accident)

**indemnify v.** (D; tr.) to ~ for (to ~ smb. for injuries sustained in an accident)

**indemnity n.** 1. to pay an ~ 2. double ~ 3. an ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of her to do that nasty thing)

**independence n.** 1. to achieve, gain, win ~ from (when did the state gain its ~ from the church in your country?) 2. to assert, declare one’s ~ from, of (the state’s ~ of the church) 3. to grant ~ 4. to lose one’s ~ 5. financial; political ~

**independent adj.** 1. fiercely, very ~ 2. financially ~

**indent n.** to request officially” (BE) to ~ for; on (we had to ~ on the company for new computers)

**indentation n.** to make an ~

**indicators** ~ to (pensions working ~ of one another)

**index n.** [“alphabetical list”] 1. to compile, do, make an ~ 2. an author; card; cumulative; subject ~ 3. an ~ to (an ~ to a book) [“indicator”] 4. a consumer-price, cost-of-living; price; retail-price ~ 5. an ~ to (an ~ to economic progress) [“ratio of one dimension to another”] 6. a cephalic; cranial; facial ~

**indexed adj.** ~ to (pensions ~ to the cost-of-living index are index-linked pensions)

**Indian n.** an American ~ USAGE NOTE: To somebody from Canada or the United States, a primary meaning of Indian is “American Indian”. To somebody from other English-speaking countries, the primary meaning is “somebody from India.” Note that a West Indian is always somebody from the West Indies. In contemporary usage, American Indian is being replaced by Native American in the USA and by First-Nation person in Canada.
indicate

v. 1. to ~ clearly 2. (B) she ~d her reasons to us 3. (L; to) they ~d (to us) that they would sign the contract 4. (Q; to) they ~d (to us) why they would sign

indication

n. 1. to give an ~ 2. a clear ~ 3. every ; no ~ 4. an ~ that + clause (there is every ~ that she will recover)

indicative I adj. ~ of

indicative II n. (grammar) in the ~ (the verb was in the ~)

indict

v. (D; tr.) to ~ for (to ~ smb. for murder)

indictment

n. (usu. legal) 1. to hand up (AE), issue, present, return an ~ 2. to waive (the) ~ 3. to quash an ~ 4. (fig.) a damming, stinging, swingeing (BE) ; sweeping ~ (of a book that is a damming ~ of modern materialism) 5. an ~ against 6. an ~ for (there was an ~ against him for a crime) 7. on ~ (to try a case on ~)

indifference

n. 1. to affect, feign ~ 2. ~ about, concerning 5. ~ to, towards 6. with ~ 7. (misc.) it’s a matter of complete ~ to me whether or not she comes

indifferent

adj. 1. to remain ~ 2. ~ about, concerning 3. ~ to, towards

indigenous

adj. ~ to

indigestion

n. 1. to give an ~ 2. a clear ~ 3. every ; no ~ 4. an ~ that + clause (there is every ~ that she will recover)

indicate

v. (H) she could not ~ us to work harder

inducement

n. 1. to give, offer, provide ; have an ~ 2. a powerful, strong ~ 3. a financial, monetary ~ 4. an ~ to (money can be a powerful ~ to harder work) 5. an ~ to + inf. (we had no ~ to work harder)

induct

v. (D; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ smb. into an official position) ; (esp. AE) to ~ smb. into the armed forces

induction

n. ~ into

indulge

v. (D; intr., refl., tr.) to ~ in (to ~ in the luxury of a nice warm bath ; he ~s her in everything)

indulgence

n. 1. to grant an ~ 2. to ask for smb.’s ~ 3. ~ to, towards

indulgent

adj. ~ to, towards

industry

n. 1. to build up, develop (an) ~ 2. (an) ~ of modern materialism) 3. ~ to, towards

inevitable

adj. ~ to

inefficiency

n. 1. gross ~ 2. in (gross ~ in fighting crime)

inefficient

adj. 1. grossly, hopelessly, very ~ 2. ~ at, in (she was very ~ at getting things done ; they were very ~ in reducing waste) 3. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to set up two offices)

inelegant

adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ to phrase the request in that manner)

inelegible

n. 1. ~ for 2. ~ to + inf. (~ to vote)

inevitable

adj. 1. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ to phrase the request in that manner)

inevitable

n. 1. to demonstrate, display ~ 2. ~ at, in

inequality

n. 1. to increase ; maintain ; reduce ~

inept

adj. ~ at, in

inequality

n. 1. to increase ; maintain ; reduce ~ 2. gross ; racial ; religious ; sexual ; social ~ 3. ~ among, between (~ between the sexes) 4. ~ in (~ in pay) 5. ~ of (~ of opportunity)

inertia

n. 1. sheer ~ 2. through ~ 3. a smokestack (“old, obsolete”) ~ 4. another mediocre quantity of their work than in its quality and may even do more harm than good : “another mediocre production of Hamlet from the Shakespeare ~.”

ineffective

adj. 1. ~ against (~ against the common cold) 2. ~ in (~ in fighting crime) 3. ~ to + inf. (it would be ~ (for you) to respond to the charges)

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inevitable

adj. 1. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ to phrase the request in that manner)
inexusable adj. 1. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of him to blurt it out) 2. ~ that + clause (it was ~ that he blurted it out)

inexperienced adj. 1. very ~ 2. ~ at, in, with (very ~ at using computers = very ~ with computers)

infallibility n. 1. papal ~ 2. ~ in

infallible adj. ~ in

infancy n. ["first stage") in one's/its ~ (the industry was still in its ~)

infant n. 1. to breast-feed, nurse, suckle an ~ 2. to bubble (esp. AE), burp an ~ 3. to wean an ~ 4. a newborn; premature ~ (see also baby 7–9, 13–15, infant mortality at mortality)

infanticide n. to commit ~

infantile adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of/for you to behave like that = you were ~ to behave like that)

infantry n. light; motorized; mountain ~

infatuated adj. ~ with

infatuation n.

infected adj. ~ with (their clothing was ~ed with a blazing, raging, roaring ~)

infestation n.

infer v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ a conclusion from the facts) 2. (L) I ~ that my proposal has been accepted 3. (Q) we had to ~ why she had done it

inference n. 1. to draw, make an ~ from 2. an invalid; valid ~ 3. an ~ that + clause (I drew the ~ that my proposal had been accepted) 4. by ~

inferior adj. 1. clearly, decidedly, definitely, far, (very) much, vastly ~ 2. ~ in (~ in numbers; ~ in rank) 3. ~ to (he felt ~ to all the other competitors)

inferiority n. 1. intellectual; social ~ 2. a feeling of ~ 3. ~ in; to (a feeling of ~ in skill to the other competitors)

inferno n. a blazing, raging, roaring ~

infested adj. ~ with (their clothing was ~ed with lice)

infidelity n. 1. conjugal, marital ~ 2. ~ to (~ to one's ideals)

inflict v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ on (~ with computer) 2. to cause; reduce (an) ~ 2. a mild; severe ~ 3. (an) ~ subsides 4. (an) ~ in (an ~ in the throat)

infliction n. 1. to cause; fuel, increase ~ 2. to bring down, control, curb, reduce ~ 3. creeping; double-digit ("10% or more"); galloping, high, rampant, runaway, uncontrolled; single-digit ("less than 10%") ~ 4. the rate of ~ (the rate of ~ stands at three percent)

inflexion, inflexion n. a falling; rising ~

inflexibility n. 1. to demonstrate, show ~ 2. ~ in; towards 3. the ~ to + inf. (she has too much ~ to cope with the job)

inflexible adj. 1. very ~ about, as regards, when it comes to ~; towards, with 4. (misc.) (she is too ~ to cope with the job)

infect v. (D; tr.) to ~ on, upon (the enemy ~ed heavy losses on us)

influence I n. 1. to exert, have ~ on; to exercise ~ over 2. to use one's ~ 3. to wield ~ 4. to bring ~ to bear 5. to flaunt one's ~ 6. (colloq.) to peddle ~ 7. to consolidate, strengthen one's ~ 8. to counteract, curb, neutralize smb.'s ~ 9. (a) bad, baneful, negative; pernicious; undue; unwholesome ~ 10. (a) beneficial, good, positive, salutary; calming; civilizing; leavening; moderating ~ 11. (a) considerable; far-reaching; lasting; major; powerful, profound, strong ~ 12. (a) direct; indirect ~ 13. (a) cultural; moral ~ 14. an ~ for (an ~ for good) 15. ~ on; with 16. the ~ to + inf. (they have enough ~ to get the bill passed) 17. under smb.'s ~; under the ~ of (to come under smb.'s ~; to drive under the ~ (of alcohol)) 18. (misc.) outside ~s = ~s from outside; a sphere of ~; an ~ peddler (AE), pedlar

influence II v. 1. to ~ deeply, profoundly, strongly 2. (D; tr.) to ~ in (who ~d her in her decision to do that?) 3. (H) who ~d her to do that?

influential adj. ~ in

influx n. an ~ from; into

inform v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ about, of (we ~ed them of the incident) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ against, on (the criminal ~ed on his accomplices (to the police)) 3. (L; must have an object) she ~ed them that she would come = "I'll come," she ~ed them. 4. (Q; must have an object) the thief ~ed the police where the money was hidden

informal adj. ~ with (she's ~ with everyone)

informant n.

information n. 1. to disseminate, furnish, give, offer, provide ~ 2. to collect, dig up, find, gather; extract ~ 3. to classify ~ 4. to disclose, divulge, leak ~ 5. to declassify ~ 6. to feed ~ (into a computer) 7. to access; retrieve ~ (from a computer) 8. to save; store ~ (in a computer) 9. to cover up, suppress, withhold ~ 10. classified, confidential; detailed; firsthand; inside; misleading; reliable; secondhand; secret; useful ~ 11. (AE) long-distance ~ (BE has long-distance enquiries, trunk enquiries) 12. ~ relates to (we have ~ to relating to her return to this country) 13. an item, piece of ~ 14. ~ about, on (statistics that provide reliable ~ about poverty) 15. ~ that + clause (we have ~ (to the effect) that she has returned to this country) 16. for smb.'s ~ (for your ~, she has already returned to this country!)

USAGE NOTE: For Your Information can be abbreviated to FYI.
informed adj. 1. officially; reliably; unofficially 2. to keep smb. ~ 3. ~ about, of (we were reliably ~ of her return to this country) 4. ~ that + clause (we were reliably ~ that she had returned to this country)
informer n. 1. to turn (“become”) ~ a police ~
infringe v. (d; intr.) to ~ on, upon (to ~ on smb.’s rights)
infringement n. an ~ of, on (does wire-tapping constitute an ~ of people’s rights?)
infrustrate v. (R) it ~d me (to read) that he had been indicted
infuriate adj. 1. ~ about, at, over; with (I was ~ at the news of his indictment = I was ~ about his indictment) 2. ~ to + inf. (I was ~ to read that he had been indicted) 3. ~ that + clause (I was ~ that he had been indicted)
infrustrating adj. 1. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ to read that he had been indicted) 2. ~ that + clause (it was ~ that he had been indicted)
infect v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ new life into the troops) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ the troops with new life)
inflation n. 1. an herbal ~ 2. an intravenous ~ 3. an ~ into (an ~ of new resources into a project; an ~ of new life into the troops)
ingenuous adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of her to solve the problem so quickly)
ingenuity n. 1. to exercise; show ~ 2. human ~ 3. the ~ to + inf. (she had the ~ to solve the problem quickly when everyone else had failed)
ingot n. a gold ~
ingratiate v. (D; refl.) to ~ with (she ~d herself with the boss)
ingratitude n. 1. to demonstrate, display, show ~ 2. base, rank ~ 3. ~ to, towards
ingredients n. 1. to combine ~ (in baking) 2. basic, essential; principal ~ 3. the ~ for, of, 4. (misc.) the book has all the ~ of a best-seller = the book has all the ~ to become a best-seller
inhale v. to ~ deeply
inhere v. (formal) to ~ in
inherent adj. ~ in, to
inhibit v. (D; tr.) to ~ from (shyness ~d him from talking to women)
inhibited adj. ~ about, from, in (he felt ~ from/in talking to women = he felt ~ about talking to women)
inherent adj. ~ in, to
inhomogeneous adj. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ to turn a stranger away)
injustice n. 1. to do smb. an ~ 2. to commit; perpetrate an ~ 3. to redress, remedy an ~ 4. (a) blatant, festering, gross, monstrous, rank ~ 5. an ~ to ink n. 1. indelible; India (AE), Indian (BE); invisible; marking; permanent; printer’s; secret; washable ~ 2. ~ smudges 3. a blob, blot, drop, spot of ~ 4. (misc.) pen and ~
injunction n. 1. to grant, hand down (AE), issue an ~ 2. to deliver an ~ 3. to get; seek an ~ 4. an ~ against (an ~ against picketing) 5. a permanent; temporary ~ 6. an ~ to + inf. (an ~ to prevent picketing) 7. an ~ that + clause; subj. (the court issued an ~ that picketing not take/should not take place)
injure v. to ~ badly, critically, severely; slightly (see USAGE NOTE at damage II)
injustifiable adj. ~ to
injustifiable adj. ~ to
injustice n. 1. to do smb. an ~ 2. to commit; perpetrate an ~ 3. to redress, remedy an ~ 4. (a) blatant, festering, gross, monstrous, rank ~ 5. an ~ to
ink n. 1. indelible; India (AE), Indian (BE); invisible; marking; permanent; printer’s; secret; washable ~ 2. ~ smudges 3. a blob, blot, drop, spot of ~ 4. (misc.) pen and ~
inkling n. 1. to give smb. an ~ 2. to have an ~ 3. the faintest, slightest; first ~ 4. an ~ about, of 5. an ~
infringe v. (d; tr.) to ~ with (they were ~ed with a new drug)
injection n. 1. to administer, give an ~ 2. to get, have an ~ 3. a lethal ~ 4. a hypodermic; intradermal; intramuscular; intravenous; subcutaneous ~ 5. an ~ against, for 6. by ~ (to take a drug by ~) 7. (misc.) an ~ of new money into a business from rich investors
injudicious adj. (formal) ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of you to speak to the press)
injunction n. 1. to grant, hand down (AE), issue an ~ 2. to deliver an ~ 3. to get; seek an ~ 4. an ~ against (an ~ against picketing) 5. a permanent; temporary ~ 6. an ~ to + inf. (an ~ to prevent picketing) 7. an ~ that + clause; subj. (the court issued an ~ that picketing not take/should not take place)
injure v. to ~ badly, critically, severely; slightly (see USAGE NOTE at damage II)
injustifiable adj. ~ to
injustice n. 1. to inflict (an) ~ on 2. to receive, suffer, sustain an ~ 3. to escape ~ 4. a fatal; minor, slight; serious, severe ~ 5. bodily ~; an internal ~; multiple ~ries 6. an ~ to (an ~ to the head) 7. (misc.) to add insult to ~ (see USAGE NOTE at damage II)
injure v. to ~ badly, critically, severely; slightly (see USAGE NOTE at damage II)
injustifiable adj. ~ to
injustice n. 1. to do smb. an ~ 2. to commit; perpetrate an ~ 3. to redress, remedy an ~ 4. (a) blatant, festering, gross, monstrous, rank ~ 5. an ~ to
ink n. 1. indelible; India (AE), Indian (BE); invisible; marking; permanent; printer’s; secret; washable ~ 2. ~ smudges 3. a blob, blot, drop, spot of ~ 4. (misc.) pen and ~
injudicious adj. (formal) ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of you to speak to the press)
injunction n. 1. to grant, hand down (AE), issue an ~ 2. to deliver an ~ 3. to get; seek an ~ 4. an ~ against (an ~ against picketing) 5. a permanent; temporary ~ 6. an ~ to + inf. (an ~ to prevent picketing) 7. an ~ that + clause; subj. (the court issued an ~ that picketing not take/should not take place)
injure v. to ~ badly, critically, severely; slightly (see USAGE NOTE at damage II)
injustifiable adj. ~ to
inquiry n. 1. to carry out, conduct an ~ 2. a cruel, insane ~ 1. criminally ~ 2. to go ~ 3. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of him to risk everything !)

inquisition n. 1. to establish, prove, show smb.’s ~ 2. to assert, declare; maintain, protest one’s ~ 3. (misc.) an air of (injured) ~; (in) wide-eyed ~; in one’s ~ (in their ~ they really believed I would sell them Brooklyn Bridge!)

innocence n. 1. to conduct, hold an ~ 2. a coroner’s; formal, official ~ 3. the findings of an ~ 4. an ~ into inquire v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ about, after; into 2. (formal) (D; intr.) to ~ of (may I ~ of you where the meeting is?) 3. (Q) he ~d where we were to meet = bringing that up = bringing that up was an ~ thing for her to do) insensitivity n. 1. to display, show ~ 2. complete, total ~ 3. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of for her to bring that up = bringing that up was an ~ thing for her to do)
inseparable adj. ~ from insert v. (D; tr.) to ~ between ; in, into (to ~ a new paragraph between two others ; to ~ a new sentence into a paragraph ; to ~ a key into a lock) inside I adv. ~ out (“with the inner surface facing out”); (“thoroughly”) (to know a subject ~ out) USAGE NOTE: The compound preposition inside of can refer to time or space. Referring to time, it is colloq. CE – to finish a job inside (of) an hour ; referring to space, it is colloq. AE – inside (of) a building.

inside II n. (colloq.) ”[confidential information]” (AE) 1. to have the ~ on ”[position of trust]” 2. to be on the ~ insight n. 1. to gain; have (an) ~ into 2. to give, offer, provide (an) ~ 3. a deep, profound ; new; sudden ~ 4. a flash of ~ 5. the ~ to + inf. (she had the ~ to predict what would happen) 6. the ~ that + clause (she had the sudden ~ that something bad was about to happen) 7. (misc.) a person of great ~ insignia n. military; royal ~ insignificance n. to fade, pale into ~ insinuate v. 1. (d; refl.) (“to ingratiate”) ~ into (to ~ oneself into smb.’s good graces) 2. (L; to) (“to suggest”) she ~ (to us) that her partner had embezzled funds insinuation n. 1. to make an ~ 2. an ~ about 3. an ~ that + clause (we didn’t like her ~ (to us) that her partner had embezzled funds) insist v. 1. to ~ absolutely, definitely, positively ; strongly; stubbornly 2. (D; intr.) ~ on (they ~ on more money ; she ~ed on coming with us ; she ~ed on everyone(’s) attending the meeting) 3. (L;
insolence n. 1. dogged, firm, stubborn ~ 2. ~ on (her ~ on everyone(‘s) attending the meeting) 3. ~ that + clause; can be subj. (we resented her ~ that everyone attend/should attend/(esp. BE) attended the meeting, though we understood her ~ afterward that everyone had actually attended it)

insolent adj. 1. ~ on, upon (she was ~ on everyone(‘s) attending the meeting) 2. ~ that + clause; can be subj. (she was ~ that everyone attend/should attend/(esp. BE) attended the meeting, and after the meeting she ~ that everyone had actually attended it)

insistence n. 1. to display, show ~ 2. gross ~ 3. ~ to + inf. (they had the ~ to demand special treatment)

insolent adj. 1. ~ in (~ in their manner) 2. ~ to, towards 3. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of them to demand special treatment)

insoluble adj. ~ in (water) = water-insoluble

insolvency n. to force into ~

insomnia n. to suffer from ~

inspect v. to ~ carefully, closely, thoroughly; perfunctorily; visually (we ~ the pipes closely for leaks)

inspection n. 1. to carry out, conduct, make an ~ 2. a careful, close, thorough; cursory, perfunctory, superficial; on-site; visual (~ we carried out a close ~ of the pipes for any leaks) 3. a technical ~ 4. on ~ (on closer ~ the money turned out to be counterfeit) 5. (misc.) the troops were getting ready for ~

inspector n. 1. a customs; fire; health; mine; police; safety ~ 2. the ~

inspiration n. 1. a great ~ to give, offer, provide ~ 3. to derive, draw ~ from 4. to find ~ in 5. divine ~ 6. ~ comes (from many sources) 7. a flash, spark; source of ~ 8. an ~ for (what provided the ~ for the statue?) 9. ~ to (their lives were an ~ to young people) 10. the ~ to + inf. (what gave him the ~ to do it?)

inspire v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ in; with (the latest consumer reports do not ~ confidence in that product; her recent speeches ~d hope in her followers = her recent speeches ~d her followers with hope) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ to (the leaders set out to ~ the rank and file to greater productivity) 3. (H) the leaders set out to ~ the rank and file to produce more 4. (misc.) divinely ~d (our leader is wonderful – but she isn’t divinely ~d by any means!)

inspiring adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ to hear her recent speeches = it was ~ hearing her recent speeches = her recent speeches were ~ to hear)

instability n. economic; emotional; political ~

install v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ as (to ~ s mb. as president) 2. (P; refl.) they ~d themselves in front of the TV; the protesters ~d themselves at the entrance

installations n. military; naval; port ~

installation, instalment n. 1. to pay an ~ 2. monthly; quarterly ~ 3. in ~s (the book came out in ~s; to pay in ~s)

installation plan n. (AE) on the ~ to (buy smt. on the ~) (BE has hired purchase)

instance n. ["example"] 1. to cite, give an ~ 2. an isolated, rare ~ 3. for ~ 4. in an ~ (in rare ~s; in a few isolated ~s)

instant n. 1. at a certain ~ (that ~ I realized who had planned the whole scheme) 2. (misc.) for an ~ in an ~

instigate v. (H) (esp. BE) to ~ smb. to do smt.

instigation n. at smb.’s ~ (at her ~, everyone who attended the meeting heckled the speakers)

instill, instil v. 1. to ~ deeply, firmly ~ 2. (D; tr.) to ~ in, into (~ to respect for the law in the younger generation)

instinct n. 1. to arouse an ~ 2. to follow one’s (own) ~ 3. a basic; gut; destructive; herd; human; killer; maternal; natural ~ 4. animal; predatory ~ 5. an unerring ~ 6. an ~ for (he has an unerring ~ for saying just the wrong thing!) 7. the ~ to + inf. (nothing can destroy the ~ to survive) 8. by, on ~

institute n. 1. a research ~ 2. an ~ for (an ~ for theoretical research) 3. at, in an ~ (to work at/in an ~)

institution n. 1. to endow; support an ~ 2. a charitable; educational; financial; penal; philanthropic; political; private; social; state-supported ~ 3. a heavily endowed ~ 4. (misc.) an ~ of marriage; visiting your parents at Thanksgiving is a national ~ in the USA

instruct v. 1. (D; tr.) ["to teach"] to ~ in (to ~ soldiers in field hygiene) 2. (H) ["to order"] she ~ ed us to begin work at once 3. (L; must have an object) ["to inform"] we have been ~ed that the matter has been settled by our lawyers 4. (Q; must have an object) ["to order"] we were ~ d where to meet

instruction n. 1. to conduct, give, provide ~ 2. to take ~ (before converting to a religion) 3. advanced; beginning, elementary; bilingual; intermediate; remedial; ~ for 4. computer-assisted ~ 5. in (to provide advanced ~ in mathematics)

instructions n. 1. to give, issue ~ 2. to leave ~ (for smb.) 3. to get, receive; have ~ 4. to carry out, follow ~ (to the letter) 5. to await (further) ~ 6. oral; verbal; written ~ 7. clear, explicit, precise ~ 8. specific ~ 9. a list, set of ~ 10. for ~ 11. to ~ + inf. (we had ~ to report to her) 12. that ~ + clause; subj. (she left ~ that her estate be ~d) should be divided evenly 13. according to, in accordance with, on ~ (we acted on your ~)

instructive adj. ~ to + inf. (it will be ~ to analyze the results)

instructor n. an ~ in, of (an ~ in physics)

instrument n. ["implement"] 1. a blunt; delicate; sharp ~ 2. surgical ~s 3. ~ of torture 4. ~ for (an ~ for good) ["musical instrument"] 5. to tune, tune up an ~ 6. to play an ~ 7. a brass; keyboard; musical;
percussion; stringed; wind; woodwind ~ ["misc"]

8. pilots study their ~s before taking off

**instrumental adj.** (cannot stand alone) ~ in (her help was ~ in tracking down the criminal)

**insubordinate adj.** ~ to

**insubordination n.** 1. gross, rank ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to cite only one example)

**insufficiency adj.** 1. ~ for; in 2. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to

**insulate** v. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ against, from

**insulation** n. ~ against, from

**insult** n. 1. to fling, hurl, shout an ~ at 2. to swallow, take an ~ 3. to avenge an ~ 4. a gratuitous; imaginary; nasty, vicious ~ 5. an ~ to (an ~ to smb.’s intelligence) 6. (misc.) to trade ~s; a stream of ~s; to add ~ to injury

**insulted adj.** 1. deeply ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (I was deeply

**insure** v. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ against ; for (to ~

**insured** adj. 1. fully; heavily ~ 2. ~ against; for (my home is fully ~ against loss from fire and my life is ~ for $50,000)

**insurrection n.** 1. to foment, stir up an ~ 2. to crush, put down, quell, suppress an ~

**insusceptible adj.** ~ to

**integrate** v. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ into; with

**integration** n. 1. economic; racial; school; token ~ 2. ~ into

**integrity** n. 1. to display, show; have ~ 2. great ~ 3. territorial ~ 4. the ~ to + inf. (he had the ~ not to accept bribes) 5. (misc.) a person of ~ who always behaves with ~

**intellect n.** 1. to appeal to the ~ 2. (a) keen, sharp, superior ~ 3. of ~ (a person of keen ~ who exercises her intellect by solving puzzles)

**intelligence n.** ["ability to comprehend, learn"] 1. to demonstrate, exhibit, show; have, possess ~ 2. acute, great, high, keen; limited; low; normal; outstanding, remarkable ~ 3. native, natural ~ 4. (computers) artificial ~ 5. the ~ to + inf. (she had the ~ to see through their scheme) 6. of a certain ~ (she is a person of considerable ~, so don’t insult her ~ by talking down to her!) (see also IQ; intelligence quotient [IQ] at quotient; intelligence test at test I)

**intelligent adj.** ~ to + inf. (it would not be ~ to provoke her) (see also intelligent design at design I)

**intelligible adj.** ~ to

**intend** v. 1. (d; tr.) (["to design"]) to ~ as (it was ~ed as a joke) 2. (d; tr.) (["to design"]) to ~ for (we’ve

**intend II n.** 1. criminal ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (with ~ to kill) 3. by ~ 4. (misc.) for (esp. [AE]), to all ~s and purposes ("practically, for all practical purposes"); (legal) loitering with ~ (to commit a crime)

**intention n.** 1. to announce, declare, state one’s ~ 2. to make one’s ~s clear/known 3. every; no ~ (she has every ~ of accepting the invitation; she has no ~ of resigning) 4. bad; evil; good; honorable ~ 5. the ~ to + inf. (have you heard of her ~ to resign?) 6. with the ~ of (she left the office yesterday with the ~ of resigning)

**interact** v. (d; intr.) to ~ with

**interaction n.** ~ among, between; with

**interactive adj.** ~ with

**interbreed** v. (D; intr.) to ~ with

**intercede v.** 1. (d; intr.) to ~ for; with (to ~ with the authorities for smb.) 2. (misc.) to ~ on smb.’s behalf (to ~ (with the authorities) on smb.’s behalf)

**interchangeable adj.** 1. freely ~ 2. ~ with

**intercom** n. on, over, through, via the ~

**interconnect** v. 1. to ~ closely; inextricably 2. (D; tr.) to ~ with (these events are inextricably ~ed with each other)

**intercourse** n. 1. to have ~ with 2. anal; oral; sexual ~ 3. social ~ 4. ~ occurs, takes place 5. ~ among, between; with
interest I n. ["concern"] ["curiosity"] 1. to arouse, drum up, excite, generate, kindle, pique, spark, stimulate, stir up; maintain, sustain; revive ~ (in) 2. to hold smb.’s ~ 3. to demonstrate, display, evince, exhibit, express, have, manifest, show ~. 4. to pursue an ~ (he pursued his ~ in historical research) 5. to take an ~ in (she took a keen ~ in the project) 6. to lose ~ (in) (they lost all ~ in sports) 7. an academic; active: lifelong; long; passing; vested ~ 8. a burning, consuming, deep, great, intense, keen, lively, profound, serious, strong ~ 9. broad, wide; common, mutual; general; narrow; universal, widespread ~ 10. human ~ (this story has a lot of human ~) 11. personal; popular ~ 12. the national; (the) public ~ > 13. ~ drops off, flags, wanes; grows, increases; peaks; picks up 14. a conflict of ~s 15. ~ in (to show no ~ in financial matters) 16. ~ to + inf. (it’s in/to our ~ to have stable prices) 17. in smb. ’s ~ (to act in one’s own best ~; whose ~ is this new policy in anyway?) 18. in a certain ~ (in the national ~; in the public ~; this new policy is not in the ~ of small businesses!) 19. in the ~ of (in the ~s of safety; in the ~s of our organization) 20. of ~ (to) (this story will be of ~ to us; these new developments are of local ~ only) 21. to smb. ’s ~ (see 16) ["money paid for the use of money"] 22. to bear, earn, pay, yield ~ 23. to draw; receive ~ 24. to lose ~ 25. to add; calculate; charge; compound ~ 26. compound; simple ~ 27. ~ accrues (to an account) 28. ~ on (~ on a loan; six percent ~ is paid on all accounts) 29. at a certain (rate of) ~ (at six percent ~) 30. (misc.) to return a high rate of ~ ["share"] 31. to own a controlling ~ (in a business) 32. a half ~ (see also interests)

interest II v. 1. to ~ greatly, very much 2. (D; tr.) to ~ in (could I ~ you in this project?)

interested adj. 1. deeply, greatly, highly, keenly, very (much) ~ 2. ~ in (we are not very ~ in politics; would you be ~ in this project?; will you be ~ in knowing when an agreement has been reached?) 3. ~ to + inf. (you will be ~ to know that an agreement has been reached)

interesting adj. 1. highly, very ~; for; to; 3. ~ to + inf. (he’s ~ to watch = it’s ~ to watch him = he’s an ~ person to watch) 4. ~ that + clause (it’s ~ that the incident was not reported in the newspapers)

interests n. ["stakes, investments"] 1. to have ~ (to have ~ throughout the world) 2. to advance, further, promote smb.’s ~ 3. to defend, guard, look after, protect smb.’s ~ 4. to serve smb.’s ~ (it serves their ~ to have stability in the area) 5. far-flung; international; worldwide ~ 6. ~ clash; coincide ["groups having a common concern"] 7. banking; business, commercial; shipping ~ 8. competing; controlling; special ~

interface I n. 1. an ~; vested ~

interface II v. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ with (to ~ a machine with a computer)

interfere v. (D; intr.) to ~ between (BE), with; in

USAGE NOTE: In BE, *to interfere with smb.* often means “to molest smb. sexually”.

interference n. 1. to brook, stand for, tolerate no ~ 2. unwarranted ~ 3. military; outside ~ 4. ~ in, with 5. (misc.) (esp. Am. football) to run ~ for

interim n. in the ~

interior n. in the ~ (the situation in the ~ of the country was critical)

interject v. (D; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ new issues into a campaign)

interjection n. an ~ into (the ~ of new issues into a campaign)

interlace v. (D; tr.) to ~ with

interlard v. (formal) (d; tr.) to ~ with (to ~ a speech with Biblical references)

interlink v. 1. to ~ closely; inextricably 2. ~ electronically 3. (D; tr.) to ~ with (these events are inextricably ~ed with each other)

interlude n. 1. a romantic ~ 2. a musical ~ 3. a brief ~

intermarriage n. ~ between, with

intermarr y v. (D; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with the local population)

intermediary n. 1. an ~ between (an ~ between warring groups) 2. through an ~

intermingle v. (d; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with the crowd)

intermission n. an ~ between USAGE NOTE: In AE, *intermission* has the meaning “pause between parts of a theatrical performance”. In BE, *interval* is used in this meaning.

Internet n. 1. to browse; cruise; surf the ~ 2. to join the ~ 3. on the ~ (to find smt. on the ~)

internship n. (AE) to serve one’s ~

interplay n. ~ among, between

interpolate v. (D; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ Biblical references into a speech)

interpose v. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ among, between

interpret v. 1. (B) I had to ~ the passage to them 2. (d; tr.) to ~ as (they ~ed his response as an admission of guilt) 3. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ for (to ~ for foreign visitors) 4. (H) they ~ed his response to be an admission of guilt

interpretation n. 1. to make an ~ 2. to put a certain ~ on (they put a completely different ~ on his behavior) 3. a broad, free, liberal, loose; strict ~ (of the law)

interpreter n. 1. to serve (smb.) as an ~ 2. to communicate, speak through an ~ 3. a conference; court; simultaneous ~

interpreting n. conference; simultaneous ~

interrelate v. 1. to ~ closely; inextricably 2. (D; tr.) to ~ with (these events are inextricably ~ed with each other)

interrogation n. 1. to conduct an ~ 2. a police ~

interrogator n. 1. to serve as an ~ 2. a prisoner-of-war ~

interrogatory n. (legal) to file; serve an ~
intercept v. (d; intr.) to ~ with (this street ~s with the main road)
intersection n. 1. a busy; dangerous ~s 2. at an ~
intersperse v. (P; tr.) to ~ Biblical references throughout a speech
intertwine v. (D; intr.) to ~ with
interval n. "space of time between events" 1. a brief, short; irregular; regular ~s 2. a lucid ~ 3. at a certain ~ (at regular ~s) ["distance"] 4. to maintain an ~ (the proper ~ should be maintained between vehicles) 5. an ~ between (see the Usage Note for intermission)
intervene v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ between 2. (D; intr.) to ~ in; with (to ~ in smb.'s affairs; to ~ with the authorities on behalf of a political prisoner)
intervention n. 1. armed, military; government ~ 2. medical; nursing; surgical ~ 3. divine ~ 4. ~ from, on the part of
interview I n. 1. to conduct an ~ (a reporter conducted an ~ with the celebrity) 2. to give, grant an ~ (the celebrity gave an ~ to a reporter) 3. to have, hold an ~ (a reporter had an ~ with the celebrity = the celebrity had an ~ with a reporter; the dean of admissions held/held ~s with prospective students; the prospective students had ~s with the dean of admissions after they toured the campus) 4. an exclusive; job; personal; taped; telephone; television, TV ~ 5. an ~ for; with (to have an ~ with the personnel director for a job)
interview II v. (D; tr.) to ~ about; for (a reporter ~ed the celebrity about his love-life; to ~ smb. for a job)
interwoven adj. ~ with
intestine n. the large; small ~
temptation n. ~ between; with
intimate I adj. ~ with
intimate II v. 1. (B) formal she ~d her wishes to us 2. (L; to) they ~d (to us) that an agreement would be worked out soon = "an agreement will be worked out soon," they ~d (to us) 3. (Q; to) they would not ~ (to us) how the agreement would be worked out
intimacy n. ~ between; with
intimation n. 1. to give an ~ 2. ~ that + clause (there was no ~ that she would retire; they gave us absolutely no ~ that an agreement would be worked out soon) 3. (misc.) "Ode: Intimations of Immortality from Recollections of Early Childhood" – William Wordsworth (1770–1850)
intellectualize v. (D; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ smb. into doing smt.)
into prep. (coll.) ["interested in; involved in"] she is ~ classical music; when did you get ~ relaxation?
intolerable adj. 1. ~ to 2. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to allow hardened criminals to roam our streets) 3. ~ that + clause (it is ~ that hardened criminals are allowed to roam our streets)
intransigence n. ~ about
intolerable adj. ~ of
intonation n. a falling; rising ~
intoxication n. a state of ~
intransigence n. ~ about
intrusive adj. ~ about
intricacy n. labyrinthine ~
invective n. 1. to hurl ~ (CE) / coarse, vulgar ~ 3. a stream, torrent of ~ (CE) / coarse, vulgar ~ 4. ~ against (to hurl a stream of ~ against the government)
invective II n. 1. to carry on, engage in (an) ~ 2. petty; political ~ 3. a hotbed; web of ~ 4. an ~ against
invincible adj. ~ about
invincible n. ~ against
intrusion n. 1. to make an ~ 2. an unwarranted; unwelcome ~ 3. an ~ into (to make an ~ into enemy territory) 4. an ~ on, upon (an ~ on my time) 5. (misc.) pardon my ~
intrigue I v. 1. formal (d; intr.) to ~ against (to ~ against the government) 2. (R) it ~d me (to learn) that she had resigned
intrigued adj. ~ to + inf. (I was very ~ to learn that she had resigned)
intriguing adj. ~ to + inf. (it was very ~ to learn that she had resigned)
intrinsic adj. ~ in, to
introduce v. 1. (B) she ~d me to her friends as her husband = she ~d me to her friends by saying, "May I ~ you all to my husband John?" = she ~d me to her friends by saying, "I’d like you all to meet my husband John" 2. (D; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ new methods into an industry) 3. (d; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ students to the elements of computer science)
introduction n. 1. to make an ~ 2. to serve as an ~ 3. a formal ~ 4. ~ into, to (an ~ to a book) 5. (misc.) a letter of ~
intrusive adj. (formal) ~ to
introduce adj. (formal) ~ to
introduce v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ into 2. (D; intr.) to ~ on, upon (to ~ on smb.'s privacy)
intrusion n. 1. to make an ~ 2. an unwarranted; unwelcome ~ 3. an ~ into (to make an ~ into enemy territory) 4. an ~ on, upon (an ~ on my time) 5. (misc.) pardon my ~
intrusive adj. ~ to
invention n. 1. to carry on, engage in (an) ~ 2. petty; political ~ 3. a hotbed; web of ~ 4. an ~ against
inventario n. 1. a busy; dangerous ~ 2. at an ~
interview II v. (D; tr.) to ~ about; for (a reporter ~ed the celebrity about his love-life; to ~ smb. for a job)
intrigue II v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ against; with (to ~ against the government) 2. (R) it ~d me (to learn) that she had resigned
intrigued adj. ~ to + inf. (I was very ~ to learn that she had resigned)
intriguing adj. ~ to + inf. (it was very ~ to learn that she had resigned)
intransigent adj. ~ about
intense adj. ~ about
intense n. ~ between; with
intolerance n. ["lack of tolerance"] 1. to display, show ~ 2. to stir up ~ against 3. racial; religious ~ ["sensitivity"] 4. ~ to (drugs)
invest v. 1. ("to place money or resources") to ~ heavily 2. (D; intr., tr.) ("to place money or resources") to ~ in (to ~ heavily in municipal bonds; to ~ surplus funds in stocks) 3. (formal) (d; tr.) ("to entrust") to ~ with (to ~ smb. with authority)

invested adj. (formal) (cannot stand alone) ~ with (with authority)

investigation n. 1. to carry out, conduct, make; launch an ~ 2. a cursory, perfunctory; full, painstaking; thorough; impartial; ongoing; pending ~ 3. a criminal; internal; police ~ 4. an ~ discovers, reveals (the ~ revealed the cause of the fire) 5. an ~ into, of (to launch an ~ into the cause of the fire) 6. on, upon ~ (on closer ~ we discovered the cause of the fire) 7. under ~ (the cause of the fire is under ~)

investor n. a government; private ~

investment n. 1. to make an ~; to diversity one’s ~s 2. a good, lucrative, profitable; safe; solid, sound ~ 3. a bad, poor; risky ~ 4. capital; heavy; inward; long-term; overseas ~ 5. an ~ in (~s in oil stocks)

investor portfolio at portfolio

invigorating adj. ~ of

involved adj. 1. deeply; directly; emotionally ~ (with) 2. ~ in; with (I got her ~ in the project; to become (emotionally) ~ with smb.)

involvement n. 1. an emotional ~ 2. (a) direct ~ 3. ~ in; with

invulnerable adj. ~ to

invoice I n. 1. to issue; make out; pay; process; send, submit an ~ 2. a duplicate; original ~ 3. a final ~ 4. an ~ for (we sent them an ~ for the full amount)

invoice II v. (D; tr.) to ~ for (we ~d them for the full amount)

invoke v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ in; with (to ~ smb. in a project; we were ~d with the technical details) 2. (G) that job would ~ traveling a great deal 3. (K) that job would ~ my traveling a great deal

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invulnerable adj. ~ to

irate adj. ~ about

ire n. 1. to arouse, draw, incur, provoke, raise, rouse ~s ~ 2. (formal) to visit one’s ~ upon smb.

irk v. (R) it ~s her to have to get up so early; it ~s her that she has to get up so early

irksome adj. (formal) 1. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ for her to have to get up so early) 2. ~ that + clause (she finds it ~ that she has to get up so early)

iron n. ["type of metal"] to mine; smelt ~ 2. cast; corrugated; crude; pig; scrap; wrought ~ ["device for pressing clothes"] 3. to plug in an ~ 4. to unplug ~ 5. to pass, run an ~ over a shirt 6. a cool; hot ~ 7. an electric; steam ~ ["rodlike device used for branding"] 8. a branding ~ ["tool used to apply solder"] 9. a soldering ~ ["instrument used to curl hair"] 10. a curling ~ ["hook"] 11. a climbing; grappling ~ ["utensil for making waffles"] 12. a waffle ~ ["misc."] 13. to have several ~s in the fire ("to be involved in several activities at the same time"); to strike while the ~ is hot ("to act at the proper moment") (see also irons)

ironic, ironical adj. ~ that + clause (it’s ~ that the weakest student in mathematics was/should have been elected class treasurer)

ironing n. 1. to do the ~ 2. a heap, pile of ~ (see also ironing board at board)

irons n. ["shackles"] 1. to clap, put smb. into ~ 2. in ~

irony n. 1. bitter ~ 2. dramatic; tragic ~ 3. a touch of 4. an ~ that + clause (it was a tragic ~ that he was killed in a traffic accident after the war) 5. (misc.) the ~ (of it) was that he was killed in a traffic accident after surviving the war!

irrational adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ to expect miracles)

irreconcilable adj. ~ with

irregular adj. grossly, highly, very ~

irregularity n. 1. a gross ~ 2. voting ~ties 3. ~ in (an ~ in the accounts; ~ties in voting)

irrelevant adj. 1. ~ to (the evidence is ~ to the case) 2. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to cite such outdated evidence) 3. ~ that + clause (it’s ~ that she was out of town) 4. (misc.) is it ~ whether she was present at the scene of the crime?

irrespective adj. ~ of
irresponsibility

1. the height of ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (it was the height of ~ for him to speak to reporters that way!)

irresponsible

1. highly, very ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (it was highly ~ for/of him to speak to reporters that way!)

irreverent

1. ~ of 2. ~ to + inf. (it would be ~ to whistle during a religious ceremony)

irritant

1. an ~ to irritate

irritated

1. ~ at (~ at being awakened so early) 2. ~ to + inf. (I was ~ to learn that she had been promoted behind my back) 3. ~ that + clause (I was ~ that she had been/should have been promoted behind my back)

irritating

1. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ to learn that she had been promoted behind my back) 2. ~ that + (it was ~ that she had been/should have been promoted behind my back)

irritation

1. to express, show; feel ~ 2. to conceal, hide one’s ~ 3. ~ at, with 4. ~ that + clause (I could not hide my ~ that she had been/should have been promoted behind my back) [‘sore’] 5. to exacerbate, worsen an ~ 6. to relieve, soothe an ~

irrupt

1. (D; intr.) to ~ into (“to enter suddenly”) (the demonstrators ~ed into the palace) 2. (D; intr.) (“to erupt”) (AE) to ~ in; into (to ~ in a frenzied demonstration that ~ed into violence)

irruption

1. [‘act of entering suddenly’] 2. (the ~ of the demonstrators into the palace) [‘eruption’] (AE) 2. an ~ in; into (the students’ ~ in a frenzied demonstration and its ~ into violence)

island

1. a desert, deserted, uninhabited; tropical ~ 2. a safety (AE), traffic ~ 3. a chain, group of ~s 4. on an ~

isolate

1. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ from

isolated

1. ~ from

isolation

1. (from) to live in ~ (from))

isotope

1. a radioactive ~

issue I

1. [‘number of a journal’] 1. to bring out, publish ~ 2. a back; current; special; thematic ~ 3. ~ comes out, is published (your poem is in the next ~, which will come out on Thursday) [‘question’][‘problem’] 4. to bring up, raise an ~ to address; confront; deal with, face; debate; discuss; explore; straddle an ~ to settle an ~ 7. to avoid, evade, sidestep; skirt an ~ 8. a basic; collateral, side ~ 9. a burning, important; dead; hot-button (colloq.); sensitive; substantive ~; the real ~ 10. a contentious, controversial, debatable, thorny; divisive ~ 11. a complex, complicated, involved, knotty, perplexing, thorny ~ 12. a delicate, ticklish ~ 13. a minor, petty ~ 14. an environmental; moral; political; social ~ 15. a global; local; national ~ (there are a number of important ~s about climate change that have arisen in our discussions) 16. an ~ arises, comes up 17. at (~ the point at ~) 18. (misc.) to confuse the ~; to force the ~; to make an ~ of smt.; to take ~ with smb. on smt. (“to disagree with smb. about smt.”); to have ~s about/with (“to have problems with/about”) (colloq.) (we’re having meat for dinner – do you have an ~ about/with that?) [‘children’] (formal) 19. without ~ (to die without ~) (see also bond issue)

issue II

1. (B) (“to distribute”) the school ~d new textbooks to the pupils 2. (formal) (d; intr.) (“to come”) to ~ from (blood ~d from the wound; smoke ~d from the chimneys) 3. (BE) (d; tr.) to ~ with (the pupils were ~d with new textbooks)

it

1. (formal) to make a mess of ~; to have had a hard time of ~

italics

2. to put smt. into ~ and keep smt. in ~

itch

1. [‘itchy feeling’] 1. to relieve; scratch an ~ 2. [‘wish, yen’] (colloq.) an ~ to + inf. (she had an ~ to go bowling)

itching I

1. (colloq.) (cannot stand alone) 1. ~ for (he’s ~ for a fight) 2. ~ to + inf. (he’s ~ to start fighting)

itching II

1. to cause ~ 2. to alleviate, relieve (the) ~

itchy

1. to feel ~ all over

item

1. a luxury ~ 2. a budget ~ 3. a collector’s ~ (BE also has collector’s piece) 4. a news ~ 5. a vocabulary ~ 6. ~ by ~ (she answered all their objections ~ by ~) 7. (misc.) an ~ of clothing/food/furniture/vocabulary …; an ~ of considerable importance/interest; an ~ on an agenda (what’s the next ~ on the agenda?)

itinerary

1. to plan (out), prepare an ~ 2. a tentative ~ (we followed the tentative ~ she had prepared, which included various items of interest) 3. according to an ~

ivy

1. ~ climbs 2. (misc.) the ivy-covered walls of an ancient university; (US) poison ~
jab 1 n. ["short punch"] 1. to throw a ~ 2. a left; right ~ 3. a ~ to (a left ~ to the head) ["injection"] (BE) 4. to give smb. a ~ 5. to get; have a ~ 6. a booster; flu ~

jab II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ at (he ~bed at the other boxers with his left) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ in (she ~bed me in the ribs) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ into (she ~bed a knife into the roast) 4. (D; tr.) to ~ with (she ~bed the roast with a knife)

jabber v. (D; intr.) to ~ about

jack n. ["human being"] (esp. BE) (colloq.) every man ~ (see also jack-of-all-trades at trade I n.)

jackal n. a damned; stupid ~

ejacket n. 1. a battle (AE); bulletproof (BE); dinner; donkey (BE); field; flak; pea; smoking; sport (AE), sports ~ (see also life jacket) ["cover"] 2. (AE) a record ~ 3. a dust ~ ("cover for a book") ["potato skin"] 4. to bake potatoes in their ~

jackpot n. 1. to win the ~ 2. to hit the ~ (also fig.)

jacks n. to play (a game of) ~

jag n. (colloq.) (esp. AE) ["state of intoxication"] 1. to have a ~ on ["spell"] 2. a crying ~

jail n. 1. to go to, be sent to ~ (he went to ~ for his crime; she was sent to ~ for shoplifting) 2. to keep smb. from ~ 5. to be released from ~ 6. to break ~; potatoes in their ~

jailbreak n. 1. to attempt; make a ~ 2. a daring; mass ~

jam I n. ["food made by boiling fruit with sugar"] 1. to spread ~ (on bread) = to spread (bread) with ~ 2. apricot; blackberry; blueberry; cherry; gooseberry; grape; peach; plum; quince; (red) raspberry; strawberry ~

jam II n. ["blockage"] 1. a log; traffic ~ ["difficult situation"] 2. (to be/get) in a ~

jam III v. 1. to ~ solidly; tightly 2. (D; tr.) to ~ in (she ~med her fingers in the door); or: she got her fingers ~med in the door) 3. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ into (they all tried to ~ (themselves) into the small room; he ~med everything into one suitcase) 4. (d; tr.) to ~ on (he ~med a hat on his head) 5. (D; tr.) to ~ with (the street was ~med with traffic) 6. (N; used with an adjective) to ~ smt. full; solid; tight

jamboree n. a boy scout; girl scout ~

jam-packed adj. ~ with (the street was ~ with traffic)

gangle v. (D; intr.) to ~ on ("to irritate") (to ~ on smb.'s nerves)

janitor n. see superintendent

jar I n. ["jolt"] 1. to feel a ~ 2. a slight ~

jar II v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ against ("to strike") (I ~red against the table) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ on ("to irritate") (the noise ~red on my nerves) 3. (d; intr.) ("to clash") to ~ with 4. (N; used with an adjective) to ~ a tooth loose

jar III n. ["container"] 1. a biscuit (BE), cookie (AE) ~ 2. an earthenware; glass; Mason (esp. AE); plastic; stone ~

jargon n. 1. to speak in, use ~ 2. computer; legal; medical; military; professional, technical, trade ~ 3. a piece of ~ (to use a piece of ~ that no one else can understand)

jaunt n. ["pleasure trip"] 1. to go on a ~ 2. a ~ through; to

javelin n. to hurl, throw the ~

jaw I n. 1. to move one’s ~ (his ~ was broken and he could not move it) 2. to set one’s ~ (she set her ~ in determination) 3. to dislocate one’s ~ 4. the lower; upper ~ 5. (misc.) to snatch victory from the ~s of defeat

jaw II v. (colloq.) 1. (AE) (D; intr.) ("to speak angrily") to ~ about; at 2. (BE) (D; intr.) ("to chat") ~

jealous adj. 1. bitterly, blindly, violently ~ 2. ~ of

jealousy n. 1. to arouse, cause, stir up ~ (of) 2. to feel ~ 3. to show ~ 4. bitter; blind; fierce; groundless, unfounded; petty; pure, sheer ~ 5. professional ~ 6. a fit of ~ 7. out of ~ 8. ~ at, of, towards (she did it out of sheer ~ of his success)

jeans n. 1. to have ~ on, to wear ~ 2. to put on ~ 3. to take off ~ 4. to button up; unzip; zip up one’s ~ 5. baggy; blue (AE); cut-off; designer; long; skinny; tight ~ 6. a pair of ~

ejer v. (D; intr.) to ~ at

jelly n. ["food made with boiled fruit juice"] apple; blackberry; cherry; red-currant; grape; mint; peach; plum; quince; (red) raspberry; strawberry ~

jeopardy n. 1. to place, put (smb.) in ~ 2. (legal) double ~ 3. in ~ (our lives were in ~)

jerk n. ["sudden movement"] with a ~ (the train started with a ~)

jest I n. (formal) 1. an idle ~ 2. in ~ (that was said in ~)

jest II v. (formal) (D; intr.) to ~ about; with

jester n. a court ~

jet I n. 1. to fly, pilot a ~ 2. to travel by ~ 3. a jumbo ~ (see also airplane I, 2)

jet II v. (P; intr.) ("to fly by jet") to ~ around the world; to ~ across the country; to ~ from New York to London

ejewel n. 1. to mount a ~ 2. crown; precious; price-less ~

jewelry, jewellery n. 1. antique; costume; imitation; junk ~ 2. a piece of ~

jibe I n. see gibe I

jibe II v. see gibe II

jibe III v. (colloq.) (esp. AE) (D; intr.) ("to agree") to ~ with (her story doesn’t ~ with yours)
jig n. to dance, do; play a ~
jig (BE) see jigsaw puzzle
jigsaw puzzle n. (AE) to do, put together a ~
jingle n. 1. to compose, make up a ~ to 2. to hum a ~ 3. an advertising; rhyming ~
jinx n. (colloq.) (esp. AE) to put a ~ on smb.
jitters n. (colloq.) (panique) 1. to get; have the ~ to 2. to give smb. the ~ 3. a case of the ~ (she had a bad case of the ~)
job n. ["task"] 1. to do; finish a ~ to 2. to take on a ~ 3. a backbreaking; difficult, hard; dirty; time-consuming ~ 4. odd ~s (he does odd ~s) 5. a ~ to + inf. (it was quite a ~ to find him = it was quite a ~ finding him) ["employment"] 6. to create; find, get, land, take; have a ~ (she got a ~ addressing envelopes; I have a ~ as a receptionist) 7. to apply for a ~ 8. to hunt for, look for a ~ 9. to fill; hold, hold down a ~ (she holds a responsible ~ as an executive secretary in/with a law firm) 10. to give up, quit; resign from a ~ 11. to lose; shed (esp. BE) a ~ (the company is shedding hundreds of ~s!) 12. a cushy, easy, soft; desk ~ 13. a demanding ~ 14. a dead-end; menial ~ 15. a full-time; part-time; permanent; proper (esp. BE); responsible; steady; summer; temporary ~ 16. a ~ as: in; with (he took a ~ in construction; he got a ~ as an announcer with a radio station) 17. at ~ (she was working at two ~s) 18. on the ~ (he is always on the ~) (also fig.) 19. (misc.) to be between ~s; my ~ pays well; right now she is out of a ~; they all walked off the ~ in protest ["criminal act"] (colloq.) 20. to do, pull a ~ 21. an inside ~ ["mice."] 22. the job of ~ (does the ~ of radio announcer require a deep voice?)["mice."] 23. a snow ~ (AE) ("deceit") (to do a snow ~ on smb. = to give smb. a snow ~; to do a hatchet ~ on smb. ("to criticize smb. harshly"); a put-up ~ ("a prearranged deceitful scheme"); he really did a ~ on his opponent (colloq.) (esp. AE) ("he inflicted a crushing defeat on his opponent") (see also a job of work at work I n.) USAGE NOTE: In colloq. BE, on the job, on the job can also mean "having sex."
jockey I n. a disc (BE), disk (AE) ~
jockey II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for position) 2. (d; refl., tr.) to ~ into (to ~ smb. into position)
jog v. (P; intr.) to ~ across the park; we ~ed around the track
jogging n. 1. to go in for ~ 2. (misc.) to go ~
join v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ for (would you ~ us for a drink?) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ in (they all ~ed in singing the national anthem) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ in (to ~ smb. in a drink; they all ~ed us in singing the national anthem) 4. (D; tr.) to ~ to, with (to ~ one wire to another; they all ~ed hands with one another; to ~ forces with one’s allies) 5. (D; intr.) to ~ with (we must ~ with them in fighting tyranny) 6. (misc.) to ~ together (to ~ two wires together) (see also join together)
join in v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ as (she ~ed in as a volunteer) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ with (they all ~ed in with us in singing the national anthem)
joint n. 1. (med.) to dislocate a ~ 2. (anatomical) an elbow; hip; knee; shoulder ~ (I tripped and dislocated my shoulder ~) 3. (med.) an arthritic; painful ~ 4. (technical) a ball-and-socket; mortise; riveted; toggle; universal; welded ~ 5. (misc.) (slang) to case a ~ ("to inspect a place before robbing it") (also fig.) to put smt. out of ~ (I tripped and put my shoulder out of ~)
join together v. (D; intr.) ~ in; with (to ~ in worship)
join up v. (D; intr.) to ~ with (we’ll ~ with you in the next town)
joke I n. 1. to crack, make, tell a ~ (about) 2. to ad-lib a ~ 3. to play a ~ on 4. to carry a ~ too far 5. to take a ~ (he can’t take a ~) 6. to make a ~ of smt. 7. to get ("understand") a ~ 8. a clean; funny; harmless ~ 9. an old, stale; private; standing ~ 10. a practical; sick ~ 11. a blue (BE), coarse, crude, dirty; obscene, off-color, smutty ~ 12. a ~ comes off; falls flat ~ 13. the butt, object of a ~ 14. the point of a ~ 15. a ~ about (she ~d about a woman needing a man like a fish needs a bicycle) 16. (colloq.) no ~ to + inf. (it’s no ~ to oppose smb. like her = it’s no ~ opposing smb. like her) 17. (misc.) as a ~; to turn smt. into a ~; the ~ was on me
joke II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ about; with (I was ~king her with her about her latest escapade) 2. (L) she ~d that a woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle = "a woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle," she ~d 3. (misc.) "that can’t be true ~ you must be ~king! = that can’t be true ~ you’ve got to be ~king!" "you’re right ~ I was only ~ting~king."
joker n. 1. a practical ~ 2. (cards) ~s wild; a ~ in the pack (also fig.)
joking n. 1. ~ apart, aside 2. (misc.) "you’ve just won the Nobel Prize!" "no ~?!
jolt I n. ["shock"] 1. to give smb. a ~ to get, receive a ~ 3. to feel a ~ 4. a severe ~ 5. a ~ to (it was quite a ~ to her pride) 6. with a ~ (I woke up with a ~)
jolt II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ into (they were ~ed into action by the shocking news) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ out of (she was finally ~ed out of her depression)
josh v. (colloq.) (D; tr.) to ~ about (I was ~ing her about her latest escapade)
jostle v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for position) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ with (the children were ~ing with each other)
journal n. ["diary"] 1. to keep a ~ ["magazine"] 2. to publish, put out a ~ 3. to edit a ~ 4. to subscribe to, take (old-fashioned; esp. BE) a ~ 5. a learned, professional, scholarly; trade ~ 6. a ~ comes out quarterly
journalism n. 1. broadcast; print ~ advocacy; check-book; gutter, yellow; investigative, muckraking ~ 3. a piece of ~ (the article was nothing but a piece of cheap gutter ~!)
off on, start on a ~ 2. to make, undertake a ~ 3. to break, interrupt a ~ (we broke our ~ to Nairobi at Cairo) 4. an arduous; long; perilous; pleasant; safe; sentimental; short; tiring (~ we had a pleasant ~) 5. a round-the-world ~ 6. a leg, stretch of a ~ 7. a ~ across; around; from; into; through; to. 8. during; throughout a ~ 9. on a ~ (they were on a ~ to Europe) 10. (misc.) the ~ out; the ~ back/home; (have a) safe ~ !(“bon voyage!”)

journey II v. (P; intr.) to ~ across the desert; to ~ around the world

joust

journey II (P; intr.) to ~ across the desert; to ~

v.

n.

joy

jowls

heavy ~

n.

1. to express; feel ~ 2. ~ about, at, over

n.

jubilation

adj.

jubilant ~ about, at, over (they were ~ over

n.

jubilee

n.

1. a fair, impartial; harsh, severe; lenient ~ 2. a hanging (“severe”) ~ 3. a circuit; district; itinerant; trial ~ 4. (sports) a field ~ (the field judges’ decision is final!) 5. (mil.) a ~ advocate; a ~ advocate general 6. a panel of ~s 7. (misc.) the ~ directed the jury to find for the defendant; a good ~ of character

judge II v. 1. to ~ fairly, impartially; harshly, severely, sternly; leniently 2. (d; intr.) to ~ by, from (~ing by appearances; to ~ from the facts) 3. (colloq.) (L) I ~ed that the project was impractical 4. (M) I ~ed the project to be impractical 5. (N; used with an adj.) the project was ~d impractical 6. (Q) I cannot ~ whether the project is practical or impractical

judgment, judgement n. 1. to display, exercise, show ~ (she always exercises good ~) 2. to form, make a ~ 3. to hand down (AE), pass, pronounce, render ~ on 4. to sit in ~ on (how dare you sit in ~ on me!) 5. to defer, reserve, suspend ~ 6. bad, poor; good, sound; impaired; sober ~ (to display poor ~) 7. a moral; snap; value ~ 8. a ~ against; for 9. a ~ that + clause (I repeat my ~ that the project is impractical) 10. in smb.’s ~ (in my ~, the project is impractical) 11. (misc.) an error of ~; use your own ~; I agreed against my better ~ (see also rush to judgment at rush I)

jurisdiction n. the federal (US) ~

judicious adj. (formal) ~ to + inf. (it was hardly ~ of you to speak to the press like that!)

juggle v. (D; intr.) to ~ with (they shouldn’t be ~ling with the figures)

jugal adj. ([jugular vein]) to go for the ~ (colloq.) (“to attempt to finish off”)

juice n. 1. digestive, gastric ~s 2. apple; fruit; grape; grapefruit; lemon; orange; pineapple; tomato; vegetable ~

jump I n. 1. to clear, take a ~ (on horseback) 2. to make a ~ (with a parachute), to make a parachute ~ 3. (sports) the broad (AE), long; high; ski; triple ~ 4. (sports) a water ~ 5. a delayed (parachute) ~ 6. (basketball) the center ~ 7. a quantum ~ from; to 9. a ~ in (a ~ in profits) 10. (misc.) to get the ~ on smb. (“to anticipate smb.”); to give a ~ (the sound of the bell made me give a ~); with a ~ (I woke up with a ~)

jump II v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ across (to ~ across a stream) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ at (“to be eager for”) (to ~ at an opportunity) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ for, with (to ~ for joy) 4. (d; intr.) to ~ from, off (she ~ed from her chair; he ~ed off the roof) 5. (d; intr.) to ~ from; to (to ~ from one topic to another) 6. (d; intr.) (“to leap”) to ~ into; onto (the child ~ed into bed; the dog ~ed onto the sofa) 7. (d; intr.) to ~ on (“to attack”) (he ~ed on his opponent) 8. (d; intr.) to ~ out of (to ~ out of a window) 9. (d; intr.) to ~ over (to ~ over a fence) 10. (d; intr.) to ~ to (to ~ to one’s feet) 11. (d; intr.) (“to rush”) to ~ to (to ~ to conclusions; to ~ to smb.’s defense) 12. (misc.) to ~ down smb.’s throat (“to berate smb.”); to ~ up and down (for joy); to ~ clear of the wreckage; she ~ed out of her chair

jump down v. (D; intr.) to ~ from, off; to (he ~ed down from/off the roof to the ground)

jump off v. (d; intr.) to ~ from; to (he ~ed off from the roof to the ground; she ~ed off to a good start)

jump up v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ from (she ~ed up from her chair) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ on, onto, to (to ~ onto the table; he ~ed up from the ground onto/to the roof) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ out of (she ~ed up out of her chair)

jumpy adj. (colloq.) [nervous’] ~ about

junction n. at a ~

juncture n. [“transition”] 1. (ling.) close; open; terminal ~ [“situation”] 2. a critical ~ (we had reached a critical ~) 3. at a certain ~ (we were at a critical ~)

jungle n. [“tropical forest”][“rain forest”] 1. a dense;
juxtaposition

junior I  adj. 1. in (~ in rank) 2. to (he is ~ to me by three years; “Dockery was ~ to you, Wasn’t he?” said the Dean.” – Philip Larkin, “Dockery and Son,” 1963)

junior II  n. 1. ~ by (he is my ~ by three years) 2. (AE) a college; high-school ~

junket  n. (esp. AE) [“pleasure trip”] 1. to go on a ~ 2. a fact-finding ~ 3. a ~ to (the legislators went on a ~ to Hawaii)

junta  n. 1. a military; revolutionary; ruling ~ 2. a member of a ~ 3. by ~ (government by ~)

jurisdiction  n. 1. to claim; exercise; have; obtain ~ 2. local ~ 3. original; primary ~ (a court of original ~) 4. ~ over (to have ~ over a case) 5. outside; under, within a ~ (that case is under the ~ of this court) 6. (misc.) to fall within the ~ of a court; to accept (or reject) the ~ of a court

jurisprudence  n. analytical; medical ~

juror  n. 1. to challenge; dismiss a (prospective) ~ 2. to suborn a ~ 3. an alternate (AE); prospective ~

jury  n. 1. to convene, empanel, swear in a ~ 2. to charge, instruct; sequester a ~ (the judge charged the ~) 3. to dismiss a ~ 4. to fix (“corrupt”), tamper with a ~ 5. to serve on a ~ 6. a hung (~) 7. a grand (US); petit; trial ~ 8. a blue-ribbon (AE) (“special”) ~ 9. a ~ deliberates 10. a ~ arrives at, comes to, reaches a verdict 11. (misc.) the ~ is still out (“the jury is still deliberating”); the ~ is still out on him (“a final decision has still not been reached concerning him”); (a) trial by ~; a ~ of one’s peers

just  adj. 1. ~ of 2. ~ to, towards 3. ~ to + inf. (was it ~ of/for you to accuse me without proof?) 4. ~ that + clause (was it ~ that I was/should be accused without proof?)

justice  n. [“rules of law”] [“administration of law”] 1. to administer, dispense, mete out, render ~ 2. to obstruct ~ 3. to deny; pervert (the course of) ~ 4. to temper ~ with mercy 5. divine; poetic ~ 6. frontier (AE); rough; summary ~ 7. ~ prevails 8. a miscarriage; parody, travesty of ~ 9. to bring (a criminal) to ~ 10. (misc.) the scales of ~; ~ is blind (fig.) [“recognition, appreciation”] 11. to do ~ to (her portrait does not do ~ to her/her portrait does not do her ~; she’s strict – but, to do her ~, she’s fair) 12. in ~ to (she’s strict – but, in ~ to her, she’s fair) [“judge”] 13. an associate (esp. US); chief (esp. US) ~; Lord Chief Justice (GB); Supreme Court ~ (esp. US) [“magistrate”] 14. a traffic-court ~ 15. a ~ of the peace

justification  n. 1. to find ~ for 2. in ~ of

justified  adj. 1. completely, fully, totally ~ 2. in ~ of

justify  v. 1. (B) can you ~ your actions to me? 2. (G) nothing ~fies cheating on an exam 3. (K) what ~fied his being late?; desperation can hardly ~ his cheating on the exam!

jut out  v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ from; over (the balcony ~s out from the hotel over the swimming pool) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ into (the cliff ~s out into the sea)

juxtapose  v. (D; tr.) to ~ with (to ~ one idea with another = to ~ two ideas (with each other))

juxtaposed  adj. ~ with (one idea ~ with another = two ideas ~ (with each other))

juxtaposition  n. in ~ with (one idea in ~ with another = two ideas in ~ (with each other))
kangaroo n. 1. ~s hop, jump, leap 2. (Australian) a mob of ~s 3. a young ~ is a Joey
kayak n. to paddle a ~
keel n. on an even ~ ("well-balanced")
keel over v. (D; intr.) to ~ from (to ~ from the heat) keel over v. (D; intr.) to ~ from (to ~ from the heat)
key I n. ["maintenance"] to earn one’s ~
key II v. 1. (D; tr.) ("to have") to ~ about (esp. BE), around (do you ~ a screwdriver around the house?) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ after ("to keep persuading") (~ after the children to clean up after themselves; they kept after me to buy a new car) 3. (d; tr.) to ~ at ("to hold") (she kept them at their studies) 4. (d; tr.) ("to hold") to ~ for (the librarian will ~ the book for you) 5. (d; intr.) to ~ from ("to refrain") (she could not ~ from talking) 6. (d; tr.) ("to conceal") to ~ from (to ~ a secret from smb.) 7. (d; refl., tr.) ("to hold back"); ("to prevent") to ~ from (the rain kept us from going; don’t ~ her from her work; you cannot ~ Romeo and Juliet from getting married; she could not ~ herself from talking) 8. (d; tr.) ("to hold") to ~ in (to ~ smb. in ignorance; to ~ a car in a garage) 9. (d; intr.) ("to remain") to ~ off (~ off the grass) 10. (d; tr.) ("to hold") to ~ off (~ the children off the street) 11. (d; intr.) ("to remain") to ~ out of (~ out of my way; I kept out of their quarrel) 12. (d; tr.) ("to hold") to ~ out of (~ the guests out of the house) 13. (d; intr.) ("to be confined") to ~ to (she kept to her room) 14. (d; intr.) ("to continue") to ~ to (to ~ to the right) 15. (D; tr.) ("to reserve") to ~ to (~ a secret to oneself) 16. (G) ("to continue") she kept reading; she kept repeating the same thing 17. (J) ("to cause") he kept us waiting 18. (N; used with an adjective, noun, past participle) ("to maintain") (~ after the children to clean up after themselves; they kept after me to buy a new car) 19. (s) ("to remain") to ~ quiet; we kept warm by the fire (see also to be kosher at kosher) 20. (misc.) to ~ (to the) right; does butter ~ well in the refrigerator?
keep abreast v. 1. (d; intr.) ("to be informed") to ~ of (she kept abreast of the news) 2. (d; refl., tr.) ("to inform") to ~ of (she kept herself abreast of the news)
keep ahead v. (D; intr.) ("to remain in front") to ~ of (he kept (well) ahead of his rivals)
keep aloof v. (D; intr.) to ~ from ("to remain at a distance from") (she kept aloof from the others)
keep away v. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ from (he kept away from us; she kept the dogs (well) away from the children)
keep back v. (D; tr.) to ~ from (they kept her back from the crowd)
keep clear v. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ of (to ~ (well) clear of him; they kept the roads clear of snow)
keeping n. ["care"] 1. in ~ (in safe ~; to leave smt. in smb.’s ~) ["conformity"] 2. in ~ with (in ~ with regulations) 3. out of ~ with
keep on v. (G) ("to continue") she kept on reading; she kept on repeating the same thing
keep up v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ with ("to remain on the same level with") (I ran to ~ with the others; she worked hard to ~ with the other students) 2. (misc.) to ~ with the Joneses ("to strive to have as much and be as successful as other people")
keg n. a powder ~
kelter (BE) see kelter
ken n. ["understanding"] beyond; within smb.'s ~
kettle n. 1. to put a ~ up to boil 2. (esp. BE) to put a ~ on (~ to prepare tea or coffee) 3. a teakettle 4. ~ a ~ (in a lock) 5. a ~ to (a ~ to a door) (see also under lock and key at lock I n.) ["solution"] 9. a ~ to (to hold the ~ to a mystery; a ~ to the exercises in a textbook; the ~ to the diagram explains everything in it; is hard work the ~ to success?) ["system of notes"] (mus.) 10. a high; low; major; minor ~ 11. in a (certain) ~ (played in the ~ of C) 12. off (~ to sing off ~) ["button on a keyboard"] 13. to press, strike a ~ 14. to jam a ~ 15. on a (typewriter) a backspace; dead; shift ~ 16. on a (computer) a control; escape; function; soft; return ~ ["device for turning on the ignition in a car"] 17. an ignition ~
key I n. ["device for turning the bolt of a door"] 1. to duplicate; make a ~ to insert; put in a ~ 3. to turn a ~ (in a lock) 4. to fit, match a ~ 5. a duplicate; master; passkey; skeleton ~ 6. ~s dangle (on a chain); fit (into locks); open (doors) 7. a bunch of ~ 8. a ~ to a ~ (is hard work the ~ of producing civilian aircraft) 9. out of ~ with (the needs of our armed forces; our plants are ~ to producing civilian aircraft)
keyed adj. (esp. BE) (cannot stand alone) ~ to (~ to the needs of our armed forces; our plants are ~ to producing civilian aircraft)
keyed up adj. ["psychologically ready"] ["tense"] ~ about; for, over (all ~ for the big game)
keyhole n. to look through, peep through a ~
key punch n. to operate a ~
keystone n. a ~ off, to (AE) (is hard work the ~ of success?)
kibosh n. (colloq.) ["end"] to put the ~ on smt.
kick I n. ["blow delivered with the foot"] 1. to give
smb. a ~ 2. a nasty, vicious ~ 3. a ~ in (a ~ in the groin) 4. (football, rugby) a drop ~ 5. (soccer) a free; penalty ~ "[thrill]" (slang) 6. to get a ~ out of smt. "[strong effect]" (slang) 7. to have a ~ (this vodka has a ~ to it)

**kick II** v. 1. (colloq.) (d; tr.) to ~ out of ("to expel") (he was ~ed out of school) 2. (P; tr.) they ~ed sand in my face; she ~ed the ball over the fence

**kick off** v. (slang) (d; intr.) to ~ by; with ("to begin") (they ~ed off the conference with a cocktail party = they ~ed off the conference by having a cocktail party)

**kick out** v. (d; intr.) to ~ at (the mule ~ed out at the farmer)

**kicks** n. (colloq.) "[thrill]" (just for ~ (they did it for ~)

**kid** v. (colloq.) (D; tr.) ("to tease good-naturedly") ("to fool") to ~

**kid around** v. (colloq.) (D; intr.) ("to fool")

**kid II** v. 1. next of ~ (to notify the next of ~) 2. (misc.)

**kicker** n. 1. to ~ (smb.) outright 2. (usu. mil.) ~ed in ~ ascends, mounts, succeeds to the throne 7. a ~ reigns; rules 8. a ~ abdicates 9. (misc.) to toast the ~; how was life under the old ~?

**kingdom** n. the animal; mineral; plant; vegetable ~

**king’s evidence** n. (BE) to turn ~ (see also queen’s evidence, state’s evidence)

**kink** n. ("imperfection") to iron out the ~s

**kinship** n. 1. to feel (a ~ with smb. 2. (a ~ between, with

**kiosk** n. a telephone ~ (BE; CE has telephone booth)

**kiss I** 1. to blow, throw; give (smb.) a ~ 2. to steal a ~ 3. an affectionate; fervent, passionate; French; goodnight; loving, tender ~ 4. a ~ on (to plant a ~ on smb.’s cheek) 5. (misc.) the ~ of death; (BE) the ~ of life ("mouth-to-mouth resuscitation") (AE has cardiopulmonary resuscitation or CPR) ; to give smb. a hug and a ~

**kiss II** v. 1. to ~ passionately; tenderly 2. (D; tr.) to ~ on (she ~ed the baby on the cheek) 3. (O; can they ~ed goodnight)

**kitten** n. to transplant a ~ 2. an artificial; floating ~

**kid gloves** n. to treat smb. with ~ ("to treat smb. with great deference or mildness")

**kidney** n. ("organ") 1. to transplant a ~ 2. an artificial; floating ~ ["sort"] (formal) 3. of a certain ~ (people of that/this ~ are not to be trusted!)

**kill I** n. 1. to make a ~ (the lion made the ~ 2. at the ~ (to be in at the ~ 3. (misc.) to close in/go in/ move in for the ~

**kill II** v. 1. to ~ (smb. outright 2. (usu. mil.) ~ed in action 3. (colloq.) (R) it just ~s me to think about the money we lost (see also to kill smb. with kindness at kindness)

**killer** n. ("muderer") 1. a copycat; multiple; serial; psychopathic ~ 2. a ~ strikes 3. (misc.) a giant-killer ("one that defeats a more powerful opponent, as David killed Goliath")

**killing** n. ("putting to death") 1. (a) mercy ~ ["large profit"] (colloq.) 2. to make a ~

**kilter** n. ["order"] out of ~

**kin I** n. 1. of (that was very/most ~ of you) 2. ~ to (~ to animals) 3. ~ to ~ inf. (it was ~ of you to help us) 4. (misc.) ~ and courteous; would you be ~ enough to help us? = would you be so ~ as to help us?

**kin II** n. 1. of a ~ (of all ~s; of several ~s; two of a ~; a person of that ~ = that ~ person of person) 2. (misc.) ~ of thing (always going on about his enemies, his problems ~ that ~ of thing); to like all ~s of music; "was it satisfactory?" "it was nothing of the ~ ~ it was awful!" ["same manner"] 3. in ~ (to be paid (back) in ~; to respond in ~) ["goods"] 4. in ~ (to pay smb. back in ~ rather than in cash)

**kindergarten** n. to attend, go to (a ~)

**kind of** adv. (colloq.) ["more or less, rather"] I ~ expected it (it happened); it was ~ nice, actually

**kindly adv. ["readily"] not to take ~ to ("not to accept readily") (I don’t take ~ to being called a fool!)

**kindness** n. ["quality of being good, kind"] 1. to display, show ~ 2. elementary; human ~ 3. ~ to, towards 4. out of ~ (she did it out of elementary human ~) 5. an act of ~ 6. (misc.) the milk of human ~; to kill smb. with ~ ["good, kind act"] 7. to do smb. a ~ to, repay, return a ~

**king** n. 1. to crown a ~ 2. to crown; proclaim smb. ~ to, depose, dethrone a ~ 4. (chess) to checkmate a ~ 5. a despotic; popular; strong; weak ~ 6. a ~ ascends, mounts, succeeds to the throne 7. a ~ reigns; rules 8. a ~ abdicates 9. (misc.) to toast the ~; how was life under the old ~?

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**kit** n. ["equipment"] 1. a drum; first-aid; instruction; mess; sewing; shaving; survival; tool ~ ["clothing and equipment"] (BE) 2. camping; travelling ~ 3. (misc.) (mil.) (BE) a ~ bag

**kitchen** n. a communal; field; fitted (BE); soup ~

**kite** n. 1. to fly a ~ 2. (misc.) (AE; colloq.) go fly a ~ ! ("go away")

**kith and kin** ("friends and relations")

**kitty** n. ["fund, pool"] in the ~ (how much is in the ~?)

**knack** n. ["skill"] 1. to get; have; lose the ~ of smt. 2. an uncanny ~ 3. a ~ for, of (she has a ~ for getting into trouble; she has the ~ of getting what she wants) 4. a ~ to (there’s a ~ to baking a good cake)

**knee I** n. 1. to bend one’s ~s 2. to dislocate; wrench one’s ~ 3. a trick ("defective") ~s buckle 5. (fig.) at smb.’s ~ (she learned the language at her mother’s ~) 6. (usu. fig.) on bended ~ (s) (I beg you for mercy on bended ~!) 7. (misc.) to drop/ fall to one’s ~s; to get down on one’s ~s; to get down on one ~ (as when proposing marriage); will the credit crunch bring the economy to its ~s?; I go all weak at the ~s whenever she smiles at me

**knee II** v. (D; tr.) to ~ in (she ~d her attacker in the groin)
kneel v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ to before 2. (misc.) to ~ in prayer

kneel n. 1. to sound, toll the ~ 2. the death ~ (for, of) (the government's decision has sounded the death ~ for heavy industry in this country)

knife n. ["instrument for cutting"] 1. to draw, pull a ~ (on smb.) 2. to brandish, wield a ~ 3. to plunge a ~ into smb. 4. to put a ~ to smb.'s throat 5. to stab smb. with a ~ 6. to sharpen, whet a ~ 7. a blunt, dull; sharp ~ 8. a bowie; boy-scout; clasp; hunting ~; penknife, pocketknife; Swiss Army (T) ~ 9. a bread; butcher (esp. AE); butcher's (esp. BE); butter; carving; electric; fish; kitchen; paring; steak; table ~ 10. a flick (BE; AE has switchblade); sheath; trench ~ 11. a paper ~ (BE; AE has letter opener) 12. (misc.) a ~ and fork (some people prefer chopsticks to a ~ and fork); to go through smt. like a ~ through butter ("very easily and quickly, without meeting resistance") (see also knife crime at crime) ["surgery"] (old-fashioned) 13. under the ~ (she went under the ~ yesterday and was under the ~ for two hours)

knight n. 1. to dub, make smb. a ~ 2. a ~ errant; a ~ in shining armor (fig.) 3. a ~'s wife is a lady

knighthood n. to bestow, confer a ~ on, upon

knit v. (C) ~ a scarf for me; or: ~ me a scarf

n. to bestow, confer a ~ on, upon

knitting n. to do ~ 2. a piece ~ of ~ 3. engine ~ 2. a gentle; loud ~ 3. a ~ at, on (a ~ at/on the door) ["blow"] (colloq.) 4. hard ~; she has taken some hard ~s in her life

knock I n. ["thumping noise"] 1. engine ~ 2. a gentle; loud ~ 3. a ~ at, on (a ~ at/on the door) ["blow"] (colloq.) 4. hard ~; she has taken some hard ~s in her life

knock II v. 1. ("to rap") to ~ gently; loudly 2. (colloq.) (d; intr.) ("to wander") to ~ about, around (he ~ed around the western part of the state for a few months) 3. (d; intr., tr.) ("to strike") to ~ against (she ~ed her head against the ceiling; she ~ed a stick against the ceiling) 4. (d; intr.) ("to rap") to ~ at, on (to ~ at/on the door) 5. (d; tr.) ("to pound") to ~ into (to ~ some sense into smb.'s head) 6. (d; tr.) ("to fell") to ~ off (he ~ed me off my feet) 7. (d; tr.) ("to remove") to ~ out of the impact ~ed two teeth out of his mouth) 8. (d; tr.) to ~ to (she ~ed him to the ground) 9. (N; used with an adjective) ("to render by striking") to ~ smb. cold/unconscious 10. (P; tr.) ("to render by striking") she ~ed me down; she ~ed me out; she accidentally ~ed the vase off the table 11. (misc.) ~ it off! (slang) ("stop")

knock down v. (colloq.) (BE) (D; tr.) ("to persuade the government to reduce a price or to get a reduced price") to ~ by; from: to (I ~ed him/his price down from £20 to £10 – so the price was ~ed down by £10!)

knockout n. 1. to score a ~ 2. a technical ~

knot n. 1. to tie; tighten a ~ 2. to loosen; undo, untie a ~ 3. the Gordian ~ (to cut the Gordian ~) 4. a loose; tight ~ 5. a bowline; granny; reef, square ~ 6. (misc.) (all) tied up in ~s

know I n. in the ~ (about)

know v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ about, of (we knew about the incident) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ as (I knew her as a colleague) 3. (d; tr.) to ~ by (to ~ smb. by name; I knew her by sight only) 4. (d; tr.) to ~ from ("to be able to differentiate") (the little child doesn't ~ a dog from a cat) 5. (E) (esp. AE) does he ~ to call you if he gets lost? 6. (H; only in the past and perfect) I've never known him to lose his temper 7. (BE) (I; only in the past and perfect) I've never known him to lose his temper 8. (L) we ~ that they will come; she employed him even ~ing full well that he had spent time in prison!; does he ~ that he should call you if he gets lost? 9. (formal) (M) I ~ him to be a fool 10. (Q) she ~s how to drive 11. (misc.) ~ to smt. for a fact ("to know smt. to be true"); ~ to smt. by heart; to ~ smt. inside out, to ~ smt. backwards and forwards, to ~ smt. like the back of one's hand; you should ~ enough not to have stayed out late; you should ~ better; you should have ~n better than to stay out late; she always ~s best; to ~ for certain/for sure; "how well do you ~him?" "I ~ him intimately but she hardly ~s him at all." (see also known)

know-how n. 1. the necessary ~ (he doesn't have the necessary ~ for the job) 2. technical ~ 3. the ~ to + inf. (he doesn't have the necessary ~ to do the job)

knowing n. there's no ~ (what they'll do)

knowledge n. 1. to acquire, accumulate, gain ~ 2. to absorb, assimilate, soak up ~ 3. to have ~ of a subject 4. to broaden, deepen one's ~ 5. to brush up (on) one's ~ of (a subject) 6. to demonstrate, display, show ~ 7. to communicate, disseminate; impart ~ 8. to flaunt, parade one's ~ of (a subject) 9. to deny (all) ~ of (smt.) 10. detailed; extensive; profound, thorough ~ 11. rudimentary; slight, superficial ~ 12. direct; inside, intimate; intuitive; practical ~ 13. (a) fluent; reading; speaking; working ~ (to have fluent/a fluent ~ of English; to have reading/a reading ~ of several languages) 14. common ~ 15. (formal) carnal ~ (to have carnal ~ of) 16. ~ about, of 17. the ~ to + inf. (she has enough ~ about the subject to write a good book) 18. the ~ that + clause (it is common ~ that he has spent time in prison; she employed him (even) in the ~ that he had spent time in prison!) 19. to smb.'s ~ (to my ~, she has never been here) 20. to come to smb.'s ~ (it came to our ~ that she had left town) 21. (misc.) to the best of smb.'s ~ (to the best of my ~, she has never been here); a person of great ~

knowledgeable adj. ~ about

known adj. 1. internationally; nationally; well; widely ~ 2. ~ as (she is ~ as a patron of the arts) 3. ~ for (~ for being witty) 4. ~ to (~ to everyone) 5. (cannot stand alone) ~ to + inf. (she is ~ to frequent that bar; she is ~ to be a patron of the arts; he is ~ to have spent time in prison) 6. ~ that + clause (it is well ~ (to everyone) that he has spent time
in prison) 7. (misc.) better/otherwise ~ as (Samuel Clemens, better ~ as Mark Twain)

**knuckle** *n.* 1. to rap smb. on, over the ~s (“to reprimand”) (he was rapped over the ~s for being late)
2. to bruise; scrape one’s ~ 3. to crack one’s ~s 4. brass ~s (AE; CE has *knuckle duster*)

**knuckle down** *v.* (D; intr.) to ~ to (to ~ to work)

**knuckle under** *v.* (D; intr.) (“to submit”) to ~ to (to ~ to an aggressor)

**kosher** *adj.* to keep ~ (they keep ~ in their household)

**kowtow** *v.* (d; intr.) to ~ to (“to fawn over”) (to ~ to the boss)

**kudos** *n.* (colloq.) [*praise*] (AE) 1. to earn, win ~ 2. ~ to smb. for smt. (~ to our mayor for reducing taxes !) [*glory, prestige*] (esp. BE) 3. to get ~ for (to get a lot of) ~ for reducing taxes) 4. (misc.) the ~ ‘of/attached to’ being Poet Laureate
lack II v. (D; intr.) to ~ for (formal) (we don’t ~ for anything)
lacking adj. 1. badly, completely, sadly, totally, utterly ~ 2. ~ in (~ in common sense)
lacquer n. to apply ~
lad n. 1. a young ~ 2. a bunch, group of ~s (a group of ~s and lasses) 3. (BE) a bit of a ~, a bit of a Jack the Lad (who gets into trouble from time to time)
ladder n. [“framework with rungs for climbing”] 1. to put up a ~ 2. to steady a ~ 3. to lean a ~ (against a wall) 4. to climb, go up, mount a ~ (he mounted his ~ and is still up/on it) 5. to come down, descend a ~ 6. an aerial; extension; rope ~ 7. an accommodation ~ (over the side of a ship) [“unraveled stitches in a stocking”] (BE; CE has run) 8. to get, have a ~ (in [“path”]) 9. the ~ to success [“hierarchy”] 10. a career ~; the social ~ (climbing the career ~)
laden adj. 1. fully, heavily ~ 2. ~ with
lady n. 1. a leading ~ 2. the first ~ (“wife of the President or of a state governor”) 3. a bag ~ (“a destitute woman living on the streets”) 4. a cleaning ~; a dinner (BE) ~ (in a school) 5. (misc.) the first ~ of the American theater; (my lords,) ladies and gentlemen…; smb.’s good ~ (“smb.’s wife”) (BE) (considered somewhat condescending to women) (and how’s your good ~?) (see also smb.’s lady wife at wife)
lag I n. 1. a cultural; time ~ 2. ~et
lag II v. 1. to ~ badly 2. (D; intr.) to ~ behind; in (she ~ed far behind the others in the race) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ by (their party was ~ging by ten points in the polls)
lag behind v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ by (their party was ~ging behind by ten points in the polls = their party was ~ging ten points behind in the polls) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ in (to ~ in one’s work)
laid up adj. ~ with (~ with the flu)
lake n. 1. a deep; dry ~ 2. an artificial ~ 3. the shore of a ~ = a lake ~ 4. across; at, on a ~ (they have a summer bungalow at/on a ~)
lam II v. (slang) (d; intr.) to ~ into (“to attack physically or verbally”)
lamb n. [“animal”] 1. a sacrificial ~ 2. ~s bleat 3. (misc.) as gentle as a ~; like a ~ to (the) slaughter [“meat”] 4. to roast; stew ~ 5. roast; stewed ~ (see also lamb stew at stew) 6. a leg; piece, slice; rack; shoulder of ~ 7. (misc.) a ~ Shank
lamb chops n. 1. to broil (AE); grill ~ 2. a rack of ~
lame adj. 1. ~ in (~ in one leg) 2. to go ~
lament I n. 1. a bitter ~ 2. ~ for
lament II v. 1. to ~ bitterly, deeply 2. (D; intr.) to ~ for (formal) (we don’t ~ for anything)

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land I n. ["soil"] ["ground"] 1. to clear ~ (to clear ~ of trees and brush) 2. to cultivate (the), work the ~; irrigate; reclaim (the) ~ 3. to redistribute (the) ~ 4. arable; barren; fertile; grazing, pasture; marginal ~ 5. private; public ~ 6. a plot of ~ ["solid surface of the earth"] 7. to raise, sight ~ (from a ship) 8. to reach ~ 9. dry ~ 10. a body of ~ 11. by ~ (to travel by ~) 12. on (the) ~ ["rural area"] 13. to go back to the ~ ["country"] ["domain"] 14. smb.’s native ~ ("This is my own, my native ~!") ~ Sir Walter Scott (1771–1832)) 15. a promised ~ (we were ~ 16. no man’s ~ (in no man’s ~; shot while crossing no man’s ~) ["misc."] 17. Cloud-Cuckoo Land, Never-Never Land; the Holy Land; the lay (AE)/lie (BE) of the ~

land II v. 1. (d; intr., tr.) ["to arrive by air; to cause to land"] to ~ at (when do we ~ at Heathrow ?) 2. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ in ("to get involved in"; "to fall on") (she tripped and ~ed on her back) 4. (colloq.) (O) ["to punch"] she ~ed him one in the eye

landfill n. a sanitary ~

landscape n. 1. a beautiful, magnificent, picturesque ~ 2. a bleak, gloomy ~ 3. a desert; lunar ~ 4. to dominate the ~ (a nuclear-power station dominated the ~) 5. (misc.) the political ~ (Winston Churchill dominated the British political ~ during World War II)

land up v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ in (he ~ed up in Moscow; he ~ed up in trouble) 2. (s) they ~ed up penniless; she ~ed up drifting from job to job

lane I n. 1. to change, shift ~s 2. to cross over into, get over into the other ~ 3. the fast (also fig.); inside; outside; overtaking (esp. BE), passing; slow (also fig.) ~ 4. a bicycle, cycle; bus ~ 5. a four-lane highway (AE)/motorway (BE) 6. (BE) the nearside ("left"); offside ("right") ~ 7. an air; sea; shipping ~ 8. in a ~ (you youngsters like life in the fast ~; we oldsters prefer life in the slow ~)

lanes n. ["linguistic system of communication"] 1. to use a ~ 2. to plan; standardize a ~ 3. to acquire, master; learn; study a ~ 4. to speak (in) a ~ 5. to butcher, murder a ~ 6. to enrich; purify a ~ 7. (the) spoken; written ~ 8. smb.’s first, native; second ~ 9. a cognate; foreign; international, world; national; official; universal; vehicular; vernacular ~ 10. colloquial, informal; formal; idiomatic; (a) literary, (a) standard; (a) nonstandard; nontechnical; subststandard; technical ~ 11. an ancient; artificial; classical; creolized; dead, extinct; living; modern; natural; trade ~ 12. an agglutinative; inflecting; isolating; synthetic; tone ~ 13. an object, target; source; working ~ 14. sign ~ (to communicate in sign ~) ["style of speaking or writing"] 15. to use (a) ~ 16. biblical; elegant; flowery; rich ~ 17. everyday, plain, simple, vernacular; polite ~ 18. abusive; bad, coarse, crude, dirty, foul, nasty, obscene, offensive, street, unprintable, vile, vulgar; blunt, explicit; rough, strong, vituperative ~ 19. children’s; diplomatic; men’s; PC, politically correct; nonsexist; sexist; women’s ~ ["system of signs, symbols used by a computer"] 20. an assembly; computer, machine, programming; high-level ~ ["misc."] 21. ~ acquisition; ~ learning; ~ maintenance; ~ teaching; ~ body ~ to reduce a ~ to writing

languish v. (D; intr.) to ~ in (to ~ in prison)

lantern n. 1. to light; put out a ~ 2. to shine a ~ on 3. (fig.) ~ sing, warble 2. a bevy

lard II n. (formal) (d; tr.) to ~ with (to ~ a speech ~) ~ learning; ~ maintenance; ~ teaching; ~ body ~ to reduce a ~ to writing

language n. 1. to clear ~ (to clear ~ of trees and brush) 2. to cultivate (the), work the ~; irrigate; reclaim (the) ~ 3. to redistribute (the) ~ 4. arable; barren; fertile; grazing, pasture; marginal ~ 5. private; public ~ 6. a plot of ~ ["solid surface of the earth"] 7. to raise, sight ~ (from a ship) 8. to reach ~ 9. dry ~ 10. a body of ~ 11. by ~ (to travel by ~) 12. on (the) ~ ["rural area"] 13. to go back to the ~ ["country"] ["domain"] 14. smb.’s native ~ ("This is my own, my native ~!") ~ Sir Walter Scott (1771–1832)) 15. a promised ~ (we were ~ 16. no man’s ~ (in no man’s ~; shot while crossing no man’s ~) ["misc."] 17. Cloud-Cuckoo Land, Never-Never Land; the Holy Land; the lay (AE)/lie (BE) of the ~

lard I n. 1. to make a ~ 2. to clear ~ (to clear ~ of "ground") 3. on a ~ 4. a bicycle, cycle; bus ~ 5. a four-lane highway (AE)/motorway (BE) 6. (BE) the nearside ("left"); offside ("right") ~ 7. an air; sea; shipping ~ 8. in a ~ (you youngsters like life in the fast ~; we oldsters prefer life in the slow ~)

larder n. a full, well-stocked ~

large I n. 1. at ~ ("uncaptured") (the prisoner was still at ~) 2. an assemblywoman at ~ ("an assemblywoman who represents several or all districts") 3. by and ~ ("in general")

large II n. ["type of bird"] 1. ~s sing, warble 2. a bevy of ~s 3. (misc.) as happy as a ~

larder n. a full, well-stocked ~

larda I n. to render ~

larda II v. (formal) (d; tr.) to ~ with (to ~ a speech with biblical references)

lark I n. ["prank"] 1. as a ~ 2. for a ~ (he did it just for a ~)

lark II n. ["type of bird"] 1. ~s sing, warble 2. a bevy of ~s 3. (misc.) as happy as a ~

lance I n.

lance II n.

land II v.

landfill n.

landing n.

lantern n.

lard I n.

lard II n.

lark I n.

lark II n.

landscape n.

landfill n.

land I n.

languish v.

lard I n.

lard II n.

language n.

land I n.

land II v.
law and order

lead back

+ inf. (they introduced a ~ to rescind the new tax) 15. ~ that + clause (they introduced a ~ that would rescind the new tax; there is a ~ that (says that) all income must be reported) 16. according to, under a ~ (they introduced a ~ under which the new tax would be rescinded; there is a ~ under which all income must be reported) 17. (misc.) dietary ~s; Congress makes ~s ("body of statutes, regulations") 18. to administer, apply, enforce, uphold the ~ 19. to obey the ~ to interpret the ~ (courts interpret the ~) 21. to break; flout the ~; common; constitutional; parliamentary; statutory ~ civil; criminal; military ~ (see also martial law) 24. administrative; antitrust; business, commercial; contract; corporate ~ 25. copyright; environmental; family; marriage; immigration; international; labor; maritime; patent; tax ~ 26. canon; Islamic; Sharia; Mosaic; Roman ~ (does canon ~ require it, allow it, or forbid it?) 27. the supreme ~ (of the land) 28. according to the ~; against; outside; within the ~ (it is against the ~ to smoke in an elevator) 30. as the ~ stands, by ~ (by ~ you are not allowed to smoke in an elevator) ["jurisprudence"] ["lawyer's profession"] 31. to practice ~ 32. to study ~ ["principle"] 33. Mendel's; Newton's; Parkinson's; the periodic; Sod's (colloq.) (BE) ~ 34. the ~ of diminishing returns; the ~ of gravity; the ~ of motion; the ~ of supply and demand; the ~ of the jungle (also fig.) ["mishap"] 35. to take the ~ into one's own hands; to lay down the ~; (BE) to go to ~; in the eyes of the ~; (AE) an attorney at ~; everyone is equal under the ~; the letter of the ~; the spirit of the ~; a higher ("divine") ~; natural ~; above the ~ (bureaucrats who think they are above the ~ and unaccountable for their actions to anybody)

law and order n. 1. to establish; keep; maintain; restore ~ 2. a breakdown in/of ~

lawful adj. 1. ~ for (is smoking ~ for minors?) 2. ~ to + inf. (is it ~ for minors to smoke?)

lawn n. 1. to mow; trim a ~ 2. to sprinkle, water a ~

lawn mower n. to operate, work a ~

lawsuit n. 1. to bring, file, institute; lose; settle; win a ~ (to settle a ~ out of court) 2. to dismiss a ~ 3. a civil; class-action; frivolous; libel; malpractice; pending ~ 4. a ~ against; over (to bring a class-action ~ against the government over civil liberties)

lawyer n. 1. to hire, retain a ~ 2. a practicing ~ 3. a civil-rights; corporation; criminal; defense ~; divorce; (esp. AE) trial ~ (BE prefers barrister) 4. (AE) a Philadelphia ("shrewd") ~ 5. (humorous; often mil.) a barracks-room (esp. BE), guardhouse (esp. AE) ~ ("a soldier who claims to know all about military law"); a jailhouse ~ (AE)

lax adj. 1. ~ about (they are very ~ about their appearance; the police were ~ about enforcing the law)

laxative n. 1. to take a ~ 2. to prescribe a ~ 3. an effective; mild; strong ~ 4. a ~ works

lay v. 1. (N; used with an adjective) ("to render"); ("to place"); she laid her soul bare; they laid the boards flat (see also lay waste at waste I n.) 2. (colloq.) (O; can be used with two objects + that-clause) ("to bet") he laid me ten dollars that it would not rain; he laid me (odds of) two to one that it would not rain 3. (P; tr.) ("to place") we laid the books on the table 4. (misc.) to ~ oneself open to criticism/ridicule; the system ~s itself open to abuse; to ~ ten dollars on a horse to win

layer n. 1. the bottom; outer; top ~ 2. an even; thick; thin; uneven ~ 3. a protective ~ 4. the ozone ~ 5. in ~s (to dress in ~s)

lay off v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ from (she was laid off from her job at the factory) 2. (G) he laid off smoking

layout n. ["design"] 1. an artist's; typographer's ~s 2. page ~

layover n. a ~ between (a ~ between planes)

leach out v. (D; tr.) ("to separate") to ~ from

lead I /liyd/ n. ["position in front"] ["leading position"] 1. to assume, take a/the ~ in; to go into the ~ to build up, increase one's ~ 3. to hold, maintain a/the ~ 4. to follow smb.'s ~ 5. to give up, lose, relinquish the ~ 6. a comfortable, commanding; overall ~ 7. a ~ over (she built a commanding ~ over her closest rivals) 8. in the ~ ("principal role") 9. to play the ~ (in a play) 10. the female; male ~ ["chief"] 11. to run down, track down a ~ 12. the police have no ~s on/to as to who is guilty 13. a good, promising ~ ["leash"] (BE) 14. see leash 1, 2 ["cord"] (BE) 15. an extension; television ~

lead II /liyd/ v. 1. (D; tr.) ("to guide") to ~ against (to ~ troops against the enemy) 2. (D; tr.) ("to guide") to ~ by (to ~ smb. by the hand; to ~ a horse by the bridle: to ~ by example) 3. (d; intr.) ("to go") to ~ from; to (the path ~s from the house to the river; all roads ~ to Rome) 4. (d; tr.) ("to guide") to ~ from; to (she led the group from the bus to the auditorium) 5. (D; tr.) to ~ in (to ~ the students in a cheer) 6. (d; intr.) ("to guide") to ~ into (the prisoners were led into the courtroom) 7. (d; tr.) ("to guide") to ~ off; onto (she led the team onto the field and then off the field) 8. (d; tr.) ("to guide") to ~ out of (the fire fighters led them out of the burning building) 9. (d; tr.) ("to guide") to ~ through (to ~ smb. through the fog) 10. (d; intr.) to ~ to ~ ("to result in") (the infection led directly to gangrene; these evening courses will ~ eventually to an academic degree; can you describe the events that led to your decision?) 11. (d; intr.) ("to begin") to ~ with (the boxer led with a left jab) 12. (H) ("to induce") what led her to resign? I was led to believe that she would accept our offer 13. (P; intr., tr.) ("to go") ("to guide") the road ~s nowhere; she led them over the mountain across the border 14. (misc.) to ~ smb. a merry chase (AE) ~ to ~ smb. a merry/prettv dance (BE)

lead back v. (D; intr., tr.) ("to return") to ~ from; to (the road ~s back to town; she led us back from the road to the starting point)
lead down

v. 1. (d; intr.) ("to go") to ~ from; to (the path ~s down from the top of the hill to the beach) 2. (d; tr.) ("to guide") to ~ from; to (she led us down from the top of the hill to the beach)

leader

n. 1. a born, natural; decisive, strong; undisputed; weak ~ 2. (in a legislature) a floor; majority; minority; opposition; party ~ 3. a cheerleader; labor; military; political; troop; world ~ (a summit of world ~s in Cairo) 4. a squadron ~ 5. a ~ in 6. (misc.) (BE) the Leader of the Opposition

leadership

n. 1. to assume, take on, take over the ~

v. 1. (d; intr.) ("to go up") to ~ from; to (the) lead up 1. a born, natural; decisive, strong; undisputed; weak ~ 2. (in a legislature) a floor; majority; minority; opposition; party ~ 3. a cheerleader; labor; military; political; troop; world ~ (a summit of world ~s in Cairo) 4. a squadron ~ 5. a ~ in 6. (misc.) (BE) the Leader of the Opposition

lead off

v. (D; intr.) ("to begin") to ~ by; with (she led off by singing a lively song = she led off with a lively song)

lead up

v. 1. (d; intr.) ("to go up") to ~ from; to (the path ~s up from the beach to the top of the hill) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ to ("to precede and cause") (can you describe the events that led up to your decision?) 3. (D; tr.) ("to guide") to ~ from; to (she led us up from the beach to the top of the hill)

leaf

n. 1. a bay; lettuce; tea ~ 2. gold ~ 3. autumn; leadership ~ 1. to assume, take on, take over the ~

v. 1. (D; intr.) ("to go up") to ~ from; to (the) lead up

leapfrog

v. (d; intr.) to ~ from; to (American forces ~ged from one island to another)

league

n. 1. to form a ~ 2. in ~ with ["group of teams"] 3. to form a ~ 4. (esp. Am. baseball) a big, major; bush (colloq.); distance; learning ~ 1. a strong ~ 2. a ~ towards (to have a strong ~ towards political conservatism)

learn

1. (d; intr.) to ~ about, of 2. (d; intr.) to ~ from; in (to stop a ~ from a hole in a pipe) 4. (misc.) a security ~ (there appears to have been a security ~)

lead a happy life

lead an account

v. 1. (usu. B; occ. A) to ~ property to smb. = to ~ property to smb. 2. (D; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ property to smb.) 3. to extend; lose; renew a ~ 4. to cancel a ~ 5. mining; (off-shore) oil ~s 6. a long; short ~ 7. a ~ expires, runs out; is due for renewal 8. a clause in a ~ 9. a ~ on 10. by ~, on, under (a) ~ to (hold land under (the terms of) a ~) 11. (misc.) a new ~ of (BE), on (AE) life ("a new chance to lead a happy life")

lease

n. 1. book (colloq.); cognitive; distance; higher; language; programmed; rote ~ 2. (misc.) a seat of ~

lease out

v. (B; occ. A) to ~ property to smb. 2. (D; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ property to smb.) 3. to extend; lose; renew a ~ 4. to cancel a ~ 5. mining; (off-shore) oil ~s 6. a long; short ~ 7. a ~ expires, runs out; is due for renewal 8. a clause in a ~ 9. a ~ on 10. by ~, on, under (a) ~ to (hold land under (the terms of) a ~) 11. (misc.) a new ~ of (BE), on (AE) life ("a new chance to lead a happy life")
leather n. composition; genuine; imitation; patent; saddle ~

leave I n. ['period of absence from duty, work'] 1. to give, grant a ~. to extend smb.'s ~ 3. to go on ~; to take a ~. to overstay one's ~. to cancel smb.'s ~ 6. (an) annual; compassionate; maternity; paternity; research; sabbatical; shore; sick; terminal ~ 7. (a) ~ of absence 8. on ~ (she was on maternity ~) (see the Usage Note for vacation) ['permission'] (formal) 9. to ask, beg (literary) ~ (to do smt.) 10. to give ~ (to do smt.) (he was given ~ to appeal against the verdict) 11. by smb.'s ~ 12. without so much as a by-your-leave ("without asking permission") (he took my coat without so much as a by-you~leave!) ['departure'] (formal) 13. to take (one's) ~ of ['misc.] 14. to take ~ of one's senses (~ to act irrationally)

leave II v. 1. (A) ("to bequeath") he left his estate to her; or: he left her his estate 2. (C) ("to entrust") she left the report for me; or: she left me the report 3. (D; intr.) ("to depart") to ~ for (they have left for London) 4. (D; tr.) ("to abandon") to ~ for (she left her comfortable home for a rugged life in the desert; he left his wife for another woman; he was left for dead on the battlefield; to ~ Paris for London) 5. (D; intr.) ("to depart") to ~ from (they left from the main station) 6. (d; tr.) ("to omit") to ~ out of (we had to ~ this paragraph out of the text) 7. (d; tr.) ("to abandon") to ~ to (I ~ the decision to your judgment; to ~ nothing to the imagination) (see also left to one's own devices at device) 8. (d; tr.) ("to cause to remain") to ~ with (they left the children with her mother; she left her books with us) 9. (H) ("to take leave of") we left them to muddle through on their own; they were left to fend for themselves 10. (J) ("to abandon") I left him working in the garden 11. (N; used with an adjective, past participle, noun) ("to cause to be in a certain state or condition") they left the fields fallow; the film left me cold; the flood left them homeless; ~ me alone; the enemy left the countryside devastated; the war left her an orphan 12. (P; tr.) ("to forget") I left my books at home 13. (misc.) it ~s nothing to be desired; we left this decision up to her (see also leave ~ in English) (see the Usage Note for professor)

lecturer n. 1. a senior ~ (BE) 2. a ~ in, on (a ~ in English) (see the Usage Note for professor)

lectureship n. a ~ in

leech n. to apply ~s to

leer v. (D; intr.) to ~ at

leery adj. ~ about, of

leeway n. to allow, give, provide ~ (they gave him more ~)

left I adv. to bear, go, turn ~

left II n. ("left side") 1. to keep to the ~ 2. on the ~ 3. the极端, far, radical ~; left-leaning (a left-leaning think tank) ["punch delivered with the left hand"] 4. to deliver, throw a ~. a hard, stiff ~ 6. a ~ to (a ~ to the head) ["turn to the left"] (colloq.) 7. to hang (slang), make, take a ~ 8. to make a sharp ~

leftovers n. 1. to eat up; use up ~ 2. to warm up; warm over (AE) ~

left-winger n. an extreme ~

leg I n. ("lower limb") 1. to bend; cross; kick; lift, raise; lower; spread; straighten; stretch one's ~s 2. a game, gammy (BE) ("lame") ~ 3. an artificial, wooden ~ 4. (an animal's) front; hind ~s 5. (misc.) he doesn't have a ~ to stand on ("he has no defense"); to pull smb.'s ~ ("to deceive smb. playfully"); on one's last ~s ("near collapse"); to get a ~ up on smt. (AE; slang) ("to be in command of a situation"); to stretch one's ~s ("to exercise one's legs") ["part"] 6. the last ~ (of a race)

leg II v. (colloq.) to ~ it ("to run") (when the police arrived we ~ged it out of there pretty fast, I can tell you!)

legacy n. 1. to bequeath, leave; hand down a ~ 2. an enduring, lasting; rich ~ 3. a ~ from; (to the enduring ~ of freedom handed down from the Founding Fathers to us)

legal adj. 1. ~ for (is smoking ~ for minors?) 2. ~ to + inf. (is it ~ for minors to smoke?)

legend n. ['inscription'] ['wording'] 1. to bear a ~ ("myth, story") 2. to pass into ~ (Babe Ruth's batting exploits have passed into ~) 3. a ~ arises; endures, lives on 4. a ~i; local; popular ~ 5. ~ has it ("has it that George Washington couldn't tell a lie") 6. the stuff of ~ (Babe Ruth's batting exploits have become the stuff of ~) 7. a ~ to (her exploits were ~ to millions) 8. a ~ that + clause (the ~ that George Washington couldn't tell a lie) 9. (misc.) myths and ~s ("notable person") 10. to be, become a ~ (in one's own lifetime)

lend v. to lend, bequeath, leave; hand down a ~ 2. an ~ in (a ~ in leather) n. at; on a ~; (a book on a ~)

lecture I n. ['formal talk'] 1. to deliver; give a ~; to attend; follow ("understand") a ~ 3. a public ~ 4. a series of ~s 5. a ~ about, on; to (to deliver a ~ about climate change in German to a large audience) 6. at; during; in a ~ (there was a lot of applause during the ~ and there were a lot of good points in it) ['reprimand'] 7. to give smb. a ~ (about smt.)

lecture II v. 1. (D; intr.) ("to discuss formally") to ~ about, on; in (to ~ on climate change in German to a large audience) 2. (D; tr.) ("to reprimand") to ~ for (she ~d the boys for being late) 3. (d; intr.) ("to discuss formally") to ~ to (to ~ to advanced students)

lectern n. at; on a ~; (a book on a ~)

legislation n. ['statutes, laws'] 1. to administer, apply, enforce, uphold; to adopt, enact, pass; draft; introduce ~ 2. to block; veto; vote down ~ 3. to abrogate, repeal; rescind ~ 4. current, existing; emergency; enabling; progressive; remedial; social ~ 5. ~ comes into effect; takes effect (the emergency ~ takes effect next week) 6. a piece of ~ 7. ~ about, on; against; for (they introduced a piece of ~ against the new tax) 8. ~ to + inf. (they introduced a piece of ~ to rescind the new tax) 9.
~ that + clause (they introduced a piece of ~ that would rescind the new tax) 10. under ~ (they introduced a piece of ~ under which the new tax would be rescinded; under current/existing ~, you cannot smoke in an elevator)

**legislature** n. 1. to convene a ~ 2. to disband, dismiss, dissolve a ~ 3. a bicameral ~ 4. a state ~ (US) 5. a ~ debates; votes 6. before a ~ (new proposals coming before the ~)

**legitimacy** n. 1. to confirm; establish the ~ (of smt.) 2. to challenge, question the ~ (of smt.)

**legitimate** adj. ~ to + inf. (is it ~ to pose such questions?)

**legwork** n. (colloq.) to do the ~

**leisure** n. at (one’s) ~

**lemon** n. 1. to slice, squeeze a ~ 2. a slice of ~

**lend** v. 1. (A) she lent the money to him; or: she lent him the money 2. (d. refl.) to ~ to (~ "to be suitable for") (it ~s itself to satire) (see the Usage Note for loan II)

**length** n. 1. full ~ 2. at ~ (she described each event at great ~ indeed inordinate ~) 3. in ~ (snakes that can grow to be ten feet in ~) 4. (misc.) to keep smb. at arm’s ~ ("to keep smb. at a certain distance"); to go to any/great ~ to do smt. ("to make a great effort to do smt."); the horse won by two ~; to travel the ~ and breadth of the country

**lengthen** 1. (D; tr.) to ~ by (~ trousers by two inches) 2. (d.; tr.) to ~ to (~ a short manuscript to book size)

**leniency** n. 1. to show ~ 2. ~ to, towards, with

**lenient** lenient adj. ~ to, towards, with

**lens** n. 1. to grind a ~ 2. a concave; convex; crystal-line; telephoto, telescopic; wide-angle; zoom ~ 3. contact; corrective ~s 4. plastic ~s; thick ~s

**leopard** n. 1. a snow ~ 2. a young ~ is a cub 3. a female ~ is a leopardess

**leprosy** n. 1. to develop, get ~ 2. to have, suffer ~

**lesion** n. an open ~

**less** less I **determiner, pronoun** 1. to + inf. (we have ~ to do) 2. ~ of (we see ~ of them than we used to; I wanted to read it all but I read ~ of it than I wanted to) USAGE NOTE: The use of the preposition of is necessary when a pronoun follows – less of them / to)

**less II adv.** n. 1. a bit, little ~ 2. no ~ than (we drank no ~ than 80% of it) 3. much ~ (we drank much ~ of it than they did) 4. much, still ~ (we don’t even like them – much ~ love them!)

**lesson** n. ["instruction"] 1. to give ~ 2. to have, take ~ (to take ~ in English from a native speaker; I have three ~s a week with Professor Brown, during which I learn a lot) 3. to study one’s ~s ["something that should be known"] 4. to learn a ~ (she learned a ~ from that experience) 5. to teach smb. a ~ 6. a moral; object; valuable ~ 7. a ~ about, in (to teach smb. a ~ in good manners) 8. a ~ to (let that be a ~ to you, young man!)

**let** v. 1. (esp. BE; CE has to rent out) (B) ("to give the use of in return for payment") to ~ rooms to students 2. (I) ("to allow") we cannot ~ them go without a struggle = they cannot be ~ go without a struggle 3. (misc.) to ~ smb. alone; ~ us continue for a while; to ~ smb. off a bus; to ~ smb. on a bus; I was let on (the bus) when I signaled the bus to stop and ~ me on and I was let off (it) where I wanted to get off (it); to ~ the air out of a tire; I don’t have five dollars, ~ alone ten dollars!; to ~ oneself go ("to relax"; "to neglect oneself") she let drop her plan to retire = she let drop that she planned to retire

**lethargy** n. (in) a state of ~

**let in** v. 1. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ for ("to cause") (you’ll be ~ting yourself in for a lot of trouble if you take her in as a partner) 2. (d.; tr.) to ~ on ("to share") (to smb. in on a secret)

**let off** v. 1. to ~ lightly 2. (D; tr.) ("to release") to ~ with (he was let off with a small fine)

**let on** v. (colloq.) 1. (D; intr.) to ~ about ("to reveal") (she did not ~ about her promotion; he didn’t ~ about the fact that/the way that/how the judge could be bribed) 2. (L) ("to pretend, make out") (AE) she let on that she was more surprised than she really was 3. (L; to) ("to indicate") he let on to the accused that the judge could be bribed 4. (Q; to) ("to indicate") he let on to (the accused) how to bribe the judge

**let out** v. (esp. BE) (B) to ~ rooms to students = to ~ rooms out to students (see also let I 1; rent II; rent out)

**let’s** (verbal form) (F) ~ continue; ~ go; ~ see (~go to the movies, shall we?" "yes, ~! no, ~ not.") USAGE NOTE: The emphatic form do let’s may be used more by women than by men. The negatives of let’s are let’s not (CE), don’t let’s (esp. BE), and let’s don’t (esp. AE) (sometimes considered non-standard).

**letter** n. ["written message"] 1. to compose, write; type a ~ 2. to mail, post (BE), send; seal a ~ to get, receive; open, unseal a ~ (I received a ~ enclosing/containing a check) 4. to acknowledge; answer, reply to, respond to a ~ 5. to drop, put a ~ in a mailbox (AE), letter box (BE) 6. to certify; register; trace a ~ 7. to take (down); transcribe a ~ 8. to dictate a ~ 9. to address; deliver; forward a ~ 10. a brief; detailed; long; rambling ~ 11. an anonymous; bread-and-butter, thank-you; business; chain; cover; fan; follow-up; form; friendly; hand-written; love; open; pastoral; personal; poison-pen; threatening; typed ~ 12. an airmail; certified; dead; express; registered; special-delivery ~ 13. the ~s crossed in the mail (esp. AE), post (BE) 14. a ~ about 15. a ~ from; to (we received a ~ from her about the incident; the newspaper publishes lots of ~s to the editor)
16. in a ~ [“unit of an alphabet”] 17. a block; capital, large, upper-case; lower-case, small ~ (to write in capital ~s) [“first letter of the name of a school, college denoting membership in a sports team”] (AE) 18. to earn, win one’s ~ (as for rowing) (BE has blue) 19. a school ~ [“misc.”] 20. to follow instructions to the ~; to follow the ~ of the law

leakage, leukaemia n. 1. to develop, get ~ 2. to ~ leukemia, leukaemia n. (D; intr.) (“to ease up”) to ~ on (she should ~ on the children)

level II n. (“height”)[“plane”][“degree”] 1. to achieve, attain; exceed; reach a ~ 2. a high; low; record ~ 3. (a) crime; energy; population; poverty; subsistence ~ (are crime ~s rising or falling?) 4. eye; floor; ground; sea; water; ~ (see also flood level) 5. the federal (US), national; international; local; state (US) ~ 6. above; at, on; below a ~ (at sea ~; at the highest ~s; on the international ~) 7. (misc.) all vehicles leave from Level Six [“instrument for determining a horizontal plane”] 8. a spirit ~

level III v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ against (to ~ charges against smb.) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ to (the village was ~ed to the ground) 3. (colloq.) (d; intr.) to ~ with (“to tell the truth to”) (she ~ed with me)

lever n. 1. to operate; pull; push; use a ~ 2. a gear ~ (BE; AE has gearshift)

leverage n. 1. to apply; wield; have ~ 2. political ~ (they have no political ~) 3. the ~ to + inf. (has he got enough ~ to get his plan through Congress?)

lie I v. 1. (“to be”) to ~ ahead 2. (d; intr.) (“to be”) obviously lying 3. (D; intr.) to ~ about; to (he lied ~ about the judge about the accident)

lie II v. 1. (“to tell a lie”) 1) to tell a ~ 2. to give the ~ to 3. a pack, tissue, web of ~s 4. a white ~ 5. a pack, tissue, web of ~s 6. poetic ~ 6. a ~ to + inf. (we had a ~ to sell beer) 7. under ~ (the product is made under foreign ~)

lie III n. [“falsehood”] 1. to tell a ~ 2. to give the ~ to (“to prove to be false”) 3. a bald-faced, barefaced, blatant, brazen, deliberate, downright, monstrous, outright, transparent, whopping; obvious, unconvincing ~ 4. a white ~ 5. a pack, tissue, web of ~ 6. (misc.) to live a ~ (“to conceal the truth about oneself”)

lieutenant n. [“communication”] 1. to establish; maintain ~ 2. a ~ between; with (government departments sometimes fail to ~ closely with each other) [“love affair”] 3. to enter into a ~ with 4. to have a ~ with

liberated, release n. 1. a bleeding-heart; knee-jerk; political; staunch ~ 3. to suffer from ~ 4. acute ~ 5. to accept, acknowledge, assume, incur, to compile a ~

license I licence n. 1. fully ~ 2. ~ for; to ~ 3. (legally obligated) ~ 1. fully ~ 2. ~ for; to (we are fully ~ for their children’s debts) [“likely”] 3. (cannot stand alone) ~ to + inf. (she is ~ to show up at any time)

license II licence v. (H) she is ~d to practice nursing

lieutenant n. [“communication”] 1. to establish; maintain ~ 2. a ~ between; with (government departments sometimes fail to ~ closely with each other) [“love affair”] 3. to enter into a ~ with 4. to have a ~ with

lifelong, personal, political, religious ~ 3. civil rights and ~ties USAGE NOTE: The Lic in the name of a firm (such as Smith and Jones Ltd) stands for “Limited.”

liable adj. [“legally obligated”] 1. fully ~ 2. ~ for; to (we are fully ~ for their children’s debts) [“likely”] 3. (cannot stand alone) ~ to + inf. (she is ~ to show up at any time)

liability n. 1. to accept, acknowledge, assume, incur, to compile a ~

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liberate v. (D; tr.) to ~ from

liberation n. 1. animal; gay; women’s ~ 2. ~ from liberties n. [“undue familiarity”] to take ~ with liberty n. [“freedom”] 1. to gain ~ 2. individual, personal, political; religious ~ 3. civil rights and ~ties [“permission”] 4. to take the ~ of (doing smt.) (may I take the ~ of reminding you of your promise?); I took the ~ of opening your package [“authorized absence”] (AE; naval) 5. on ~ [misc.] 6. are you at ~ to give us any information?; unfortunately, I’m not at ~ to say any more

library n. 1. to accumulate, build up a ~ 2. to computerize a ~ 3. a children’s; circulating, lending; free, municipal, public; law; mobile; music; reference; rental; research; school; university ~ 4. at, in (she works at/in the ~) 5. to borrow smt. from a ~ and then return it

license I licence n. 1. to grant, issue a ~ 2. to apply for; receive; renew a ~ 3. to revoke; suspend a ~ 4. a driver’s (AE), driving (BE); dog; export; gun; hunting; liquor (esp. AE); marriage; state (esp. US) ~ 5. poetic ~ 6. a ~ to + inf. (we had a ~ to sell beer) 7. under ~ (the product is made under foreign ~)

license II licence v. (H) she is ~d to practice nursing

lick v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ against, at (the flames ~ed at the roof of the next house) 2. (N; used with an adjective) she ~ed the plate clean

licking n. [“a beating”] (colloq.) 1. to give smb. a ~ 2. to get a ~ 3. a good ~

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lie II v. (“to tell a lie”) 1. ~ flatly, outright 2. to be obviously lying 3. (D; intr.) to ~ about; to (he lied to the judge about the accident)

lie III v. 1. (“to be”) 2. ~ ahead 2. (d; intr.) (“to be”) ~ with (responsibility lies with the president) 3. (P; intr.) (“to be located”) to ~ in bed; Mexico ~s to the south 4. (s) (“to be in a reclining position”) to ~ flat; still 5. (s) (“to remain”) to ~ fallow (the

lettuce n. 1. to shred ~ 2. crisp; limp ~ 3. bib; cos ~

liaise v. (BE; D; intr.) (“to keep in touch”) to ~ be-

liaison n. (BE) (D; intr.) (“to keep in touch”) to ~ be-

lier n. an abject, compulsive, congenital, incorrigible, inveterate, outright, pathological; accomplished, consummate, convincing, good; bad, poor, unconvincing ~

lib n. (colloq.) gay; women’s ~ (see liberation)

libel n. 1. to commit ~ 2. (a) ~ against, on

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lie-detector test

lie down v. (misc.) to take smt. lying down (“to accept smt. without protest”); to ~ on the job (“to work very little”)

lien n. (legal claim) 1. to put, slap (esp. AE; colloq.) a ~ on smt. 2. to have a ~ on smt.

lieutenant n. 1. a first; flight (GB); second ~ 2. a ~

• lifeguard

lid n. (a ~ of its own; I’ve never seen the like in all my life)

life n. 1. to have, lead, live a ~ (to lead a busy ~, not to lie-detector test

light

light I adj. 1. to make ~ of (“to attach little importance to”) 2. ~ of foot, light on one’s feet, light-footed 3. (misc.) as ~ as a feather = feather-light (“very light”)
limousine n. 1. to hire; take a ~. 2. an airport; bullet-proof; chauffeur-driven ~
limp n. 1. to have a ~. 2. a decided, marked, pronounced; slight ~ with a ~
line I n. "[long thin mark]" 1. to draw a ~. 2. a broken; solid, unbroken ~ (see also dotted line) 3. a contour; crooked; curved; diagonal; straight; wavy; zigzag ~. 4. a fine, thin; heavy, thick ~. 5. a horizontal; parallel; perpendicular; vertical ~. 6. a row of people waiting; queue ~. 7. (AE) to buck ("push into") a ~ (BE has jump a queue) 8. to get in; into ~; to stand, wait in ~. 9. a bread; check-in; checkout; bow ~ (see also poverty line) 10. a ~ forms ["row"] 11. to form a ~. 12. a police; receiving ~ (see also picket line) ["row of characters"] 13. to indent; insert a ~. (fig.) to read between the ~s ["unit of text"] 15. to deliver a ~ (as an actor) 16. to go over, rehearse; memorize one’s ~s (the actors had to rehearse their ~s several times) 17. to puff one’s ~s. 18. a dull; witty ~ (there isn’t a dull ~ in the whole play) 19. to change from/to; introduce a (new); to take, use a ~. 20. to discontinue a ~. 21. a branch; feeder; main ~. 22. (on) a road, highway; expressway; motorway; interstate (AE), highway (BE), highway (AE); interstate; city ; county ; state ; township ~. 23. supply ~s (to cut enemy supply ~s) ["path"] 24. to follow a ~. (to follow a ~ of reasoning; to follow the ~ of least resistance; a tree is blocking my ~ of sight) ["telephone connection"] 25. to get a ~. 26. the ~ is busy (esp. AE), engaged, (BE), tied up (esp. AE) 27. the ~ is free. 28. the ~ goes dead 29. an outside; party ("shared"); private ~ 30. a helpline; hot ~ (a helpline for desperate people; a ~ to our helpline) 31. on the ~. 32. identification parade (~) (she picked out the criminal) 33. to get a ~ on smb. 34. to carry; handle; introduce a ~ 35. to discontinue, drop a ~. 36. a complete, full ~ (policy) 37. to adopt, take; adhere to, follow, hew to (AE), pursue a ~ (on) 38. a firm, hard, tough; official ~ (to hew to the official ~) 39. to take a tough ~ on terrorism) (see also party line) ["flattening talk"] 39. (AE) to feed; give, hand smb. a ~ ["wire"] ["pipe"] ["conduit"] 40. a fuel; oil; sewage; steam; telegraph; telephone; ~ line 41. high-voltage; power ~s (the power ~s are down; several power ~s were downed during the storm) (see also supply lines) ["boundary"] 42. (AE) a city; county; state; township ~. 43. a boundary, snow; squall; tree ~ (see also dividing line) 44. (sports) a base; end; foul; goal; service ~; sideline 45. at, on a ~ (at the goal ~; on the base ~; on the sidelines) ["established position along a front"] ["boundary"] (mil.) 46. to hold a ~ 47. a battle; cease-fire; ~ (see also firing line; front line) 48. (the) enemy ~s (behind enemy ~s) 49. at; on a ~ (on the cease-fire ~) ["conveyor belt"] 50. an assembly, production ~ (to work on an assembly ~; to automate a production ~) ["occupation"] ["field of interest"] 51. what ~ are you in? ["contour"] 52. the ~s of a ship ["limit"] 53. to hold the ~ (on prices) 54. to draw the ~ (to set a limit) ["turn"] ["order"] 55. in ~ for (she is next in ~ for promotion; who is third in the ~ of succession to the throne?) ["alignment"] 56. in ~; out of ~ (the wheels are out of ~) ["conformity"] 57. to toe the ~ 58. to bring smb. into ~; to keep smb. in ~. 59. to get into ~; to get out of ~. 60. in ~ with (in ~ with your stated policy) ["cordon, device for catching fish"] 61. to cast a ~. 62. to reel in; reel out a ~. 63. a fishing ~. 64. to throw a ~. (who is in the water) 65. a plumb ~ ["division"] 66. to cross a ~. 67. a color ~ ["row"] 68. along, on certain ~s (along modern ~s) ["dynasty"] 69. to establish, found a ~. 70. an unbroken ~ (of succession) ["distinction"] 71. a fine, nebulous, thin ~ between (is there really only a fine ~ between genius and madness?) ["misc"] 72. the bottom ~ ["the final result"]; to be on the firing ~ ["to be at the center of activity"]; a plot, story ~ (they’re working on the story ~s of the series for the next six months); to walk a straight ~; to put smt. on the ~ ["to risk smt."]; to lay it on the ~ ["to speak candidly"]; in the ~ of duty; top of the ~ ["quality"]; on ~ ["in operation"]; is this the end of the ~ for typewriters?; to go online ["to become linked to a computer network"]; see also online (see also a line of credit = a credit line at credit I n.)
line II v. (D; tr.) to ~ with (she ~d the shelf with paper)
lineage n. 1. to trace smb.’s ~ (she could trace her ~ back to the Pilgrim Fathers!) 2. an ancient; royal ~
lined up adj. 1. for (~ for roll call) 2. in (~ in three columns; ~ in a row) 3. with (~ with each other = ~ together)
lined out n. 1. to change the (bed) ~. 2. fresh ~. 3. bed; fine; pure; table ~ (see also dirty linen)
line out v. (in baseball and softball) (D; intr.) to ~ to (the batter ~d out to center field)
liner I n. ["steamship"] a cruise; luxury; ocean; passenger; transatlantic ~ (a job on a luxury cruise ~)
liner II n. ["lining"] a helmet ~
linewidth n. 1. a police ~ (AE; BE has identity parade, identification parade) (she picked out the criminal in the police ~) 2. (AE) to be in a ~ (as a suspect) 3. (sports) a starting ~
lineup I v. (D; intr.) to ~ behind (to ~ behind the table) 2. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ for (the teacher ~d the pupils up for roll call = the teacher ~d up the pupils for roll call) 3. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ in (to ~ in three columns; to ~ in a row) 4. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ with (to ~ one thing up with another = to ~ one thing with another = to ~ two things up together)
linger v. (d; intr.) to ~ over (“to take one’s time with”) (don’t ~ over your coffee)
lingo n. (colloq.) [“language, dialect”] 1. to speak the ~ 2. to understand the ~ 3. the local ~
linguistics n. applied; comparative; computational; contrastive; descriptive; general; generative; historical ~; psycholinguistics; sociolinguistics; structural; transformational ~
limitation n. to apply, rub in, rub on ~
lining n. 1. a brake; coat ~ 2. a zip-in ~ 3. (misc.) to apply, rub in, rub on ~
liniment n. to apply, rub in, rub on ~
link up v. 1. to ~ causally; closely; directly; inextricably 2. to sever ~
linkage n. (a) between, to, with (there may well be a ~ between the two phenomena – but is it a direct causal ~?)
litany n. [“catalog, roll”] 1. to compile, draw up, make (up), put smb./smt. on a ~ 2. to head a ~ 3. to go down, read down a ~ 4. the dean’s ~ (AE); a reading ~ 5. an alphabetical ~; checklist; shopping ~ (to go down a checklist) 6. a cast; guest; mailing; waiting ~ (a cast ~ for tonight’s performance) 7. the honours ~ (GB) (she hoped that her name would be in the honours ~) 8. a long; short ~ (of candidates) 9. a casualty ~ (a daily casualty ~ was posted) 10. a danger ~ (esp. BE) (she rang the hospital to find out if her mother was still on the danger ~) 11. a hit; wish ~ (we were asked to draw up a wish ~ for the new project and a hit ~ of those opposed to it) 12. a wine ~ (asked the waiter to bring the wine ~) 13. in, on a ~ (she was third on the ~; high on the ~ of priorities) 14. (misc.) at the bottom of a ~; at the top of a ~ (see also voting lists)
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list II v. (“to include”) 1. (d; intr.) to ~ among (to be ~ed among the casualties) 2. (d; refl., tr.) to ~ as (she ~ed herself as an independent voter; he was ~ed as missing) 3. (d; tr.) to ~ under (the new journals are ~ed under acquisitions)
list III n. [“tilt”] a ~ to (the ship has developed a ~ to starboard)
list IV v. (D; intr.) (“to tilt”) to ~ to (the ship ~s to starboard)
listen v. 1. to ~ attentively, carefully, closely, intently 2. (d; intr.) to ~ for ~ (to ~ for a signal) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ to ~ to their advice; to ~ to their singing; to ~ to them singing; to ~ to them singing (esp. AE)) 4. (misc.) “I kept telling her not to do it – but would she ~ (to me) ? No way!”
listener n. 1. a good, sympathetic ~ (a sympathetic ~ to your problems) 2. a regular ~ (regular ~s to the station will note some changes) 3. younger ~s (a radio program unsuitable for younger ~s)
listening n. an exclusive ~ (of a property being sold)
lists n. [“combat arena”] (also fig.) to enter the ~ (decided to enter the (political) ~ by running for election)
lit adj. brightly; dimly ~ (a dimly ~ street = a dimly lighted street)
litany n. 1. a boring; long ~ 2. (misc.) a ~ of complaints (we had to listen to their long boring ~ of complaints)
literacy n. 1. to promote; spread ~ 2. adult; computer; functional; widespread ~ 3. in (~in more than one language)
literate adj. 1. completely; fully; functionally; highly ~ 2. computationally, computer ~ 3. in (~ in more than one language)
literature n. 1. to produce (a) ~ 2. (an) extensive, voluminous ~ 3. belles-lettres; classical; contemporary; great; modern; professional; promotional; pulp ~ 4. comparative ~ 5. a piece, work; body of ~ (a considerable body of ~); 6. ~ about, on (there was (an) extensive ~ on the topic) 7. (misc.) to keep abreast of the ~ (in one’s field); to review the ~ (when beginning a research project)
litigation n. 1. to initiate, start ~ 2. ~ against; over; with 3. in ~ (the case was in ~)
litter n. 1. to drop, leave; strewn ~ 2. to clear up, pick up ~ (see also litter bin at bin n; litter loot at loot n)
littered adj. ~ with (the streets were ~ with old newspapers)
little I determiner, pronoun 1. ~ to + inf. (we have ~ to do) 2. ~ of (we see ~ of them nowadays; I wanted to read it all but I read comparatively ~ of it) USAGE NOTE: The use of the preposition of is necessary when a pronoun follows ~ little of them / (newspapers)
at
little II n., adv. 1. precious ~ 2. ~ by ~ (“gradually”) 3. (misc.) a ~ bit; a ~ closer; a ~ further; a ~ longer; a ~ shorter
liturgy n. to chant; offer; recite the ~

live I/livv/adv. [“directly”] to come ~ (this telecast is coming to you ~ from Wimbledon; you can catch her ~ in concert this evening) (also fig.) (colloq.) (the government’s tax reforms will go ~ this fall)
live II /liv/ v. 1. to ~ comfortably; dangerously; high; simply ~ 2. ~ long; as long as I’ll never forget the end of the war! 3. (d; intr.) to ~ by (“to adhere to”) (to ~ by certain principles) 4. (d; intr.) (“to exist”) to ~ for (they ~ only for their children) 5. (d; intr.) to ~ in (to ~ in fear; to ~ in luxury; to ~ in poverty) 6. (d; intr.) (“to subsist”) to ~ off, on (they ~ on her salary; you cannot ~ on love alone; to ~ off one’s parents) 7. (D; intr.) (“to survive”) to ~ to (she ~d to ninety; she lived to a great age) 8. (d; intr.) (“to cohabit or live under the same roof”) to ~ with (John and Mary ~ with each other; he’s 30 but he still ~s with his parents) 9. (colloq.) (d; intr.) to ~ with (“to tolerate”) (can you ~ with this arrangement?; we can’t cure your pain: you’ll just have to learn to ~ with it!) 10. (E) she ~d to regret her decision; she ~d to be ninety; she ~d to be very old; I thought I’d never ~ to see the day when people stood on the Moon! 11. (P; intr.) (“to reside”) to ~ in the country 12. (misc.) they ~ beyond their means (“they spend more than they earn”); to ~ from hand to mouth (“to eke out a bare living”); to ~ from day to day (“to be concerned only with the present”); John and Mary are ~ together (“to cohabit”); long ~ the King/Queen!
to have ~d through almost the whole of the 20th Century (see also as I live and breathe at breathe: live a life at life)
liveliness n. 1. to earn, eke out a/one’s ~ (to eke out a precarious ~) (by) doing odd jobs) 2. to lose one’s ~ 3. a source of ~ 4. (misc.) to depend on smt. for one’s ~

live up v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ to (“to satisfy”) (to ~ to expectations) 2. (misc.) (colloq.) to ~ it up (“to enjoy oneself ostentatiously”)
livestock n. to graze; keep ~
livid adj. ~ with (~ with rage)
living n. [“liveliness”] 1. to earn, get (BE), make a ~ (she makes a good ~ by selling cars) 2. to eke out, scrape (esp. BE) a ~ (to eke out a precarious ~) (by) doing odd jobs) 3. a comfortable, decent, good; honest ~ (to earn a comfortable ~) 4. (misc.) what do you do for a ~? [“manner of existence”] 5. communal; gracious; high; suburban ~ 6. a cost; standard of ~ (a high cost of ~ can mean a low standard of ~)
living room n. a sunken ~
load I v. 1. to bear, carry, transport a ~ 2. to lessen, lighten a ~ (also fig.) 3. to dump, shed; shift a ~ 4. a heavy; light ~ (the central beam must bear a very heavy ~) 5. a capacity, full, maximum, peak ~ 6. a teaching ~; workload (have ~ of work to do; ~ of money
load II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ into, onto (to ~ cargo into / onto / on a ship) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ to (~ to ship to full capacity) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ with (~ to ship with cargo)
load down v. (D; tr.) to ~ with (the poor mule was ~ed down with heavy bales)
loads n. [“lots, a great deal”] we had ~ to talk about; we have ~ of work to do; ~ of money
load up v. (D; tr.) to ~ with (they ~ed up the ship with cargo = they ~d the ship up with cargo)
loaf n. 1. a fish; meat; sliced ~ 2. a ~ of bread 3. a comfort, decent, good; honest ~ (to earn a comfortable ~) 4. (misc.) a ~ of bread and two meat loaves/loafs.”
loan I n. 1. to float, negotiate, raise a ~ 2. to give, make; offer a ~ 3. to apply for, ask for; get, receive, take out a ~ 4. to secure; underwrite a ~ 5. to pay off, repay a ~ 6. to call in a ~ 7. a bank; bridge (AE), bridging (BE); interest-free; long-term; low-interest; short-term ~ 8. interlibrary ~ (she got the book on /through interlibrary ~ could have borrowed it on /through interlibrary ~?) 9. a ~ to 10. on ~ from; to (the painting was on ~ to
the National Gallery from the Louvre) II. (misc.)
could I have the ~ of a few dollars till payday?

**loans**

loan II v. (A) she ~ed the money to me; or: she ~ed
me the money USAGE NOTE: When to loan means
“to lend officially”, it is CE – the Louvre has loaned
a painting to the National Gallery. When it means
“to lend”, it is esp. AE – she loaned me the money.

**loanword**

1. to adopt a ~ 2. a ~ from (a ~ from German)

**loath, loth adj.** (pompous or lit.) (cannot stand alone)

~ to + inf. (we are ~ to summon the authorities)

**loathe**

1. to ~ deeply, intensely 2. (G) he ~s

**lobby**

1. (D; tr.) to ~ against; with (to ~ a com-

plaint against a neighbor with the police) 2. (d;
intr.) to ~ in (the bullet ~d in his shoulder)

**lodger**

1. to have, keep (AE), take in ~s

**lodge**

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plaint against a neighbor with the police) 2. (d;
intr.) to ~ in (the bullet ~d in his shoulder)

**lodge**

1. (D; tr.) to ~ against; with (to ~ a com-

plaint against a neighbor with the police) 2. (d;
intr.) to ~ in (the bullet ~d in his shoulder)
long term

long way

look I n. ["glance"] ["expression"] 1. to get, have, take a ~ (at) (we got a good ~ at their new car) 2. to dart, shoot, throw a ~ (at) 3. to sneak, steal a ~ 4. to give smb. a ~ 5. to get, receive a ~ (from)

look II v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ after ("to watch") ("to take care of") 2. (d; intr.) to ~ around ("to watch") 3. to ~ about the corner; I ~ed around me for something to eat 4. (d; intr.) to ~ at ("to examine") 5. to ~ carefully but admiringly at a painting; to ~ at a child tenderly and lovingly; to ~ at one's enemies hostiley or at least icily; we must ~ more closely at their proposal even though we have already had a cursory initial ~ through it 6. an adoring, loving, tender ~ (she ~ed up at the teacher) 7. a bemused, puzzled, quizzical, bewildered, skeptical, troubled ~ (she gave the instructor a bewildered ~) 8. a come-hither, inviting, provocative ~ 9. a blank, distant, faraway, vacant ~ (she had a faraway ~ in her eyes) 10. an anxious, worried, pleading ~ (he shot a pleading ~ at the teacher) 11. a bemused, puzzled, quizzical, bewildered, skeptical, troubled ~ (she gave the instructor a bewildered ~) 12. a disapproving, stern; grim; icy; scathing; sharp; withering ~ 13. an angry; baleful; belligerent; dirty, nasty, vicious; furtive, shifty, sinister; hostile; resentful; sour; sullen; suspicious ~ (she gave us a dirty ~) 14. a second ~ (to take a second ~ at smt.) 15. a ~ at their proposal even though we have already had a cursory initial ~ through it 16. a friendly; happy ~; pleasant ~ (she ~ed up at the teacher) 17. a ~ at her mother) 18. an admiring; close, hard, long hard; curious; inquiring, searching; cursory, perfunctory; eloquent, meaningful; initial; knowing; penetrating; pervasive; thoughtful; piercing; rapt; significant; steady; ~ (we must take a closer ~ at their proposal even though we have already had a cursory initial ~ through it) 18. a ~ around me for something to eat) (to ~ around the corner; I ~ed around me for something to eat) 19. by, from the ~(s) of it, the situation is serious

parents for help) 13. (d; intr.) to ~ to ("to appear") (how does this ~ to you?) 14. (S) she ~s terrible; this horse ~s a winner (BE) 15. (misc.) to ~ smb. squarely in the eye; to ~ from one to the other; to ~ one's age; to ~ everywhere; to ~ all over; to ~ high and low (for smt.) = to ~ everywhere (for smt.) = to ~ all over (for smt.); to ~ under the bed (see also looks)

USAGE NOTE: When look over and look through are used literally, they are construed as v + prep: I looked over the wall and then I looked over it again; I looked through the telescope and then I looked through it again. When look over and look through mean 'examine,' they can also be construed as v + prep (I looked over/through their proposal and then I looked over/through it again). However, look over can also be construed as v + adv (I looked their proposal over and then I looked it/the proposal over again), and in this meaning look through can be construed as v + adv with a short pronoun (I looked through their proposal and then I looked it through again).

look about (BE) see look around

look ahead v. (D; intr.) to ~ to (to ~ to a bright future)

look at v. (d; intr.) to ~ for ("to seek") (to ~ for something to eat)

look for v. (D; intr.) to ~ from (I ~ed away from the stage)

look back v. (D; intr.) to ~ from (I ~ed away from the stage)

look forward v. (D; intr.) to ~ to (to ~ to spring; to ~ to a meeting with eager anticipation; I ~ to going)

look in v. (D; intr.) to ~ on (to ~ on the children)

look on v. 1. to ~ favorably; unfavorably (they ~ed on the new project favorably = they ~ed favorably on the new project) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ as (we ~ her as a friend) 3. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ with (they ~ed on the new project with favor)

look out n. 1. to post a ~ 2. to keep a (sharp) ~ for (to keep a sharp ~ for burglars) 3. on the ~ (to be on the ~ for burglars)

look out v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ for ("to watch for") (the police were ~ing out for burglars) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ for ("to protect") (to ~ for one's own interests) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ on, onto, over ("to face") (our windows ~ onto the square)

look round (BE) see look around

looks n. ["appearance"] 1. to lose one's ~ (a former movie star who'd lost her ~) 2. boyish; good ~ (an unemployed actor who'd lost his boyish good ~)

look up v. 1. (d; intr.) ("to stare") to ~ at (we ~ed up...
at the skyscraper) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ to (+"to respect") (children ~ to their parents) (see also look down)

**look upon** see **look on**

**loom** I n. 1. to weave with a ~ 2. a hand ; power ~

**loom** II v. 1. (P; intr.) a ship ~ed (up) out of the fog 2. (misc.) to ~ large (the law case ~ed large in his thoughts)

**loop** n. 1. to make a ~ 2. to loop the ~ (in an airplane) 3. (misc.) to throw smb. for a ~ (+"to shock smb.")

**loophole** I n. 1. to find a ~ 2. to close, plug a ~ 3. a legal ; tax ~ 4. a ~ in

**loose** I adj. 1. to cut (smb.) ~ 2. to let, set, turn (smb.) ~ 3. to break; come; get; hang; work ~

**loose** II n. on the ~

**loose end** n. (BE) at a ~ (+let’s get together if you’re at a ~) (see loose ends 2)

**loose ends** n. 1. to clear up the ~ 2. (AE) at ~ (+"with no definite obligations")

**loot** n. 1. to engage in ~ 2. widespread ~ 3. an outbreak of ~

**lope** v. (P; intr.) she ~ed through the park

**lord** I v. (P; intr.) she ~d through the park

**lorry** n. (BE) 1. to drive, operate ; steer a ~ (CE has ~ed) 2. to load ; unload a ~ 3. an articulated ~ (CE has semi, semi-trailer, tractor-trailer, truck trailer) 4. a breakdown ~ (AE has ~ow truck) 5. a tipper ~ (AE has ~ump truck) 6. a dustbin ~ (AE has ~arge truck) 7. a ~ jackknifes

**lose** v. 1. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ to (our team lost to them by three points ; we lost the match to them) 2. (O) his errors lost him the match 3. (misc.) to ~ by a mile ; to ~ by three points ; to ~ by (~) 5-2

**lose out** v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ on (to ~ on a deal) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ to (she lost out to her rival)

**loser** n. 1. a bad, poor, sore ; born ; good ~ 2. the real ~

**lot** n. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ to (she lost out to her rival)

**lot** adj. see **loot**

**lotion** n. 1. to apply, rub in, rub on (a) ~

**louder** n. (to speak) over, through a ~

**louge** I n. 1. a cocktail ~ 2. a sun ~

**lounger** II n. in a ~

**loupe** n. 1. to hold a ~ 2. to win a ~ 3. a daily ; weekly ~ 4. a national ; state ~

**loud** adv. to count out ~

**louder** n. (BE) at a ~

**lousy** adj. (slang) to + inf. (it’s ~ to be without work = it’s ~ being without work)

**lout** n. (derog.) 1. a drunken ; stupid ~ 2. (BE) (colloq.) a lager ; litter ~

**love** I n. ["deep affection"] 1. to inspire ~ for 2. to declare, express one’s ~ for smb. 3. blind ; brotherly ; calf (esp. BE); puppy ; cupboard (BE); deep, profound, sincere, true ; platonic ; romantic ; undying ; unrequited ~ 4. ~ for, of (~ for/of one’s country ; smb.’s ~ of music ; to have no ~ for smb.) 5. for, out of ~ (to do smt. for ~) 6. to be in ~ (with smb.) (to be head over heels in ~ with smb. ; deeply / hopelessly / madly in ~) 7. to fall in ; out of ~ (with smb.) 8. ~ between (the undying ~ between us) 9. ~ from (the letter ended “(With Love from mom and dad”) 10. (misc.) ~ at first sight ; she’s the (great) ~ of his life ["expression of deep affection"] 11. ~ to give ; send one’s ~ (give them our ~ ; the letter ended “With all my ~, John”) ["sexual activity"] 12. to make ~ to (with) (+"to have intercourse") 13. free ~ [+misc] 14. I wouldn’t do it for ~ or money!
love II v. 1. to ~ blindly; dearly; deeply; madly; passionately; really, very much (I would dearly ~ to see them again) 2. (E) she ~s to swim 3. (G) she ~s swimming 4. (N; used with an adjective) she ~s her steak rare 5. (misc. colloq.) I ~ it when you smile; I’d ~ you for you (AE) to come over and see our new TV = what I’d ~ is for you to come over and see our new TV

lovely adj. (colloq.) 1. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of you to arrange this party; it was ~ to see you again = it was ~ seeing you again) 2. ~ that + clause (it was ~ that we could see each other again)

lover n. 1. (for a woman) to take a ~ to, jilt, reject a ~ 3. to become ~s 4. a great; live-in (colloq.); lousy (colloq.) ~s 5. (misc.) an art; music; nature ~

low I adj. ['loux] (cannot stand alone) ~ in, on (she is ~ in funds; they were ~ on ammunition; food ~ in salt = low-salt food) (see also to lie low at lie III)

low II n. 1. to hit, reach an all-time ~ 2. an all-time ~

lowdown n. to get; have the ~ on smb.

lumber I n. (D) 1. to float, raft ~ down (a river) 2. green, unseasoned; seasoned ~ (CE has timber)

lumber II v. (P; intr.) the bear ~ed through the forest

lumber III v. (colloq.) (BE) (D; tr.) (“to burden”) to ~ with (I’ve been ~ed with all their problems)

lump n. 1. to bring a ~ to smb.’s throat (“to cause to be overcome with emotion”); to have a ~ in one’s throat (“to be overcome with emotion”) 2. the doctor discovered a ~ in her breast that had probably formed some time ago

lumps n. (colloq.) ["punishment"] to take one’s ~

lump together v. (D; tr.) to ~ with (they ~ed all of the workers together with the managers)

lunacy n. 1. a raving ~ 2. ~ that + clause (it was ~ that we could see each other again)

lunatic adj. 1. starkly; weakly; wildly; madly; fervently; passionately; really, very much (I would dearly ~ to see them again)

lunch I n. 1. an iron ~ 2. congested ~s 3. a collapsed ~ 4. a brown-bag (AE); business, working; expense-account; liquid ~ ("alcoholic"); three-martini; school; set (esp. BE) ~ 5. a box; picnic ~ 6. at, during; over ~ (they were all at ~; what did you discuss at/over ~?) 7. for ~ (we had a salad for ~) 8. (misc.) to give smb. ~ (esp. BE); to take smb. to ~

lunch II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ on ("to eat") 2. (D; tr.) to ~ on a sandwich 2. (D; intr.) to ~ with 3. (misc.) to ~ at home; to ~ out

luncheon n. at ~ (we’ll meet at ~)

lung n. 1. an iron ~ 2. congested ~s 3. a collapsed ~ 4. in, into smb.’s ~s 5. on one’s ~ (a spot on one’s ~) 6. (misc.) they were screaming at the top of their ~

lunge I n. 1. to make a ~ to, at, for; towards (he made a ~ at me with a knife)
lunge II v. (D; intr.) to ~ at, for, towards (he ~d at me with a knife)
lurch I n. ["sudden movement"] to give a ~ (the stricken ship gave a ~)
lurch II v. (P; intr.) he ~ed towards me; the stricken ship ~ed to starboard
lurch III n. ["vulnerable position"] in the ~ (to leave smb. in the ~)
lure v. (P; tr.) to ~ smb. into a trap; he was ~d to his death
lure away v. (D; tr.) to ~ from; to (she was ~d away from her comfortable rural home to the big city)
lurk v. (P; intr.) to ~ in the shadows
lust I n. 1. to arouse, rouse ~ 2. to feel, have ~ 3. to gratify, satisfy one’s ~ 4. blood; insatiable, unquenchable; pure; unbridled ~ 5. ~ for (a ~ for power; an insatiable ~ for life) 6. (humorous) in ~ with; out of ~ with (he’s not in love with her but he certainly seems to have fallen in ~ with her!)
lust II v. (d; intr.) to ~ after, for (to ~ for power)
luster, lustre n. ["glory"] 1. to add ~ to (his success added ~ to his home town) 2. to take on a new ~, to take on (an) added ~ (because of, from) (his home town took on an added ~ because of his success)
luxuriate v. (D; intr.) to ~ in (to ~ in newly acquired wealth)
luxury n. 1. to enjoy (a) ~ (to enjoy the ~ of a hot bath) 2. to afford a ~ (can we afford the ~ of a second car?) 3. pure, sheer; unaccustomed ~ 4. ~ to + inf. (it was sheer ~ to relax on the beach = it was sheer ~ relaxing on the beach) 5. in ~ (they lived in ~; to wallow in the ~ of a hot bath) 6. (misc.) in the lap of ~; what is a ~ for some is a necessity for others (see also a life of luxury at life)
lyre n. to play the ~
lyrical adj. ~ about, over (to wax ~ about the scenery)
lyrics n. 1. ~ by (a song with music by Richard Rodgers and ~ by Oscar Hammerstein) 2. ~ for (Richard Rodgers wrote the music for the song and Oscar Hammerstein wrote the ~ (for it))
mace n. [’staff used as a symbol of authority’] a ceremonial ~ the ~ of office
machete n. to brandish, wield a ~
machine n. 1. to operate, run, use, work a ~ to shut down a ~ an adding, calculating ~ an answering ~ video-game ~ a cash, money-access (AE) cigarette; slot (BE) vending ~ a composing, linotype, typesetting; copy, copying, duplicating; fax ~ a heart-lung; X-ray ~ an earth-moving; milking; milling; sanding; sewing; threshing ~ (see also washing machine; washing-up machine) 9. a voting ~ 10. a mincing ~ (BE; AE has meat grinder) 11. a fruit (BE), slot (AE); pinball ~ ~ to play a pinball ~) (BE also has pintable) 12. a party; political ~ (I felt I was just a small cog in a well-oiled political ~) 13. a ~ functions, runs; breaks down (see also machine tool at tool)
machining gun n. 1. to fire, operate a ~ 2. a heavy; light; medium ~ 3. an air-cooled; water-cooled ~ 4. a ~ jamsmachine-gun nest n. to clean out, wipe out a ~
machinery n. [’machines’] 1. to install; operate, run ~ to maintain; repair ~ 3. farm; heavy ~ 4. a piece of ~ [’apparatus’] 5. administrative; law-enforcement; propaganda ~ 6. for (~ for negotiations)
mad adj. [’infatuated’] (colloq.) 1. (cannot stand alone) ~ about (they are ~ about each other) [’angry’] (colloq.) 2. hopping ~ 3. to get ~ 4. ~ at (she’s ~ at him; to get ~ at smb.) [’insane’] 5. stark raving ~ 6. to go ~ 7. to drive smb. ~ 8. ~ with (~ with pain) 9. ~ to + inf. (she was ~ to drive without headlights)
maddening adj. 1. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to have to wait here) 2. ~ that + clause (it’s ~ that we have to wait here)
made adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ from (she was entitled to child ~ from their absent father) with USAGE NOTE: Compare these examples, which illustrate general tendencies ~ 1. a stew can be made with vegetables (vegetables are not the only ingredient). 2. a stew can be made of/out of vegetables; a chair can be made of/out of wood; shoes are usually made of/out of leather (only one major substance or ingredient is used). 3. synthetic rubber can be made from petroleum; paper can be made from wood (the basic substance has been greatly changed). (see make II)
made-to-order adj. ~ for (they were ~ for each other)!
madness n. 1. sheer, utter ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (it was sheer ~ for her to drive without headlights) (see also there’s method in smb.’s madness at method)
magazine n. [’supply depot’] 1. a powder ~ [’journal, periodical’] 2. to publish, put out a ~ 3. to subscribe to, take (BE) a ~ 4. an alumni (esp. AE); fashion; gloss(ies) (esp. BE), slick (AE); illustrated; men’s; women’s; popular ~ 5. a copy; issue of a ~
maggots n. crawling with ~
magic n. 1. to perform; work ~ (on) 2. black; white ~ 3. pure, sheer ~ 4. by ~ (the medicine worked as if by ~)
magistrate n. a police (esp. AE); stipendiary (BE) ~
magnanimity n. 1. to display, show ~ towards 2. great ~
magnanimous adj. 1. ~ towards 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of you to make the offer = you were ~ to make the offer)
magnate n. a coal; industrial; shipping; steel; tobacco ~
magnet n. a ~ attracts iron
magnetism n. animal; personal; physical; sheer ~
magnitude n. 1. considerable, great ~ 2. of a certain ~ (of considerable ~)
magpie n. ~ s chatter
maid n. [’female servant’] a chambermaid; housemaid; kitchen ~; lady’s ~; parlormaid (who waits at table)
mail I n. (esp. AE; BE usu. has post for 1–5, 8–10) [’letters’] [’postal system’] 1. to address; send out (the) ~ to collect; deliver; redirect ~ 3. to forward; get; receive; open; sort (the) ~ 4. incoming; internal; outgoing; return ~ 5. airmail; certified; domestic; express; first-class; foreign; franked; registered; second-class; special-delivery; surface; third-class ~ 6. fan; hate; junk ~ 7. an item, piece (esp. AE) of ~ 8. the ~ comes (has the ~ come yet?) 9. by return ~ (BE has by return of post) 10. in the ~ (our letters crossed in the ~) 11. (misc.) electronic ~, E-mail; voice ~
mail II v. (esp. AE; BE usu. has post) 1. (A) she ~ ed the package to me; or: she ~ ed me the package 2. (D; tr.) to ~ from; to (the letter was ~ ed from Oregon to Pennsylvania) (see also mailing list at list; for BE see post II)
mail III n. [’armor’] chain ~
main n. [’main pipe, duct’] 1. an electric; gas; sewer; water ~ 2. the water ~ burst
mainland n. 1. from; to the ~ 2. on the ~
mains n. (BE) to turn smt. off at the ~ (stop the leak by turning the water off at the ~)
mainstream n. 1. in the ~ (of politics) 2. outside the ~
maintain v. (L) she ~ s that the accusation is groundless
maintenance n. 1. preventive; routine ~ 2. building; child; health; road ~ (the children’s mother was entitled to child ~ from their absent father)
majesty n. [’sovereign’] 1. Her; His; Your Majesty; Their Majesties [’grandeur’] 2. in all its ~
major I n. [’academic specialization’] (AE) 1. to give, offer a ~ (our department gives an English ~) 2. a ~ in (our department offers a ~ in English)
major II n. [number of votes greater than half or greater than anyone else gets] (CE); ["greater number of votes"] (BE) 1. to get, receive a ~ 2. to have, hold a ~ (the Democrats have a slim ~ in the House) 3. a clear; great, large; overwhelming, vast ~ 4. a bare, narrow, slender, slim, small ~ 5. an absolute ~ (BE; AE has majority) 6. a (relative) ~ (BE; AE has plurality) 7. a simple; two-thirds; working ~ 8. by a ~ (to win the election by an overwhelming ~) 9. (misc.) the silent ~ (i.e., those who have moderate or conservative views but do not voice them); in a ~ (we were in the ~ in the ~ of cases) ["full legal age"] 10. to attain, reach one’s ~ USAGE NOTE: Compare the verbs in the following constructions – the majority of the (two hundred) votes were for peace; a majority of two hundred votes was enough to win.

majority n. ["search for gain or sexual favors"] 1. on the ~ (he’s always on the ~) ["brand"] 2. a ~ of (my favorite ~ of car = a car of my favorite ~)

major II v. 1. (A) ("to propose") she made an offer v. 2. (B) ("to transfer legally") she made over

major v. (d; intr.) ("to specialize") to ~ in

majority n. ["to cause"

make I v. (AE) (d; intr.) ("to prepare") 1. to get, receive a ~ 2. to have, hold of votes]

make II v. (AE) (d; intr.) ("to specialize") to ~ in

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making n. ['evolution'] 1. in the ~ (a revolution in the ~) ['creation'] 2. not of smb.'s ~ (the problem is not of my ~)

makings n. ['potential'] to have the ~ of (she has all the ~ of a good orator)

maladjustment n. an emotional ~

malady n. (lit.) a fatal; serious; strange ~

malaise n. a general; spiritual ~

malaria n. 1. to catch, get, come down with, go down with (BE), develop ~ 2. to eradicate, stamp out; treat ~

malarkey n. (slang) ['nonsense'] (just) plain; pure, sheer ~

maleness n. 1. pure, sheer ~ 2. out of ~ (he did it out of sheer ~)

malformation n. a congenital ~ (of) (suffers from a congenital ~ of the spine)

malice n. 1. to bear ~ towards 2. (legal) with ~ aforethought 3. (misc.) "With ~ toward none; with charity for all" – Abraham Lincoln, “Second Inaugural Address” (1865)

malicious adj. ~ towards

mall n. 1. a pedestrian; shopping ~ 2. at a ~ (she works at a shopping ~)

malpractice n. legal; medical; professional ~

mammals n. 1. the higher; lower ~ 2. among ~

man n. 1. an attractive; average; fat; grown; hand-malarkey (slang) [1492]

manacle n. (D; tr.) to ~ to (the prisoner was ~d to the bars; the prisoner was ~d to another prisoner = the prisoners were ~d to each other) 2. (misc.) the prisoners were ~d together

manacles n. to cast off, throw off one's ~

manage v. 1. (D; intr.) ("to cope") to ~ on (we cannot ~ on our present income) 2. (colloq.) (D; intr.) ("to cope") to ~ with (we cannot ~ with our present income) 3. (D; intr.) ("to cope") to ~ without (we cannot ~ without a car) 4. (E) ("to succeed") she somehow ~d to see him 5. (misc.) we simply cannot ~ on our own any longer!

management n. 1. efficient; poor ~ 2. middle; senior, top ~ 3. anger, stress ~ 4. under ~ (under new ~)

manager n. 1. an assistant; bank; area; branch; business; campaign; city; credit; general; hotel; office; sales; service; stage ~ 2. a baseball ~

USAGE NOTE: For other sports coach is used.

mandate I n. ['order'] 1. to seek; win a ~ 2. to have a ~ 3. to carry out a ~ 4. a clear ~ 5. a ~ to + inf. (we had a clear ~ to eliminate illiteracy) 6. under a ~ (to do smth.) 7. with; without a ~ (we were elected with a clear ~ to eliminate illiteracy) "[Assignment to administer an area]" 8. a ~ over 9. under (a) ~

mandate II v. (formal) 1. (H) the president is ~d to carry out the laws 2. (esp. AE) (L; subj.) the constitution ~s that the president carry out the laws

mandated adj. federally ~ (US)

mandatory adj. 1. ~ for ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (in certain countries it is ~ for all citizens to vote)

man n. a horse's; lion's ~

maneuver I manoeuvre n. 1. to carry out, conduct, execute a ~ 2. (mil.) to conduct, hold ~s 3. a brilliant, clever; military; political; tactical ~ 4. on ~ (they were on ~s for two weeks)

maneuver II manoeuvre v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ for (the players ~ed for position) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ into (we ~ed the players into position) 3. (d; tr.) to ~ out of (the players were ~ed out of position)

mangle v. to ~ beyond recognition

manhole n. an open ~

manhood n. to reach ~

manhunt n. 1. to carry out, conduct; launch, organize a ~ 2. ~ for

manifest n. 1. to draw up; issue a ~ to 2. to adopt a ~ 3. an election (BE); party (esp. BE); political ~ 4. an item in a ~ (see also platform)

manifestation n. a clear ~ (the protests were a clear ~ of the workers’ discontent = the protests were a clear ~ that the workers were discontented)

manifesto n. 1. to draft, draw up; issue a ~ to 2. to adopt a ~ 3. an election (BE); party (esp. BE); political ~ 4. an item in a ~ (see also platform)

manner n. 1. a charming; cheerful, lively; friendly; gentle, mild; gracious ~ 2. a courteous, polite; debonair; elegant, grand, polished, suave ~ 3. a casual, hit-or-miss, offhand, relaxed; intriguing
manslaughter
1. to commit ~ 2. involuntary
n. (US) a governor’s ~
manoeuvre
n. [symbol of authority] to assume; inherit; wear the ~ (of authority)
manual
n. 1. an instruction(al); laboratory; owner’s; teacher’s ~ 2. a ~ (a ~ for beginners = a beginners’ ~)
manufacturer
n. an aircraft; automobile (AE), car; motorcar (BE); clothing; computer; drug; furniture; radio; shoe; television ~
manure
n. 1. to spread ~ 2. soft; vegetable ~ 3. a ~ of (~ of them) USAGE NOTE: The use of the
margarine
n.
manicure
v. 1. to edit; proofread; revise a ~ 2. to
manuscript
n. 1. to edit; proofread; revise a ~ 2. submit a ~ (for publication) 3. to accept; reject a ~
many
adjective, pronoun 1. a good, great ~ 2. a ~ to
mark
n. 1. to go on, join, take part in; lead; organize a ~ to ban; break up; call off
a ~ 3. a death; forced; hunger ~ 4. an antinuclear; antiwar, peace; civil-rights; political ~ protest; a ~ past (BE) (the Queen reviewed the ~ past of the troops) 5. a ~ against; for, in favor of, in support of; from; into; on; to (a ~ for peace and against war; the 1963 March On Washington) 6. on the ~ (science is on the ~) [“music that accompanies marching”] 7. to compose; play; strike up a ~ 8. a funeral; military; wedding ~ 9. a lively, rousing, stirring ~ [“misc.”] 10. to steal a ~ on smb. (“to do smt. before smb. else”)
mark I
n. 1. to make one’s ~ (“to make a cross in place of a signature”) 2. an ac-
mark II
n. 1. to go on, join, take part in; lead; organize a ~ to ban; break up; call off
a ~ 3. a death; forced; hunger ~ 4. an antinuclear; antiwar, peace; civil-rights; political ~ protest; a ~ past (BE) (the Queen reviewed the ~ past of the troops) 5. a ~ against; for, in favor of, in support of; from; into; on; to (a ~ for peace and against war; the 1963 March On Washington) 6. on the ~ (science is on the ~) [“music that accompanies marching”] 7. to compose; play; strike up a ~ 8. a funeral; military; wedding ~ 9. a lively, rousing, stirring ~ [“misc.”] 10. to steal a ~ on smb. (“to do smt. before smb. else”)
mark out
v. (d. intr.) to ~ to (~ to) (the teacher said that if we didn’t behave, she would ~ us down to the principal’s office)
marching orders
n. [notice of dismissal] (colloq.) (BE) to give people their ~ (~ also fig.) (she gave her lover his ~ when he cheated on her) (AE has walking papers)
march off
v. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ to (~ were ~ed off to prison)
march on
v. (D; intr.) to ~ to (~ were ~ed off to prison)
mare
n. a brood, stock ~
margarine
n. 1. to spread ~ 2. soft; vegetable ~ 3. a ~ pat; tub of ~ in (~ to fry in ~)
margin
n. 1. to adjust; set a ~ (~ of them) USAGE NOTE: The use of the
margin point
n. 1. to adjust; set a ~ (~ of setting type, in word processing) 3. a close, narrow, slender, slim, small ~ 4. a comfortable, decisive, handsome, large, wide; safe ~ 5. by a ~ (they won by a slim ~ over the opposition) 6. in, on a ~ (to make notes in the ~s) 7. (misc.) a ~ of error; a ~ of safety; a ~ of victory; a ~ profit; on the ~s of society
marihuana, marijuana
n. 1. to grow ~ 2. to smoke ~
marina
n. a municipal, public ~
marine
n. a mercantile (BE), merchant (AE) (~ see also navy)
marionette
n. to manipulate, move, pull the strings of ~
march
n. [procession] 1. to go on, join, take part in; lead; organize a ~ to ban; break up; call off
mark
n. [“sign, symbol”] 1. to make one’s ~ (“to make a cross in place of a signature”) 2. an accent, stress; diaritical; exclamation (BE; AE has exclamation point); question; quotation; quote ~ (see also punctuation mark; question mark; a mark of respect at respect) 3. a hash ~ 4. a laundry ~ [“impression, imprint”] 5. to get; have a ~; leave; make one’s ~ (you’ve got a black ~ on your collar;
they have made their ~ in politics and they will leave their ~ on history) 6. a distinguishing; high-water; indelible ~; a check ~ (AE; BE has tick) (to make/put a check ~ beside/by the right answer) ["target"] 7. to find, hit the ~ (the bullet found its ~) 8. to miss; overshoot the ~ 9. to fall short of the ~ 10. off the ~, wide of the ~ ["skin blemish"] 11. a birthmark, strawberry (esp. BE) ~ ["victim"] 12. an easy ~ ["starting line of a race"] 13. on your ~s! ["misc."] 14. to toe the ~ ("to adhere to the rules") 15. to bear the ~ of Cain; the actress won high ~s for her performance; she managed to get a pass ~ in French at A-level (BE) (see also grade I 1–4; marks)

mark II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ as (these items were ~ed acceptable) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ for (~ed for death) 3. (K) this birthday ~s his coming of age 4. (N; used with an adjective) these items were ~ed acceptable (see also grade II)

mark down n. (esp. BE) 1. to get ; give ~ 2. full, top ~ 3. in the ~ 4. (fig.) full ~ (full ~ to Sherlock Holmes for catching the villain!)

marksman, markswoman n. a crack, expert, skilled ~

markup n. a ~ on (their ~ on merchandise was small)

marmalade n. orange ~

marriage n. 1. to enter into a ~ 2. to announce a ~ 3. to consummate a ~ 4. to arrange a ~ 5. to solemnize a ~ 6. to propose ~ 7. to annul a ~ 8. to break up, dissolve a ~ 9. a good, happy, stable ~ 10. a bad, unhappy; broken ~ 11. an arranged; civil; common-law; communal; first; group; morganatic; open; previous; proxy; secret; trial ~ (she has several children from a previous ~) 12. an interfait; international; mixed ~ 13. a ~ breaks up, collapses, dissolves 14. a ~ of convenience 15. a ~ into (a family) 16. a ~ to (smb.) 17. by ~ (we’re related by ~) 18. (misc.) to give (one’s child) in ~ (Brabantio was reluctant to give Desdemona in ~ to Othello) married adj. 1. happily ~ 2. to get ~ (to Othello and Desdemona got ~ (to each other))

marrow n. 1. bone ~ 2. vegetable ~ (BE; AE has squash)

marry v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for love) (Othello married Desdemona for love) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ into (to ~ into a good family) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ to (~ to perform a marriage ceremony for") (Friar Laurence married Romeo and Juliet (to each other) = Friar Laurence married Romeo to Juliet)

martyr ~ 1. (d; intr.) to ~ at (to ~ at smb.’s skill) v. 2. to announce a ~ 3. to consummate a ~ 4. to arrange a ~ 5. to solemnize a ~ 6. to propose a ~ 7. to annul a ~ 8. to break up, dissolve a ~ 9. a good, happy, stable ~ 10. a bad, unhappy; broken ~ 11. an arranged; civil; common-law; communal; first; group; morganatic; open; previous; proxy; secret; trial ~ (she has several children from a previous ~) 12. an interfait; international; mixed ~ 13. a ~ breaks up, collapses, dissolves 14. a ~ of convenience 15. a ~ into (a family) 16. a ~ to (smb.) 17. by ~ (we’re related by ~) 18. (misc.) to give (one’s child) in ~ (Brabantio was reluctant to give Desdemona in ~ to Othello) married adj. 1. happily ~ 2. to get ~ (to Othello and Desdemona got ~ (to each other))

martyrdom n. to face; suffer, undergo ~ (to suffer ~ for one’s beliefs)

marvel I n. 1. to achieve, do, work ~ 2. a ~ to 3. a ~ that + clause (it’s a ~ to me that we didn’t get lost) marvel II v. 1. (d; instr.) to ~ at (to ~ at smb.’s skill) 2. (L) (esp. BE) I can but ~ that we didn’t get lost! marvelous, marvellous adj. 1. absolutely, quite (esp. BE) ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to have a day off it’s ~ having a day off; it was ~ of you to help) 3. that + clause (it’s ~ that we had the day off; it was ~ that you decided to help) ~

masochism n. to display ~

masonry n. 1. crumbling, falling ~ 2. comes off, falls off

masquerade v. (D; instr.) to ~ as (to ~ as a policeman)
mass I n. ["body of matter"] 1. a shapeless; sticky; tangled ~ (a tangled ~ of hair) 2. a land ~ 3. a critical ~ 4. a dense ~ (of smoke) 5. (med.) a fixed; hard; irregular; movable; nodular; palpable ~

mass II n. ["religious celebration of the Eucharist"] 1. to celebrate, offer, say (a, the) ~ 2. to attend, go to, hear ~ 3. (a) high; low; nuptial; pontifical; requiem; solemn; votive ~ 4. a ~ for (a requiem ~ is a ~ for the dead)

massacre n. 1. to carry out, perpetrate ~ 2. a brutal ~ ~ 3. a ~ happens, takes place

massage n. 1. to give (smb.) ~ 2. to get a ~ 3. a back ~; body; facial; therapeutic ~

mast n. 1. a tall ~ 2. (to fly) at half ~ 3. (misc.) (lit.) before the ~ ("at sea as a sailor")

master I n. 1. to find, meet one’s ~ ("to find one who is superior") 2. a question ~ (BE; AE has quizmas-ter) 3. (chess) a chess ~; grand ~ 4. a past ~ 5. a ~ of, of a past ~ of deceit)

master II v. to ~ completely, thoroughly (a scoundrel who has thoroughly ~ed the art of deceit)

masterpiece n. 1. to create a ~ 2. an enduring ~ 3. a literary ~

mastery n. 1. to demonstrate, display, show ~ 2. to achieve, acquire ~ 3. (a) complete; thorough ~ 4. of; over (~ of one’s subject; ~ over other people; a scoundrel who has achieved thorough ~ of the art of deceit)

mat n. 1. to weave a ~ 2. a bath; beer; exercise; place; prayer; ~ (see also welcome mat)

match I n. ["that catches fire when struck"] 1. to blow out, extinguish; light, strike a ~ 2. to light, put, set a ~ to 3. a safety ~ 4. a book; box of ~es 5. (misc.) children should not play with ~es

match II n. ["marriage"] ["marriage partner"] 1. to make a ~ 2. a good ~ 3. a ~ for ["contest"] 4. to promote, stage a ~ 5. a championship; crucial; play-off; return; test (BE) ["international cricket or rugby"] ~ 6. a football ~ (esp. BE; AE has football game) 7. a boxing ~; chess ~; cricket; fencing; golf; hockey; polo; tennis; wrestling ~ 8. a ~ between; with (a wrestling ~ between two strong competitors took place last week, during which one was injured) ["equal competitor"] 9. to meet one’s ~ 10. no ~ (she proved to be no ~ for me; I was no ~ for her) 11. smb.’s ~ in (she was more than my ~ in ability = she was more than a ~ for me in ability; no one is his ~ in speed and agility) ["pair"] 12. a good; perfect ~ 13. a ~ for USAGE NOTE: When two teams compete before spectators, BE typically has match (a football match); AE typically has game (a football game). However, when the team game is of North American origin, BE often uses game too (a basketball game). Moreover, game is starting to become more frequent in BE generally. A chess match is CE.

match III v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ against, with ["to pit against"] (she was ~ed against / with a formidable opponent) 2. (D; tr.) ["to equal"] to ~ for, in (no one can ~ him in speed and agility) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ with ["to find the equivalent of"] (she wants to ~ this candlestick with a similar one)

matched adj. evenly; ideally ~

matchmaker n. a professional ~

match up v. (D; intr.) to ~ to, with (he doesn’t ~ to his opponent)

mate I n. ["petty officer"] (naval) 1. a boatswain’s; first; machinist’s ~ ["junior partner"] 2. (BE) a plumber’s ~ 3. (US; pol.) smb.’s running ~

mate II v. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ with (cats and dogs can’t ~ (with each other); zebras don’t ~ with donkeys; to ~ a donkey with a mare)

material I adj. ~ to (this evidence is ~ to our case)

material II n. ["data"] 1. to collect, gather ~ 2. source ~ 3. ~ about, on (to gather ~ about the case) 4. ~ for (to gather ~ for a dictionary) ["matter"] 5. building ~ 6. radioactive; raw; synthetic ~ 7. promotional; reading; reference ~ 8. writing ~s 9. packing ~ ["cloth"] 10. a piece, swath of ~

materialism n. dialectical; historical ~

materialize v. (D; intr.) to ~ out of (the apparatus we expected failed to ~ out of the shadows)

mathematics n. applied; elementary; higher; pure ~

matrimony n. 1. holy ~ (they were joined ~) 2. a ~ of honor (at a wedding)

matron n. 1. a dignified ~ 2. a ~ of honor (at a wedding)

matter I n. ["affair"] 1. to deal with, pursue, take up ~ 2. to bring up, broach, raise; discuss, go into a ~ 3. to arrange a ~ 4. to clear up, settle, straighten out a ~ 5. to complicate; simplify a ~ 6. to give a ~ (attention, thought) (we have given this ~ considerable thought) 7. to not mince ~ ("to express oneself candidly") 8. to drop a ~, to let a ~ drop 9. a business; personal, private ~ 10. a complex, complicated; delicate ~ 11. an important, pressing, serious, weighty ~ 12. a petty, trifling, trivial; simple ~ 13. no easy, no laughing ~ (it’s no easy ~ to find a house in this city = it’s no easy ~ finding a house in this city; being accused of assault is no laughing ~) 14. ~s came to a head (when he tendered his resignation) 15. a ~ for (a ~ for conjecture; a ~ for speculation) 16. a ~ of (a ~ of grave importance) 17. in ~s of (in ~s of finance) 18. (misc.) as a ~ of fact ("really"); to take ~s into one’s own hands; the fact of the ~ is that…; a ~ of record (legal); for that ~ ("concerning that"); a ~ of a few minutes; a ~ of (personal) opinion/taste; a ~ of some urgency; a ~ of life and death; the crux/heart of the ~; no ~ how she tries, she gets no credit; you look so sad – what’s the ~? you haven’t done this properly – what’s the ~ with you? ["material"] ["substance"] 19. printed; reading ~ (see also subject matter) 20. gaseous; inorganic; liquid; organic; solid; vegetable ~ 21. gray ~ ["brains"] 22. the back; front ~ (of a book) USAGE NOTE: The expression what’s the matter? can express
sympathy; what’s the matter with you/him etc? is often critical.

**matter** II  v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ to (her financial status hardly ~s to us – but it ~s a great deal to her!) 2. (R; to) it doesn’t ~ (to us) that we are not rich 3. (misc.) it doesn’t ~ (to us) whether or not we are rich = what does it ~ (to us) whether or not we are rich?

**mattress** n. 1. a firm; lumpy; orthopedic; soft ~ 2. a double, full; king-size; queen-size; single; twin ~ 3. an air ~ 4. on; under ~

**mature** adj. 1. emotionally; mentally; physically; may ~ 1. (F) she ~ (well) still show up 2. (misc.) v.

**maximum** n. 1. to fall below; reach; set a ~ 2. at a ~

**maxim** a ~ that + clause (is it a valid ~ that com-

**meal** II

**mean** III  v. 1. (A; usu. used without to) she meant them no harm 2. (d; tr.) to ~ to (as (her remark was meant as a compliment) 3. (d; tr.) to ~ to (for his remark was meant for you) 4. (D; tr.) to ~ to (her words meant nothing to me) 5. (E) I meant to write; she never meant to harm them 6. (H) we never meant you to go without us; she meant her remark to be a compliment = her remark was meant to be a compliment 7. (L) though she said, “it’s getting late,” she really meant that she wanted us to leave 8. (S) *Hound ~s “dog”*; waiting longer ~ driving after dark 9. (misc.) they never knew what it meant to be hungry; she ~s what she says, but I’m not sure she always says what she really ~s

**meander** v. (P; intr.) the brook ~s through the valley

**meaning** n. 1. to acquire, take on; distort, twist; have; misconstrue a ~ 2. an accepted; basic; clear; connotative; double, equivocal; figurative; hidden, obscure; literal 3. grammatical; lexical; referential ~ 4. a shade of ~ 5. in a ~ (in the accepted ~ of the word)

**meaningful** adj. ~ to (the ceremony was very ~ to all those who came)

**meaningless** adj. ~ to (the lecture was ~ to all those who did not understand the language)

**meanness** n. 1. ~ to 2. out of ~ (she did it out of ~) (see also Usage Note at mean I adj.)

**means** n. ["method"] 1. fair; foul ~ (by fair ~ or foul) 2. an effective ~ 3. by any ~ (by any ~ necessary) 4. by ~ of (the roof is held in place by ~ of steel cables) 5. (misc.) the end does not justify the ~; a ~ to an end ["resources"] ["wealth"] 6. independent, private; moderate ~ 7. the ~ to + inf. (do they have the ~ to buy such a large house?) 8. according to, within one’s ~ (to live within one’s ~) 9. beyond one’s ~ (to live beyond one’s ~) 10. of ~ (a person of moderate ~) ["misc"] 11. by all ~ ("yes, of course"); by no ~ ("in no way"); ways and ~; a vagrant with no visible ~ of support

**meant** adj. (cannot stand alone) ["destined"] 1. ~ for (they were ~ for each other) ["intended"] 2. ~ as (her remark was ~ as a compliment) 3. ~ to + inf. (her remark was ~ to be a compliment) ["supposed"] (colloq.) (BE) 4. ~ to + inf. (Brighton is ~ to be lovely in summer)

**meantime** n. in the ~

**measles** n. 1. catch to come down with, get, go down with (BE) (the ~ 2. German ~ ("rubella")); 3. an epidemic; outbreak of ~ 4. a case of ~

**measure** I  n. 1. (a) cubic; dry; liquid; metric; square ~ 2. a tape ~ 3. in a certain ~ (in large ~ = in no small ~; “that cause for which they here gave the last full ~ of devotion” – A. Lincoln, “The Gettysburg Address,” 1863) 4. (misc.) for good ~ ("as smt. extra"); made to ~ ("custom-made"); to take smb.’s ~ ("to evaluate smb."); it’s early days yet to get the full ~ of the man (see also measures)
measure II v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ against (to ~ one’s accomplishments against smb. else’s) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ for (to ~ smb. for new shoes) 3. (P; intr.) the room ~s twenty feet by ten

measurement n. 1. to take a ~; to take smb.’s ~s 2. n.

meat n. 1. to carry out, take ~ 2. farsighted; measures

mechanic n. an automobile (AE), car, motorcar (BE); master ~

mechanics n. celestial; fluid; quantum ~

medal n. 1. to award, give a ~ to earn, get, win a ~ to strike (‘make’) a ~ 4. a bronze; gold; silver ~ (as a prize) 5. a ~ for (to earn a ~ for bravery)

meddle v. (D; intr.) to ~ with (“to have a meeting with”) (esp. AE) ~ 3. to strike (“make”) a ~ 4. a bronze; gold; silver ~ (as a prize) 5. a ~ for (to earn a ~ for bravery)

media n. the electronic; local; mass; national; news; print ~ 2. in the ~ (the elections were covered in the local ~) USAGE NOTE: Purists insist on are the media reliable? and consider is the media reliable? to be incorrect.

mediate v. (D; intr.) to ~ with (“to have a meeting with”) (esp. AE) ~ 3. to strike (“make”) a ~ 4. a bronze; gold; silver ~ (as a prize) 5. a ~ for (to earn a ~ for bravery)

medication n. 1. to take (a) ~ (for) 2. to administer, dispense, give (a) ~ 3. to order; prescribe (a) ~ 4. to put smb. on ~ 5. to discontinue (a) ~ 6. to take smb. off ~ 7. (an) effective; mild; potent, strong ~ 8. a nonprescription, over-the-counter; proprietary ~ 9. (an) intramuscular; intravenous; oral; parenteral; topical ~ 10. to be on ~ for (she is now on ~ for high blood pressure)

medicine n. [‘method, science of treating disease’] 1. to practice ~ 2. to study ~ 3. aerospace, space; aviation; military; sports; tropical ~ 4. community, social; industrial, occupational; preventive ~ 5. family; internal; physical ~ 6. clinical; forensic, legal ~ 7. molecular; nuclear ~ 8. allopathic; ayurvedic; holistic; homeopathic; osteopathic ~ 9. alternative, complementary (BE), fringe (BE); folk; traditional ~ 10. defensive ~ 11. socialized (esp. AE) ~ 12. veterinary ~ [‘remedy’] 13. to take (a) ~ (to take ~ for a cold) 14. to prescribe (a) ~ 15. a cough; nonprescription, over-the-counter; patent; proprietary ~ 16. strong ~ (also fig.) 17. a dose; course of ~, ~ for [‘punishment’] (colloq.) 19. to take one’s ~ (“to accept one’s punishment”)

meditate v. 1. to ~ deeply 2. (D; intr.) to ~ on, upon (to ~ deeply on impermanence)

meditation n. 1. to do, go in for, practice ~ 2. insight; transcendental ~ 3. deep, profound ~ (on, upon) 4. (deep) in ~ (to be deep in ~ on impermanence)

medium n. [‘middle degree’] 1. a happy ~ 2. a ~ between (a ~ between two extremes) [‘system’] 3. a ~ of instruction [‘means’] 4. by, through a ~ (to be transmitted through the ~ of air; to be broadcast through the ~ of radio)

meet I n. (esp. AE) (sports) 1. to hold, organize a ~ 2. a dual; swim, swimming; track; track-and-field ~

meet II v. 1. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ for (we met them for dinner) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ with (“to encounter”) (to ~ with approval; they met with an accident) 3. (esp. AE) (D; intr.) to ~ with (“to have a meeting with”) (our negotiators will ~ with them tomorrow) 4. (misc.) to ~ smb. halfway (“to compromise with smb.”); to ~ face to face; to ~ head-on; smb. strange is going on ~ there’s more to this than ~s the eye!; “Mr. Smith, this is Mr. Jones.” “Pleased to ~ you, Mr. Jones!”

meeting n. 1. to call, convene; open a ~ 2. to attend a ~ 3. to arrange, organize, schedule a ~ 4. to have, hold a ~ 5. to chair, conduct, preside over a ~ 6. to adjourn; break up; close a ~ (they close their ~s with a prayer) 7. to call off, cancel; postpone; reschedule a ~ 8. to disrupt a ~ (the protesters disrupted the ~ by shouting slogans) 9. a clandestine, secret; closed; emergency; mass; open; private; protest; public ~ 10. a board; business; cabinet; committee; departmental; faculty (esp. AE); prayer; revival; staff; town (US) ~ 11. an athletes ~ (BE; AE has track meet) 12. a race ~ (BE; AE has racing card) 13. a series of ~s (they held a series of ~s to resolve their differences) 14. a ~ between, of; about 15. at; in a ~ (I saw her at the ~; she’s in a ~ and cannot be disturbed) 16. (misc.) to call a ~ to order; a chance ~; at the Annual General
Meeting (at the AGM) of an association (esp. BE); a ~ of minds (after our discussions we seemed to have reached a ~ of minds that made co-operation possible between us)

**meet up v.** (AE) (D; intr.) to ~ with (our negotiators will ~ with them tomorrow)

megaphone n. (to speak) through a ~

**melody** n. 1. to hum; play; sing; whistle; write a ~

memorandum n. 1. to draw up, prepare a ~ 2. to

memorandum of purpose) ; “we missed the train but at least it’s stopped

merciful adj. 1. ~ to, towards 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of her to offer help)

merciless adj. ~ to, towards

mercy n. 1. to have ~ on 2. to show ~ to, towards 3. to beg for, implore (smb.’s ~) 4. to throw oneself on smb.’s ~ 5. divine; infinite ~; smb.’s tender ~cies (ironic) (we turned him over to the tender ~cies of the student court) 6. at smb.’s ~ 7. (misc.) a lapse of ~ 8. (to speak) from ~ 9. (misc.) a lapse of ~

merit I n. 1. to apply for ~ 2. to renew one’s ~

merit II v. (tr.) to ~ with (to ~ smb. with reprosals)

mend n. on the ~ (“improving”)

mendging n. invisible ~

menopause n. 1. to go through (AE), go through the ~ 2. the male ~ (is there really such a thing as a/the male ~?)

mentality n. a bunker, siege ~

mention I n. 1. to make ~ of to, towards 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~
merely adv. see only adv., adj.
merge v. 1. to ~ gradually; imperceptibly 2. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ into (to ~ several small companies into one large one) 3. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ with (several small companies ~d with theirs to form one large one)
merger n. 1. to carry out, effect a ~ 2. a ~ between, of; into; with (to carry out the ~ of several small companies into one large one) 3. a ~ is approved, goes through; is blocked, is opposed
merit n. 1. intrinsic ~ 2. relative ~s 3. according to, merit
mess I (D; intr.) to ~ with (the gears ~ with each v.

mezzanine n. 1. to prove, show one's ~ 2. to put people ~ about, in (she is ~ in her dress)
metabolic n. 1. to convey; relay; send, transmit a ~ message n.
metabolism n. to await, wait for the ~ Messiah n.
metamorphose v. 1. to undergo ~ 2. a complete, radical, total ~ 3. a ~ from; into (the creature ~d from a frog into a handsome prince)
metamorphosis n. 1. to undergo ~ 2. a complete, radical, total ~ 3. a ~ from; into (the creature ~d from a frog into a handsome prince)
metaphor n. 1. a dead; mixed ~ 2. a ~ for ("Just how good is the Internet as a ~ for God?") – Charles Henderson, Cross Currents, Spring/Summer 2000, Vol. 50, Issues 1/2.
mete out v. (B) to ~ justice to everyone ~ to justice out to everyone
meter I metre n. ["verse rhythm"]("arrangement of syllables]
method n. 1. to apply, employ, use a ~ 2. to adopt; devise a ~ to give up, scrap a ~ 4. an antiquated, obsolete; crude; devious; infallible, sure; modern, up-to-date; orthodox, traditional; refined, sophisticated; sound; unorthodox ~ 5. the case; deductive; empirical; inductive; scientific; Socratic ~ 6. unscrupulous (business) ~s 7. the audiovisual; direct, oral; grammar-translation ~ (of foreign language instruction); the tutorial ~ (of instruction) 8. teaching ~s 9. the rhythm ~ (of contraception) 10. a ~ for; in, to (a ~ for learning languages; they devised a ~ for extracting the ore; there is a definite ~ in her manner of interrogation; her plan’s unusual, but there’s ~ in her madness : she knows what she’s doing) 11. a ~ to + inf. (esp. AE) (they devised a ~ to extract the ore)
methodical adj. ~ in (~ in one’s work)
methodology n. (a) teaching ~
meticulous adj. ~ about, in (she is ~ in her dress)
mettle n. 1. to prove, show one’s ~ 2. to put people on their ~
mezzanine n. (AE) ["first rows of a balcony in a theater"] in the ~
mickey, Mickey Finn n. (slang) ["a drink to which a strong drug or narcotic has been added"] to slip smb. a ~
microcosm n. in ~ (is New York City the whole USA in ~?)
microscope n. 1. a compound; electron; optical ~ 2. under a ~ (they examined the tissue under the ~) (also fig.) (our panel of experts will put/examine
the EU under the ~; in tonight’s panel discussion the EU will come under the ~

**midair** n. in ~ (the planes collided in ~ = the planes had a ~ collision)

**midday** n. 1. at ~ 2. from ~ (to midnight)

**middle** n. 1. in the ~ (in the ~ of the last century; in the ~ of the room) 2. (misc.) to split smt. down the ~ (into two equal parts) (see also middle of the road at road)

**middle ground** n. 1. to find (a) ~ 2. (a) ~ between (they could find no ~ between the opposing sides)

**midmorning** n. 1. at ~ 2. from ~ (to early evening)

**midnight** n. 1. at ~ 2. from ~ (to early morning)

**midpoint** n. 1. to reach a ~ 2. (at) ~

**midriff** n. 1. to expose one’s ~ 2. a bare ~

**midsemester** n. (AE) at ~

**midst** n. in the ~ of

**midstream** n. 1. to reach ~ 2. in ~ (also fig.)

**midway** adj., adv. ~ between; through

**midyear** n. at ~

**mien** n. (lit.) an impassive; proud ~

**miffed** adj. (colloq.) 1. ~ about, at (she was at his late arrival) 2. ~ that + clause (she was ~ that he came/arrived so late)

**might** n. 1. armed, military ~ 2. with all one’s ~

**might II** v. 1. (F) she ~ (well) still show up 2. (misc.) ~ to do smt. 3. to speak one’s ~ 4. to speak one’s ~ of smb. 5. to change one’s ~ 6. to bear, have, keep ~ (smt.) in ~ (please bear this request in ~; they had it in ~ to leave before dawn; keep in ~ that you have to leave early in the morning; bear in ~ that the deadline is tomorrow) 7. to bring, call ~ to ~ 8. to keep one’s ~ on smt. 9. to put, set one’s ~ on smt. (I set my ~ to finish / my assignment quickly) 10. to ease one’s ~, to set one’s ~ at ease 11. to take one’s ~ off smt. 12. to cross, enter one’s ~ (it never crossed my ~ to telephone; it crossed my ~ that the store would be closed at five o’clock; that possibility never (even) entered my ~) 13. to come, spring to ~ (some names come readily to ~) 14. to know one’s own ~ 15. to slip one’s ~ (it slipped my ~ that I had an appointment) 16. to lose one’s ~ 17. an analytical, brilliant, disciplined, keen, logical, nimble, quick, sharp ~ 18. a clear, sound, uncluttered ~ 19. an inquiring, inquisitive, open, scientific ~ (to keep an open ~; to have an inquiring ~) 20. a closed, narrow, one-track ~ 21. a deranged, dirty, sick, twisted, unbalanced, unsound, warped ~ 22. in one’s ~ 23. in one’s subconscious ~ 24. on smb.’s ~ 25. (misc.) I have half a ~ to vote for smb. else (“I may well vote for smb. else”); to give smb. a piece of one’s ~ (“to state one’s views to smb. very bluntly”); we were all of the same ~; we were all of one ~ (“we all had the same opinion”); a state of ~; it was a load off my ~ (“I felt relieved”); to be of sound ~; the noise drove me out of my ~; at the back of smb.’s ~; smb.’s ~ is wandering (see also at/in the back of smb.’s mind at back II; a meeting of minds at meeting; presence of mind)

**mind II** v. 1. (G) I don’t ~ waiting; would you ~

**milk I** n. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ between, out of, of (to ~ information from smb. = to ~ smb. of information; to ~ a company of thousands of dollars = to ~ thousands of dollars from a company) 2. (N; used with an adjective) ~ to ~ smt. dry

**milk II** n. ["machine for grinding"] 1. a coffee; pepper ~ ("factory") 2. a flour; lumber; paper; rolling; steel; textile ~ ("place where results are achieved in a quick, routine way") 3. a diploma; divorce; marriage; propaganda; rumor ~ ("misc.") 4. to go through the ~ ("to acquire experience under difficult conditions")

**million** n. by the ~s, in the ~s, in their (BE) ~s (some dictionaries sell in the ~s)

**millstone** n. ["heavy burden"] to have a ~ around one’s neck

**mimic** n. 1. to act a play in ~ 2. (misc.) the art of ~

**mince** n. (BE) AE has ~ meat grinder

**minute** n. 1. to make up one’s ~ 2. to make up one’s ~ to do smt. 3. to broaden, cultivate, develop one’s ~ 4. to speak one’s ~ 5. to change one’s ~ 6. to bear, have, keep ~ (smt.) in ~ (please bear this request in ~; they had it in ~ to leave before dawn; keep in ~ that you have to leave early in the morning; bear in ~ that the deadline is tomorrow) 7. to bring, call ~ to ~ 8. to keep one’s ~ on smt. 9. to put, set one’s ~ on smt. (I set my ~ to finish / my assignment quickly) 10. to ease one’s ~, to set one’s ~ at ease 11. to take one’s ~ off smt. 12. to cross, enter one’s ~ (it never crossed my ~ to telephone; it crossed my ~ that the store would be closed at five o’clock; that possibility never (even) entered my ~) 13. to come, spring to ~ (some names come readily to ~) 14. to know one’s own ~ 15. to slip one’s ~ (it slipped my ~ that I had an appointment) 16. to lose one’s ~ 17. an analytical, brilliant, disciplined, keen, logical, nimble, quick, sharp ~ 18. a clear, sound, uncluttered ~ 19. an inquiring, inquisitive, open, scientific ~ (to keep an open ~; to have an inquiring ~) 20. a closed, narrow, one-track ~ 21. a deranged, dirty, sick, twisted, unbalanced, unsound, warped ~ 22. in one’s ~ 23. in one’s subconscious ~ 24. on smb.’s ~ 25. (misc.) I have half a ~ to vote for smb. else (“I may well vote for smb. else”); to give smb. a piece of one’s ~ (“to state one’s views to smb. very bluntly”); we were all of the same ~; we were all of one ~ (“we all had the same opinion”); a state of ~; it was a load off my ~ (“I felt relieved”); to be of sound ~; the noise drove me out of my ~; at the back of smb.’s ~; smb.’s ~ is wandering (see also at/in the back of smb.’s mind at back II; a meeting of minds at meeting; presence of mind)

**mind II** v. 1. (G) I don’t ~ waiting; would you ~
strong ~ 5. ~ arise; persist 6. ~ about (he tried to allay the ~ that had arisen about whether he would back out of the agreement) 7. ~ that + clause (he tried to allay our ~ that he would back out of the agreement)
mishap n. (formal) 1. to have a ~ 2. a ~ befell us 3. without ~ (we completed the project without ~) misinformation n. 1. to give, peddle, plant, spread ~ 2. to correct ~ 3. ~ about misinterpreted v. 1. (B) the teacher ~ed the passage to the students 2. (d; tr.) to ~ as (they ~ed his response as an admission of guilt) 3. (H) they ~ed his response to be an admission of guilt misjudge v. to ~ badly, completely mislead v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ about (we were seriously misled by this matter) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ into (he was misled into a life of crime) misleading adj. 1. grossly, seriously, very ~ 2. ~ by ~ (it is ~ to cite only certain sources) mismanagement n. gross ~ misnomer n. a ~ to + inf. (it’s a ~ to call this village a city) mispronounced adj. commonly, frequently ~ misread v. (D; tr.) to ~ as (they misread me as a liberal) misrepresent v. (D; tr.) to ~ as (the press ~ed them as revolutionaries) misrepresentation n. gross ~ miss I n. 1. a clean; near ~ 2. (colloq.) (BE) to give smt. a ~ (“not to do smt.”) (the play doesn’t sound very interesting ~ I think I’ll give it a ~) miss II v. 1. to ~ terribly, very much (she ~es her family very much) 2. to ~ narrowly (he narrowly ~ed being hit by a car) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ about (what do you ~ most about home?) 4. (G) I ~ walking in the park; we ~ going to church every week 5. (misc.) ~ed by a mile (“to miss by a great deal”) missed adj. deeply, sorely ~ missile n. 1. to fire, launch; guide a ~ to. 2. a string of ~es around, strategic; nuclear; short-range, tactical; strategic; intermediate-range, medium-range; long-range, strategic; nuclear; short-range, tactical; submarine-launched ~ missing adj. 1. to go ~ (esp. BE) (they went ~ for three whole days!) 2. ~ from (~ from a group) 3. (misc.) ~ in action (mil.); to turn up ~ mission n. [“task”] 1. to accomplish, carry out, perform a ~ 2. to undertake a ~ 3. (mil.) to fly a ~ 4. (usu. mil.) to abort, cancel, scratch, scrub a ~ 5. a bombing; combat; dangerous; military; reconnaissance; search-and-destroy; space; suicide ~ 6. a rescue ~ 7. a training ~ 8. a diplomatic; fact-finding; goodwill; pioneering; trade ~ 9. on a ~ (they went on a goodwill ~ to Asia; to go on a manned space ~ to Mars) 10. a ~ to + inf. (our ~ was to work out a trade agreement) 11. (misc.) ~ impossible (often humorous) (see also mission statement at statement) [“group sent to perform a task”] 12. a diplomatic; military; trade ~ 13. a ~ from; to (a trade ~ to Africa) missionary n. 1. a foreign; medical ~ 2. a ~ from; to miss out v. (D; intr.) to ~ on (to ~ on a profitable deal) misstatement n. 1. to make a ~ (to make a ~ of fact) 2. a ~ about (to make a ~ about the facts) mist n. 1. (a) dense, heavy, thick ~ 2. a ~ effect (a ~ of thick curtain of smoke) 3. to excise, remove, shuffle out, take out a ~ from (~ from a group) 4. a ~ about (they ~ed his response as an admission of guilt) 5. of; towards (there was some ~ of her motives) 6. a fatal; foolish; honest; minor, slight ~ 7. ~s happen, occur 8. ~s abound (on every page) 9. a ~ about; in (we made a ~ about that; she made a ~ in counting on their help) 10. a ~ to + inf. (it was a ~ to count on their help = it was a ~ counting on their help) 11. by ~ (to do smt. by ~) mistake I n. 1. to make a ~ 2. to correct, rectify a ~ 3. to excuse, forgive a ~ 4. to admit; learn from one’s ~ (s) 5. a bad, big, costly, dreadful, ghastly, glaring, serious, terrible, tragic ~ 6. a fatal; foolish; honest; minor, slight ~ 7. ~s happen, occur 8. ~s abound (on every page) 9. a ~ about; in (we made a ~ about that; she made a ~ in counting on their help) 10. a ~ to + inf. 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(legal) to declare a ~ mistrust n. 1. to arouse, cause, create, evoke, give rise to, sour, stir up ~ 2. to harbor ~ 3. to allay, dispel ~ 4. groundless, unfounded ~ 5. deep, profound, slight, vague, well-founded ~ 6. ~ between; of; towards (there was some ~ of her motives) mistrustful adj. ~ of misunderstanding n. 1. to cause, give rise to, lead to a ~ 2. to have a ~ (with) 3. to clear up, resolve a ~ 4. a complete, fundamental, total; simple, slight ~ 5. a ~ arises 6. a ~ about; over; between (a slight ~ had arisen between us that was easy to clear up) mitigate v. (d; intr.) (substandard) to ~ against (“to mitigate against”) mitt n. [“glove”] 1. an oven ~ (AE; AE also has pot holder; BE has oven glove) 2. (baseball) a catcher’s ~; first-baseman’s ~
mix I n. ["mixture"] 1. a cake; cement; pancake; soup ~ 2. a curious, strange; fascinating ~ (of) (a curious ~ of people at the party)

mix II v. 1. (C) ~ a nice drink for me; or: ~ me a nice drink 2. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ with (he doesn’t ~ with people like that; she ~ed the brandy with wine = she ~ed the brandy and the wine together)

mixed up adj. 1. in (~ in a scandal) 2. ~ with (she got herself ~ with criminals)

mixer n. ["informal dance, party"] (AE) 1. to give, hold a ~ ["device for mixing"] 2. a cement, concrete; electric ~ ["person who mixes socially"] 3. a good; poor ~

mixture n. 1. a cake ~ 2. a curious, strange; fascinating ~ (of) (a curious ~ of people at the party) 3. with a ~ of X and Y (he viewed me with a curious ~ of envy and disdain)

mix-up n. 1. to cause a ~ 2. a ~ about, in, over

mix up v. (D; tr.) to ~ with (I always ~ him up with his brother = I always ~ him and his brother up)

moan I n. 1. to emit, give, let out; have a ~ 2. a barely audible, feeble, weak; loud ~ (to let out a loud ~ of ecstasy) 3. a ~ about, over; at, to (they had a bit of a ~ to us about the new taxes) 4. with a ~ (of)

moan II v. 1. to ~ constantly; feeble; loudly 2. (D: intr.) to ~ about, over; to (to ~ over the new taxes) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ in, with (to ~ with pain/ecstasy) 4. (L; to) they ~ed (to us) that the new taxes were too high 5. to ~ and groan (they’re constantly ~ing and groaning to us about the new taxes)

mob I n. 1. to inflame, stir up a ~ 2. to control, subdue a ~ 3. to disperse a ~ 4. an angry; undis- ciplined, unruly, wild ~ 5. a ~ disperses; gathers; runs amok, runs wild

mob II v. (D; tr.) to ~ for (fans were ~bing her for her autograph)

mobile adj. highly; very; socially; upwardly ~

mobility n. social; upward ~

mobilization n. 1. to order (a) ~ 2. to carry out ~ 3. mobilization

module n. 1. a command; lunar; service ~ 2. a ~ frequency ~ (FM)

modifier n. a dangling (esp. AE), misrelated; noun ~

modulation n. frequency ~ (FM)

module n. 1. a command; lunar; service ~ 2. a ~ counts (each of the four ~ into which the course is divided counts 25% towards the final grade)

modus operandi n. to establish, work out a ~

modus vivendi n. to establish, reach, work out a ~

moisture n. 1. to absorb, soak up ~ 2. a drop of ~

molar n. 1. to cut a ~ 2. an impacted ~ 3. a first; second ~; third ~ ("wisdom tooth")

mold I mould n. ["furry growth"] 1. to gather ~ 2. ~s forms, gathers

mold II mould n. 1. a jello (AE), jelly (BE); plaster ~ 2. in a ~ (to be cast in a ~) 3. (misc.) to break out of a ~ = to break a ~ USAGE NOTE: The phrase break the mold has two different but related mean- ings, as in "After the gods made you, darling, they broke the mold" (i.e. ‘You, darling, are unique’) and “Our new party seeks to break the out-of-date mold of traditional politics!” (i.e. ‘our party wants to do smt. new’). Both meanings stress newness and originality. Nowadays the second meaning is by far the more likely.

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modest adj. 1. ~ about (she was ~ about her achieve- ments) 2. ~ in (she was ~ in not boasting about her achievements) 3. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of her not to boast about her achievements)

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**moment** n. 1. to choose, pick; savor the ~ 2. an appropriate, suitable; auspicious, opportune; critical, crucial; embarrassing, inappropriate, inopportune; propitious; solemn ~ 3. a rash, unguarded ~ (in a rash ~) 4. the psychological, right ~ (“the most favorable time”) (you’ve got to know how to pick the right ~ to say or do smt.) 5. a ~ for (this is a ~ for action) 6. a ~ to + inf. (this is the ~ to act) 7. at a ~ (at that (very) ~) (“then”); (at the this (very) ~) (“now”) 8. for the ~ (for the ~ let us drop this subject) 9. in a ~ (she’ll be here in a ~; in a crucial ~ of smb.’s life) 10. (misc.) there’s never a dull ~; is this a good ~ to have a word with you?; a ~ or two more ~ and it would have been impossible! from that ~ on, we knew we’d win! at this ~ in time (considered a cliche) (see also at a moment’s notice at notice I n.)

**momentum** n. 1. to gain, gather ~ 2. to lose ~ 3. an absolute ~ 4. of social change

**monarch** n. an absolute; constitutional ~

**monarchy** n. 1. to establish, set up a ~ 2. an absolute; constitutional; hereditary ~ limited ~

**money** n. 1. to coin; make, produce; print ~ 2. to counterfeit ~ 3. to circulate ~ 4. to earn, make ~ 5. to bank; change; deposit; draw, withdraw ~ (to deposit ~ in a bank; to withdraw ~ from a bank) 6. to contribute, donate; put up ~ (to donate ~ to a worthy cause) 7. to collect, raise; refund, return ~ 8. to owe; save; spend; tie up ~ 9. to lose; squander, throw away, waste ~ (they threw away their ~ on worthless investments) 10. to borrow; lend, (esp. AE) loan ~ 11. to invest ~ in; to put ~ into (they invested their ~ in stocks and bonds; she put her ~ into municipal bonds) 12. (colloq.) to sink (a lot of) ~ into (a venture) 13. to launder (illegally acquired) ~ 14. counterfeit; counterfeit ~ 15. blood; danger; conscience ~ 16. tax ~ (politicians should not waste tax ~) 17. (esp. AE) mad ~ (“a small amount of money carried formerly for emergency use or now for impulse buying”) 18. ~ for (I have the ~ for the rent) 19. for ~ (to do smt. for the ~) 20. out of ~ (we have run out of ~ and are now out of ~) 21. (misc.) to have ~ to burn (“to have a great deal of money”); that was ~ well spent! I wouldn’t do it for love or ~!

**monitor** I n. 1. an electronic; heart ~ 2. a video ~ (for a computer) 3. on a ~

**monitor** II v. to ~ closely

**monkey** n. 1. a howler; rhesus; ring-tailed; spider ~ 2. a band, horde, troop of ~s 3. (misc.) (colloq.) to make a ~ (out of smb.) (“to make a fool of smb.”)

**monkey about** (BE) see monkey around

**monkey around** v. (colloq.) (AE) (D; intr.) to ~ with

**monkey wrench** n. (["disruption"] (colloq.) (esp. AE) to throw a ~ into smt. (“to disrupt smt.”)

**monogamy** n. to practice ~

**monologue, monolog** n. to recite a ~

**mononucleosis** infectious ~ (CE also has glan- dular fever)

**monopoly** n. 1. to establish, gain a ~ 2. to enjoy, exercise; have, hold a ~ 3. to break (up) a ~ (a government, state; virtual ~ 5. a ~ of, on, over 6. (misc.) to play Monopoly (T)

**monotone** n. in a ~

**monotonous** adj. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ to watch television every day it is ~ watching television every day)

**monotony** n. to break, relieve the ~

**monoxide** n. carbon ~

**monstrous** adj. 1. to + inf. (it is ~ to preach hatred) 2. ~ that + clause (it’s ~ that some people (should) still preach hatred)

**month** n. 1. to spend a ~ (somewhere) 2. a calendar; lunar ~ 3. every; last; next; this ~ 4. the coming; current; past ~ future; past; recent ~s 6. a ~ from (Tuesday) 7. by the ~ (she is paid by the ~) 8. by (“before or in”) a ~ (by next ~, prices may have doubled) 9. during the ~ 10. for a ~ (he’ll be here for a ~) 11. for, in (esp. AE) ~s (they have not been here for ~ in ~) 12. in a ~ (we can’t finish the whole job in just one ~; they will get here in a ~, (esp. BE) they will get here in a ~’s time) 13. in a certain ~ (in the ~ month of May; in past ~s) 14. in, to (colloq.) a ~ (there are four weeks in a ~) 15. (misc.) a ~ ago; once a ~; ~ after ~; ~ by ~; ~ in, ~ out; from ~ to ~; to take a ~ off; all ~ (long); the first time in (esp. AE), for (BE) a ~; she is five ~s old; up to last ~

**monument** n. 1. to build, erect, put up; unveil a ~ 2. an ancient; historic; historical; literary; national ~ 3. a to

**mooch** v. (slang) (AE) 1. (D; tr.) (“to beg for”) to ~ from, off (he ~ed a cigarette from me) 2. (d; intr.) (“to sponge”) to ~ off of, on (to ~ on one’s friends)

**mood** I n. ["state of mind"] 1. a cheerful; ebullient; festive, holiday; genial, good, happy, jovial, joyful ~ 2. a mellow; nostalgic; pensive; tranquil ~ 3. a melancholy; solemn, somber ~ 4. an angry; bad
foul; bellicose; bilious; defiant; resentful; sullen ~ 5. in a ~ (in a good ~) 6. a ~ changes 7. a ~ for (I’m not in the ~ for TV; he’s in no ~ for fooling with!) 8. a ~ to + inf. (I’m not in a ~ to read; he’s in no ~ to be fooled with!) USAGE NOTE: CE has “in a good ~; in an ebullient ~; in a defiant ~; in a confrontational ~; in an unrepentant ~.” BE has also “in defiant ~; in confrontational ~; in unrepentant ~.” When can BE drop a/an? Perhaps when mood is related in meaning to mode, and implies readiness to act. But when mood is related in meaning to moodiness, and implies a state of feeling merely, BE retains a/an.

mood II n. ["verb form"] the conditional; imperative; indicative; subjunctive ~

mood I n. 1. the ~ revolves around the earth 2. a ~

moo II n. (D ; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ a boat to a pier) (colloq.) (BE)
moonlight flit n. 1. by ~ 2. in the ~
moon II v. 1. the ~ to ; the ~ of (there’s a ~ to the story ;
n.
moralize v. the ~ to + inf. (does she

moral fiber, moral fibre n. the ~

mortal a mere, ordinary ~

moratorium n. 1. ~s bite ; fly ; hum 2. ~s carry, spread

mosquito n. 1. a city (esp. AE); newspaper ~ 2. at, in a ~ (to work in a ~)
morning n. 1. all ~; during the ~; in the ~ (they left early/late in the ~ = they left in the early/late ~; she works in the ~); ~s (AE) (she works ~s), every ~; the next, the following ~; this ~; that ~; tomorrow ~; yesterday ~; a June ~; a summer ~; on any ~; on/during the ~ of (they left on the ~ of July 26); on Wednesday ~ = Wednesday ~ (AE) 2. a ~ of (after a ~ of conversation, they spent the afternoon and evening together) 3. from ~ (from ~ to night) 4. (misc.) the ~ drew to a close ; (Good) Morning (, everybody)! : to have; spend a ~ (we had a pleasant ~ at a museum; we spent the whole ~ working on the report)
moron n. (colloq.) 1. an utter ~ 2. a ~ to + inf. (he must have been an utter ~ to have arrived late!)
moronic adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ for/of him to arrive late = he was ~ to arrive late! = to arrive late was a ~ thing for him to do!)
morsel n. a choice, juicy, tasty ~ (of)
mortal n. a mere, ordinary ~
mortality tr. 1. infant; maternal ~ 2. the incidence, rate of ~ 3. from (the incidence of infant ~ from pneumonia)
mortar n. ["type of cannon"] 1. a trench ~ ["bowl!"] 2. a ~ and pestle
mortgage n. 1. to give; hold a ~ (the local bank gave us a twenty-year ~; the bank holds our ~) 2. to get, receive; take out a ~ on (we got a twenty-year ~ from the bank) 3. to pay off a ~ 4. to finance; foreclose; refinance a ~ 5. a chattel ; conventional ; endowment (esp. BE); first; second; sub-prime ~ 6. a ~ on (do you have a ~ on your house?)
mortgaged adj. ~ to the hilt ("to the limit") (we were ~ (up) to the hilt and couldn’t afford any more)
mortification n. 1. deep, everlasting ~ 2. to smb.'s ~ (to my everlasting ~, I got the answer wrong!)
mortified adj. ["embarrassed"] 1. deeply ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (we were ~ to learn that our manuscript had been rejected) 3. ~ that + clause (we were ~ that our manuscript had been rejected)
mortuary n. at, in a ~ (to work in a ~)
Moses n. holy ~! (esp. AE; colloq.) Moslem see Muslim
mosquito n. 1. ~s bite ; fly ; hum 2. ~s carry, spread disease 3. a swarm of ~es
most determiner, n., pronoun 1. ~ + inf. (we have ~ to do when our clients call after lunch) 2. to get the ~ (out of life) 3. to make the ~ (of one’s opportunities) 4. by far the, far and away the, much the ~ (it was much the ~ interesting film I’ve seen lately: I loved it!) 5. ~ of (~ of them) 6. at, at the; at the very ~ USAGE NOTE: The use of the preposition limits the meaning – we drank more wine; we drank more of the wine that you brought yesterday.
more II n., adv. 1. a bit, little ~ 2. no ~ than 3. many; much, plenty ~
mores n. cultural; sexual; social ~
morgue n. 1. a city (esp. AE); newspaper ~ 2. at, in a ~ (to work in a ~)
of is necessary when a pronoun follows. When a noun follows, the following constructions are used – most American wine comes from California; most of the wines that we import come from Europe; we like most students; we like most of the students who study in this department.

**motel** n. 1. to manage, operate, run a ~ 2. at, in a ~ (she works at/in a ~) 3. (misc.) to check in at, check into, register at a ~; to check out of a ~; to go to a ~; to stay at a ~

**mothballs** n. ["protective storage"] 1. to put into ~ (to put ships into ~) 2. to take out of ~

**mother** n. 1. an expectant; nursing 2. a lone (BE); single; unwed; welfare; working ~ 3. an adoptive; biological, birth, natural; foster ~; grandmother; stepmother; surrogate ~ 4. a mother-in-law ~ 5. a ~ to (she was like a ~ to them) 6. (misc.) a den ~; a ~ superior

**motto** n. 1. a guiding, leading ~ 2. a ~ runs through a work

**motion** I n. ["proposal"] 1. to make a ~ 2. to second a ~ 3. to accept; adopt, carry, pass a ~ 4. to defeat, reject, vote down a ~ 5. to consider, entertain, vote on a ~ (AE) to table a ~ ("to postpone voting on a motion") 7. (BE) to table a ~ ("to call for a vote on a motion") 8. to withdraw a ~ 9. the ~ carried, a motion") 7. (BE) to table a ~ ("to call for a vote passed, was carried, was passed; was defeated, was lost; was rejected 10. a ~ to + inf. (she made a ~ to stop debate) 11. a ~ that ~ clause; subj. (she made a ~ that debate be/should be stopped) 12. on a ~ (on my ~ they debated admitting new members) ["movement"] 13. to make a ~; set smt. in ~ 14. harmonic; perpetual ~ (see also slow motion) ["misc"] 15. to go through the ~s ("to pretend to do smt.")

**motion** II v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ into; out of (she ~ed us into the room) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ to (she ~ed to us) 3. (H) she ~ed (to/for) us to come into the room

**motivate** v. (H) what ~d her to master English ?

**motivated** adj. highly, strongly ~ (she is strongly ~ to master English)

**motivation** n. 1. strong ~ 2. the ~ to + inf. (she had no ~ to commit the crime)

**motor** I n. 1. to start a ~ 2. to turn off a ~ 3. an outboard ~ 4. a ~ runs, works; stalls (see also engine I–9)

**motor** II v. (d; intr.) to ~ to (they ~ed to town)

**motorbike** n. 1. to get off; get on; ride a ~ 2. to ride on a ~ (as a passenger)

**motorcar** n. (BE) to drive; park a ~ (see car I–12)

**motorcycle** n. 1. to drive, ride; get off; get on a ~ 2. to ride on a ~ (as a passenger)

**motor scooter** n. to drive, ride a ~

**motorway** (BE) see highway

**motto** n. 1. to coin, devise a ~ 2. a school; state ~

**mound** n. 1. a burial; pitcher’s ~ 2. (baseball) (AE) to take the (pitcher’s) ~

**mount** n. an engine ~

**mountain** n. 1. to climb, go up, scale a ~ 2. to come down, go down a ~ 3. high; rugged; snow-capped; snow-clad; snow-covered ~ 4. block; folded; volcanic ~ 5. a ~ rises 6. a chain, range of ~s 7. down; over; up a ~ 8. on a ~ (the flag was planted on a ~) 9. (misc.) the elevation, height of a ~; to make a ~ out of a molehill ("to exaggerate"); the peak, top of a ~; what shall we do with our ~ of surplus food?

**mounted** adj. ["astride"] 1. ~ on (~ on a fine horse) ["fixed"] 2. ~ on (the specimens were ~ed on a poster)

**mourn** v. (D; intr.) to ~ for, over

**mournning** n. ["for smb.’s death"] 1. to declare, proclaim (a period of) ~ 2. to go into ~ 3. deep ~ 4. national ~ 5. in ~ for 6. a sign of ~ ["clothes for mourning"] 7. to wear ~ 8. (to be dressed) in ~

**mouse** I n. ["a small rodent"] 1. to catch mice 2. a field; house; meadow; white ~ 3. mice gnaw; scamper; squeak 4. (misc.) as quiet as a ~

**mouse** II n. ["a device on a computer"] to click; move; use a ~

**moustache, mustache** n. 1. to grow a ~ 2. to shave out; trim a ~ 3. to finger, twist one’s ~ 4. a drooping handlebar; walrus ~

**mouth** n. 1. to close, shut; open one’s ~ to 2. to cram, stuff one’s ~ (with food) 3. to rinse one’s ~ (out) 4. to close, shut; open one’s ~ 5. to open one’s ~ 6. to close, shut; open one’s ~ 7. to close, shut; open one’s ~ 8. to close, shut; open one’s ~

**mouthpiece** n. 1. to coin, devise a ~ 2. a school; state ~

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**mouth, mouth** n. 1. to close, shut; open one’s ~ to 2. to cram, stuff one’s ~ (with food) 3. to rinse one’s ~ (out) 4. to wipe one’s ~ 5. a ~ opens 5. the back; front; roof; side of the ~ 6. at the ~ (of a cave; river) 7. in smb.’s ~ (don’t talk with food in your ~ != don’t talk with your ~ full! 8. (misc.) (colloq.) a big ~ ("a gossip"); to shoot off one’s ~ ("to talk too much"); to make smb.’s ~ water ("to create a desire or appetite in smb."); to keep one’s ~ shut ("to remain silent"); by word of ~ ("orally")

**mouthful** n. (colloq.) ["something true"] 1. to say a ~ ["enough food to fill a mouth"] 2. to swallow a ~

**mouth off** v. (colloq.) (D; intr.) to ~ about; at; to (he kept ~ing off (at/to me) about his troubles)

**mouth organ** n. to play a / ["a device on a computer"] to click; move; use a ~

**mouthpiece** n. ["a device on a computer"] to click; move; use a ~

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move II v. 1. ("to stir") to ~ deeply, profoundly 2. ("to change the position of") to ~ bodily 3. (d; intr.) ("to request") to ~ for (to ~ for a new trial) 4. (D; intr., tr.) ("to change or cause to change one's position, place of residence, place of work") to ~ from; into, to; out of (let's ~ from this table to that one; they ~d from the city to the suburbs; our firm's moving from here to the Coast; let's ~ the chair from/ out of this room to that one; he ~d his family from/ out of an old house into a new apartment; we are ~ving our main office from/ out of the city to a small town) 5. (D; intr.) ("to act") to ~ on (to ~ on a matter) 6. (D; tr.) ("to stir") to ~ to (she was ~d to tears) 7. (d; intr.) ("to change one's position") to ~ towards (to ~ towards the exit) 8. (E) ("to propose") the committee ~d to block her nomination. 9. (H) ("to induce") towards the exit 10. (misc.) (colloq.) to get a ~ on ("to go faster")

mover n. 1. to operate, work a ~ 2. a hand; power ~ (see also lawn mower)
much I adv. 1. ~ closer; ~ further; ~ longer; ~ shorter; ~ less interesting; ~ more interesting 2. ~ the best; ~ the worst; ~ the least interesting; ~ the most interesting (it was ~ the most interesting movie I'd seen for ages)
muck n. ("mess") (colloq.) (BE) to make a ~ of smt.
muck about v. (colloq.) (BE) to ~ with ("to mess around with")
mucus n. 1. to cough up 2. to discharge; secrete ~
mudge n. ("confusion") 1. to make a ~ of smt. 2. in a ~

mufti n. ("civilian clothes") in ~
mug n. a beer; shaving ~
mulct v. (D; tr.) ("to defraud") to ~ of (to ~ people of their money)
mule n. 1. to drive; ride a ~ 2. ~s bray 3. a team of ~s 4. (misc.) as stubborn as a ~
mull over v. (Q) we ~d over whether to accept the proposal

multiplication n. to do ~
multiply v. (D; tr.) to ~ by (to ~ six by three and get 18 = to ~ three by six and get 18)
mum adj. 1. to keep, remain ~ 2. ~ about 3. (misc.) ~'s the word

mumble v. 1. (B) she ~d smt. to me 2. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ about (she ~d smt. (to me) about her job) 3. (L; to) she ~d (to us) that she had a new job

mumps n. to catch, come down with, get, go down with (BE) (the) ~
munch v. (D; intr.) to ~ on (they were ~ing on their sandwiches)
munch away v. (D; intr.) to ~ at (they were ~ing away at their sandwiches)
murder n. ["homicide"] 1. to commit ~ 2. a brutal, cold-blooded, grisly, heinous, savage, vicious, wanton ~ 3. an attempted; premeditated; ritual ~ 4. (AE) a first-degree; second-degree ~ 5. mass ~ 6. multiple, serial ~ 7. a ~ takes place ["ruinous influence"] (colloq.) 8. ~ on (the rainy weather has been ~ on business) ["great hardship"] 9. it was standing out in the cold ["misc."] 10. to get away with ~ (typically fig.) (he ruins everything and gets away with it – people really let him get away with ~)
murderer n. a cold-blooded, vicious; mass ~
murmur I n. ["complaint"] 1. to let out a ~ (she didn’t let out a ~) 2. without a ~ (of protest) ["abnormal sound"] (med.) 3. a heart ~ ["low noise"] 4. a gentle, low, soft ~ 5. in; with a ~ (to speak in a low ~)
murmur II v. 1. to ~ gently; softly 2. (D; intr.; tr.) to ~ to (he ~ed a few words to her and kept on ~ing to her) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ about (what were they ~ing about?) 4. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ into (he ~ed a few words into her ear) 5. (E) he ~ed to her to stay with him 6. (L; to) he ~ed (to her) that he wanted her to stay with him = “Please stay with me,” he ~ed (to her)
muscle n. 1. to contract; flex, tense; move; pull, strain; relax; wrench a ~ (to flex the ~s in/of one’s arm) 2. to develop one’s ~ 3. bulging ~s 4. involuntary; smooth; striated; voluntary ~s 5. ~s
museum n. 1. to go to, visit a ~ 2. an art (esp. AE; museum v. (D; intr.) to ~ about, over, upon
music n. 1. to compose, write ~ 2. to arrange ~ (for) (to arrange organ ~ for (the) piano) 3. to perform, play ~ 4. to put, set smt. to ~ 5. to read ~ 6. background; canned, piped; incidental; light; recorded; soft, sweet ~ 7. bluegrass; folk; western; world ~ 8. ballet; band; chamber; classical; dance; instrumental; klezmer; orchestral; organ ~ 9. funky; gospel; march, martial; modern; pop; popular; rock; sacred; serious; soul ~ 10. choral; vocal ~ 11. sheet ~ 12. a note; piece of ~ 13. (fig.) ~ to (what she said was ~ to my ears) 14. to ~ (to dance (in time) to the ~ of a big band) 15. (misc.) to face the ~ (“to accept one’s punishment”)
musical n. 1. to produce, stage a ~ 2. a Broadway ~
musical chairs n. to play ~
musician n. 1. an accomplished; natural; strolling ~ 2. a ~ performs; practices; rehearses
Muslim n. a Black; Shiite; Sunni ~
must v. 1. (F) we ~ go 2. (misc.) I really ~ go; you surely ~ know; they ~ have left USAGE NOTE: AE has “their coats are still here so they ~ not have left yet.” BE prefers “their coats are still here so they can’t have left yet.”
mustache see moustache
mustard n. 1. Dijon; French; English; hot ~ 2. (misc.) (BE) as keen as ~
muster I n. to pass ~
muster II v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ smb. into the army) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ out of (“to discharge from”) (to be ~ed out of the army)
mutation n. 1. to induce a ~ 2. a gene, genetic; random ~
mute adj. to stand ~ (“to remain silent during an arraignment”)
murderer n. a cold-blooded, vicious; mass ~
mystery n. 1. to be, pose a ~ (her disappearance poses a real ~) 2. to clear up; solve, unravel a ~ 3. an unsolved ~ 4. a murder ~ 5. a ~ deepens (the ever-deepening mystery of surrounding her disappearance) 6. a ~ to (it was a ~ to me) 7. (misc.) an air of ~; cloaked, shrouded, wrapped in ~; a veil of ~
mysterious adj. ~ about (~ one’s past)
mystifying adj. 1. to + inf. (she was ~ to find that her watch was gone) 2. ~ that + clause (she was ~ that her watch was gone)
mystifying adj. 1. to ~ 2. to + inf. (it was ~ to her) to find that her watch was gone) 3. ~ that + clause (it was ~ to her) that her watch was gone
myth n. 1. to create; perpetuate a ~ 2. to debunk, dispel; explode a ~ 3. a popular ~ 4. a ~ about (we dispelled the ~ about the invincibility of their army) 5. a ~ that + clause (we dispelled the ~ that their army was invincible) 6. (misc.) ~s and legends
nadir n. 1. to fall to, reach a ~ 2. at a ~ (at the ~ of their power)
nag v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ at (he kept ~ging at her (to buy a new car)) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ into (he ~ged her into buying a new car) 3. (H) he kept ~ging her to buy a new car
nail I n. [“to be hammered into smt.”] 1. to drive, hammer a ~ (he drove a ~ into the board) 2. to remove a ~ 3. a loose ~ 4. (misc.) as hard/tough as ~s; to hit the ~ on the head (“to describe smt. succinctly and correctly”) [“of fingers and toes”] 5. to cut, pare, trim; do; file; manicure; paint, polish one’s ~s 6. to break, split a ~ 7. to bite; chew one’s ~s 8. a fingernail; toenail [“misc.”] 9. to fight tooth and nail II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ into (she ~ged the plaque to the wall) 2. (P; tr.) she ~ed the boards together
naive adj. 1. of (that was ~ of you) 2. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ of you) to trust everyone; you are ~ to trust everyone
naked adj. 1. stark ~ 2. (misc.) to walk around ~
name I n. [“appellation”] 1. to adopt, assume, take; bear; have; go; go under; change; use a ~ 2. to give smb. a ~ 3. to call smb. a (bad) ~; to call smb. ~s 4. to immortalize smb.‘s ~s 5. to invoke God’s ~ 6. to sign one’s ~ 7. an assumed; code; double-barrelled (BE); legal; pen-name; personal; professional; proper; stage ~ (she took a stage ~ when she began her acting career; I asked Peregine Chimp-Gibbon about his double-barrelled ~; Samuel Clemens adopted the pen-name (of) Mark Twain) 8. a Christian (esp. BE), first, given (AE); family; last; maiden; married; middle ~ (she still uses her middle ~; Virginia Woolf’s maiden ~ was Virginia Stephen; please call me by my first ~) (see also surname) 9. a bad, dirty; fancy; pet ~ 10. a geographic(al) 11. a brand, proprietary, trade ~ 12. a file ~ 13. a common, vernacular (“not technical”) ~ 14. a ~ for (there is no ~ for such conduct!) 15. by ~ (to know smb. by ~ only) 16. in ~ (she is the chairperson in ~ only; smb. else is really in charge) 17. in smb.’s ~ (the book was charged out in your ~) 18. under a ~ (under an assumed ~; Samuel Clemens wrote under the pen-name (of) Mark Twain) [“reputation”] 19. to make a ~ (for oneself) 20. to clear one’s ~ 21. to besmirch, smear smb.’s (good) ~ 22. to give smb. a bad ~ 23. a bad; big; good; great ~ (she is a big ~ in fashion and one of the greatest ~s in fashion now) [“misc.”] 24. to drop ~s (“to boast of one’s connections or acquaintances”); to name ~s; in the ~ of the law; who in God’s ~ would do smt. like that?; what in God’s ~ is that?; why not, in God’s ~?; to lend one’s ~s to (a good cause)
name II v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ after, for (AE) (Hannah was ~d after her great-grandmother) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ as (she was ~d as the winner of the contest) 3. (H) (esp. AE) they ~d me to head the commission 4. (N) she was ~d (the) winner of the contest; the file that had been ~d “urgent” has now been renamed “miscellaneous”
name-calling n. to engage in, go in for, resort to ~
nameless adj. to remain ~
nanny n. (esp. BE) a ~ for, to (she served as a ~ to three small children)
nap n. 1. to have, take a ~ 2. an afternoon; morning ~
napkin n. 1. to fold a ~ 2. to tuck a ~ (under one’s chin) 3. a cocktail; dinner; linen; paper ~ 4. a sanitary ~ (AE; BE has sanitary towel; CE has sanitary pad)
nappy (BE) see diaper
narcosis n. 1. to produce (a state of) ~ 2. (a) ~ wears off 3. under ~
narcotics n. to smuggle ~ (into a country)
narrate v. (B) she ~d her story to us
narration n. 1. a graphic; gripping ~ 2. (misc.) the ~ of her story to us
narrow down v. (D; tr.) to ~ to (the choice was ~ed down to a few candidates = they ~ed the choice down to a few candidates = they ~ed down the choice to a few candidates)
narrow-minded adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of her to say that)
nasty adj. 1. ~ about (they were very ~ (to everyone) about the whole incident) 2. ~ to (they were ~ to everyone) 3. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of them to go on about the whole incident)
nation n. 1. to build, create; establish a ~ 2. a civilized; developing; friendly; independent; industrial; peace-loving; sovereign ~ 3. belligerent, warring ~s 4. across the ~ (there were strikes across the ~) 5. (misc.) a member ~ (of the UN) (see also nation state at state; Usage Note at tribe)
national adj. 1. a foreign ~
National Guard (US) n. to call out; federalize the ~
nationalism n. 1. to foster ~ 2. extreme; rampant ~
nationhood n. to achieve ~
native adj. 1. ~ (this flower is ~ to our state) 2. (misc.) to go ~ (“to behave like the local population when in a foreign country”)
natter v. (colloq.) (BE) (D; intr.) (“to chatter”) to ~ about; to (to ~ (on) to smb. about smt.)
natural I adj. 1. (AE) ~ to (that comes ~ to me) 2. ~ to + inf. (it’s only ~ for children to love ice cream) 3. ~ that + clause (it’s perfectly ~ that children love/should love ice cream)
natural II n. (colloq.) (esp. AE) [“person who seems to be destined for success”] 1. a ~ for (she is a ~ for this kind of job) 2. a ~ to + inf. (she’s a ~ to win the election)
nature n. [“character, quality”] 1. an impetuous; placid ~ 2. human ~ (it’s only human ~ to want to live
well) 3. second ~ (that is almost second ~ to me; it was second ~ for her to help) 4. smb.’s true ~ 5. by ~ (she is friendly by ~) 6. in (smb.’s) ~ (it was not in her ~ to complain; behavior that is friendly in ~) 7. of a certain ~ (wounds of a serious ~) “[physical universe]” 8. to harness (the forces of) ~ 9. (misc.) mother ~; a freak of ~; back to ~; let ~ take its course; to appeal to smb.’s better ~; don’t stand in her way ~ she’s like a force of ~! 
naught n. (lit.) 1. to come to ~ 2. all for ~
naughty adj. 1. of 2. ~ to + inf. (it was (of them) ~ to do that ~ they were ~ to have done that = it was a ~ thing for them to do)
nausea n. 1. to bring on, cause ~ to 2. to experience ~ (he experiences ~ when he rides in a car) 3. a wave of ~ (she felt a wave of ~ come over her; a wave of ~ came over her)
nauseated adj. 1. to become, feel ~ (he feels ~ when he rides in a car) 2. to make smb. ~
nauseating adj. 1. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ (for us) to watch them)
nauseous adj. 1. to become, feel ~ 2. to make smb. ~ USAGE NOTE: Some purists still claim that nauseous means only “nauseating”. In fact, most speakers now use it as a synonym of nauseated.
navigate v. (d; intr.) ~ to ~ by (to ~ by the stars)
navigation n. celestial; electronic ~
navy n. 1. a merchant ~ (BE; AE has merchant marine) 2. the Royal Navy; the US Navy 3. in the ~ (to serve in the ~)
neat adj. ~ in (~ in one’s habits)
necessary adj. 1. absolutely ~ 2. ~ for; to 3. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ (for us) to sleep) 4. ~ that + clause; subj. (it is ~ that we all get/should get enough sleep)
necessitate v. 1. (G) the promotion would ~ living abroad 2. (K) the promotion would ~ his living abroad
necessity n. 1. to obviate a ~ 2. an absolute, dire; military ~ 3. the bare; daily ~ ties 4. a ~ arises 5. a ~ for 6. a ~ to + inf. (there is no ~ (for us) to leave so early) 7. of ~ (you will of ~ remain silent) 8. (misc.) the (bare) ~ ties of life; what is a luxury for some is a ~ for others
neck I n. [“of body”] 1. to crane; crick one’s ~ 2. to twist, wring smb.’s ~ 3. to (have) a stiff ~ 4. the back, nap of smb.’s ~ 5. (misc.) to save one’s ~; it’s a pain in the ~ (to go/going there); what are you doing in this ~ of the woods?; the two leading competitors are ~ and ~ (“even”); to risk one’s ~ (“to risk one’s life”); to break one’s ~ trying to do smt. (“to make a maximum effort to get smt. done”); to stick one’s ~ out (“to expose oneself to danger”); by a ~ (“by a close margin”); up to one’s ~ in work (“swamped with work”)
neck II v. (colloq.) (D; intr.) (“to hug and kiss”) to ~ with
neckline n. a high; low, plunging; sweetheart ~
necktie n. (AE) 1. to knot, tie; put on; wear; loosen; tighten a ~ 2. a garish, loud ~ CE has tie (see also bow tie)
need I n. 1. to create ~ 2. to feel, have a ~ 3. to fill, meet; obviate a ~ 4. to satisfy a ~ 5. to minister, tend to smb.’s ~ 6. an acute, compulsive, crying, desperate, dire, great, overriding, pressing, urgent; growing; special ~ 7. a basic, fundamental; personal; unfulfilled, unmet; universal ~ 8. a biological; emotional, psychological; physical; physiological; spiritual ~ 9. bodily; emergency; material ~ 10. a ~ arises; exists 11. a ~ for a crying ~ for food for the refugees; there is no ~ for violence) 12. a ~ to + inf. (there was a pressing ~ to act immediately; there was no ~ for you to be violent) 13. in ~ (to live in dire ~; badly in ~ 14. in ~ of (the refugees are badly in ~ of food = the refugees are in urgent ~ of food)
need II v. 1. to ~ badly, desperately, sorely, urgently 2. (D; tr.) to ~ for (we ~ you for this job) 3. (E) we all ~ to work; my coat badly ~s to be mended 4. (F; in neg. and occ. in interrogative sentences) she ~ not work; or: she doesn’t ~ to work; ~ she go? or: does she ~ to go? 5. (G) my coat ~s mending badly 6. (H) I badly need smb. to mend my coat 7. (N; used with a past participle) I badly ~ my coat mended 8. (s; used with a past participle) (BE) (nonstandard) my coat badly ~s mended USAGE NOTE: The sentence she needn’t have gone implies that she did go (though there was no need for her to go). The sentence she didn’t need to go does not indicate if she went or not.
necessary adj. badly, much ~ (to take a much-needed vacation)
noodle I n. 1. to thread a ~ 2. a darning; hooked; knitting; sewing ~ 3. a gramophone (BE), phonograph (AE) ~ 4. an acupuncture; hypodermic ~ 5. a pine ~ 6. the eye; point; prick of a ~ 7. (misc.) a ~ in a haystack (“smt. that is impossible to find”); to mend your coat you need ~ and thread; a sensation of pins and ~s; on pins and ~s ("extremely anxious")
noodle II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ about (she was ~ling him about his blunder) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ into (~d me into losing my temper)
noodlepoint n. to do ~
necessary adj. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ (for you) to worry) (see also needless to say at say II v.)
noodlework n. to do ~
negative n. [“exposed film”] 1. to develop; make a ~ [“phrase that rejects”] 2. in the ~ (to answer/reply in the ~) (see also test negative at test II v.) [“expression that contains negation”] 3. a double ~
neglect I n. 1. benign; complete, gross, total; willful ~ 2. child, parental ~ 3. a state of ~ 4. to the ~ of (he concentrated on his work to the neglect of his family)

neglect II v. 1. to ~ completely, totally; willfully 2. (E) she ~ed to pay the fine

neglectful adj. 1. completely, totally ~ 2. ~ of (he concentrated on his work and became ~ of his family)

negligent adj. 1. grossly ~ 2. ~ about; in (he did harm through ~ in looking after his family)

negligence n. 1. contributory; criminal; gross; rank; willful ~ 2. (legal) gross; ordinary; slight ~ 3. ~ in; towards 4. through ~ (he did harm through ~ in looking after his family)

negligent adj. 1. grossly ~ 2. ~ about; in (he did harm through being ~ in looking after his family)

negotiate v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ about, over 2. (D; intr.) to ~ for 3. (D; intr.) to ~ with (we ~d with them for (the) release of the hostages; to ~ with smb. about a common border) 4. (E) we ~d with them to release the hostages. 5. (misc.) to ~ from a position of strength

negotiation n. under ~ (the release of the hostages is still under ~)

negotiations n. 1. to conduct, hold; enter into, open ~ 2. to renew, resume ~ 3. to break off ~ 4. delicate; direct; exploratory, preliminary; formal; high-level, top-level; informal; marathon, round-the-clock; private, secret ~ 5. arms-control, arms-limitation; contract; diplomatic; peace ~ 6. successful ~ 7. fruitless, unsuccessful ~ 8. ~ between, over several points; the next round of ~ will be

negotiator n. a management; union ~

neighbor I neighbour n. 1. a next-door ~ 2. a ~ to (she was a good ~ to us) 3. (misc.) we have lots of friends and ~s here

neighbor II neighbour v. (esp. BE) (D; intr.) to ~ on (the USA ~s on Mexico)

neighborhood, neighbourhood n. 1. a friendly; good, nice, pleasant ~ 2. a changing ~ 3. a bad, rough, tough ~ 4. an ethnic; residential ~ 5. the immediate ~ (all of our friends live in the immediate ~) 6. in a ~ (we live in a nice ~) 7. in the ~ of (to earn (something/somewhere) in the ~ of ~ 0,000 a year)

neighborly, neighbourly adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of you to do that)

neither determiner, pronoun ~ of (~ of the two; ~ of them) USAGE NOTE: The use of the preposition of is necessary when two or a pronoun follows. When a noun follows, two constructions are possible – neither student knew the answer; neither of the students knew the answer.

nelson n. ["type of wrestling hold"] a full; half ~
nemesis n. to meet one’s ~

neologism n. to coin a ~
nervy n. ["assurance"]["gall"] (colloq.) 1. to display, have ~ 2. the ~ to + inf. (she had the ~ to ask for another day off) ["self-confidence"] 3. to lose one’s ~ ["sensitivity"] 4. a raw ~ (his remark hit a raw ~) ["band of nervous tissue"] 5. the cranial ~

nerves n. ["nervousness"] 1. an attack; bundle of ~ ["mental state"] 2. to fray, frazzle smb.’s ~; to get on smb.’s ~ 3. to calm, settle, steady one’s ~ 4. frayed, frazzled, jangled; steady; strong; taut; weak ~ ["misc."] 5. to have ~ of steel ("to be very strong emotionally"); my ~ are shot; a war of ~
nervous adj. 1. to make smb. ~ 2. ~ about; of (BE) (we were ~ about the recent reports of local violence)
nest n. 1. to build, make a ~ 2. (misc.) to feather one’s ~ ("to enrich oneself") (see also machine-gun nest; hornets’ nest)
nest egg n. ["money set aside as a reserve"] to accumulate; set aside (a little) ~
nestle v. 1. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ against, next to, to (the children ~d against their mother) 2. (P; intr.) the small village ~d in the green hills

nestle up v. (d; intr.) to ~ against, next to, to (the children ~d up against/to their mother)

net n. 1. to weave a ~ 2. to cast, spread a ~ (we try to spread our ~ as wide(ly) as possible to attract a wide range of customers) 3. (computers) to surf the ~ (see also Internet) 4. a butterfly; fishing; mosquito ~ 5. a life (AE), safety (also fig.) ~ 6. in, with a ~ (to catch fish in a ~)

netting n. mosquito; wire ~
nettles n. ~ sting

network I n. 1. an old-boy; old-girl ~ 2. a communications; computer; road; support ~ (after a bereavement it’s important to have a support ~ of close friends) 3. (computers) a local area ~ (LAN) 4. a national ~ (of radio, TV stations) 5. over a ~ (over a national ~)

network II v. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ with (the computers were ~d with each other; to ~ with the right people)
nousness n. mild; severe ~
nueotic adj. 1. mildly; severely, very ~ 2. ~ about

neutral I adj. ~ in (~ in a dispute)
natural II n. ["position of disengaged gears"] in ~ (to run an engine while in ~)

neutrality n. 1. to maintain, observe ~ to 2. to declare one’s ~ 3. armed; strict ~

new adj. 1. brand ~ 2. ~ at; in (I’m ~ at this) 3. ~ to (this procedure is ~ to us)

newcomer n. a ~ to

news n. ["new information"] 1. to announce, give, report; break, spring; cover the ~ 2. to spread (the) ~ 3. to censor; control; cover up, suppress (the) ~ 4. to color, distort, twist (the) ~ 5. good, welcome, wonderful; interesting ~ (at the good ~ of her victory, everyone cheered) 6. unexpected
news conference n. to broadcast; hold; schedule; televise a ~
newspaper n. 1. to edit; get out, publish, put out; print a ~ to deliver ~s to subscribe to a ~; a local; national (esp. BE) 5. a daily; evening; morning; Sunday; weekly ~ school ~; ~ comes out, is published ~ to make the ~s to be printed in the newspapers ~ proprietor (BE), publisher (AE)
New Year n. 1. to greet, ring in, usher in the ~ 2. to listen to; turn on; watch the ~ the ~ + inf. (BE) ~ falls 10. a ~ (have you heard the ~ about the closure of the border ~ News from Nowhere ~ William Morris, 1890) the ~ that + clause (have you heard the ~ that the border has been closed) ~ ["newscast"] 15. to hear, listen to; turn on; watch the ~ the late; morning; nightly ~ (on TV) 17. on the ~ (we heard that item on the late ~) 18. (misc.) to make (the) ~ ("to be newsworthly")
nod I v. (D; intr.) to ~ at, on (the children were ~ling at pretzels; to ~ on cheese)
nod II n. ["movement of the head"] 1. they would not take ~ ["negative response"] (there is) a ~ in the air ~ ["movement of the head"] 1. to have; spend a ~ (we had a restless ~ waiting for news; we spent the whole ~ working on the report) 2. a clear; moonlit; starlit ~ 3. a dark, murky; moonless; overcast; stormy ~ 4. a restless, sleepless ~ 5. an early; late ~ 6. a first, opening ~ (of a play) 7. a wedding ~ 8. all ~ (long) (to work all ~ long); during the ~ in the ~ (they left late in the ~); every ~ last ~; the next, the following ~; that ~; tomorrow ~; tonight ~; a June ~; a summer ~; on any ~; on/during the ~ of (they left on the ~ of July 26; on the ~ they were ready to leave ~); on Wednesday ~ = Wednesday ~ (AE) ~ falls 10. a ~ of (after a day of work, they were looking forward to a ~ of revelry !) 11. at ~ (to work at ~; late at ~) 12. by ~ (London by ~) 13. for a ~ (to put smb. up for the ~) 14. from ~ to ~ (from ~ to ~) ~; ~ in ~; a ~ off; a ~ out; ~ and day 15. all through, throughout the ~ (to work all through the ~) 16. (misc.) to bid, wish smb. good ~; to say good ~ to smb.; (Good) Night (, everybody) !; (AE) to work ~s (to work ~s and sleep days); in the dead of (the) ~; on the ~ (BE; colloc.) ("when the time comes") (don’t worry – it’ll be all right on the ~)! USAGE NOTE: The collocation at night is typically used with verbs (she works at night) and contrasts with during the day. The collocation by night is typically used with nouns (London by night) and contrasts with by day. However, at night can also contrast with by day: “London at night was more obviously changed than London by day.” ~ Pat Barker, Life Class, London, Hamish Hamilton, 2007, Part One, Chap. Sixteen, p. 123 (see also the Usage Note for day)
nightcap n. ["last drink of the night"] 1. to have a ~ 2. (misc.) to invite smb. in for a ~; to join smb. in a ~
nightclub n. at, in a ~ (to work at/in a ~)
nightfall n. at ~
nightingale n. ~s sing, warble
nightlight n. a ~ off; a ~ out; ~ and day 15. all through, throughout the ~ (to work all through the ~) 16. (misc.) to bid, wish smb. good ~; to say good ~ to smb.; (Good) Night (, everybody) !; (AE) to work ~s (to work ~s and sleep days); in the dead of (the) ~; on the ~ (BE; colloc.) ("when the time comes") (don’t worry – it’ll be all right on the ~) USAGE NOTE: The collocation at night is typically used with verbs (she works at night) and contrasts with during the day. The collocation by night is typically used with nouns (London by night) and contrasts with by day. However, at night can also contrast with by day: “London at night was more obviously changed than London by day.” ~ Pat Barker, Life Class, London, Hamish Hamilton, 2007, Part One, Chap. Sixteen, p. 123 (see also the Usage Note for day)
nightshift n. 1. to work the ~ 2. (to work) on the ~
nod II n. 1. to work the ~ 2. (to work) on the ~
nighttime n. in the ~
nip I n. ["stinging cold"] (there is) a ~ in the air
nip II v. (colloc.) (BE) (P; intr.) ("to move quickly") ~ped out and bought some bread
nipples n. cracked; sore, tender ~
nitpick v. (colloc.) (D; intr.) to ~ at
nitty-gritty n. (colloc.) ["essence"] to get down to the ~
no n. ["negative response"] 1. they would not take ~ for an answer 2. to answer; say; vote No 3. a definite, emphatic, resounding ~ 4. (a) ~ to (a request) 5. (misc.) all I want is a simple Yes or No; to say No but (really) mean Yes (see also a No vote at vote I n.; no way at way)
noble adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of him to make the sacrifice)
nobody pronoun we had ~ to talk to = we had ~ that we could talk to
nod I n. ["movement of the head"] 1. to give a ~ 2. an
affirmative, approving ~ 3. a ~ to (she passed on to her own work with the merest ~ to her predecessors’ contributions!) 4. (misc.) a ~ of approval; (BE) the proposal was approved passed on the ~ (without the need for a vote) "[awarding of a decision"] (usu. sports) 5. to get the ~

nod II v. 1. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ at, to (when she entered the room, she ~ded (a greeting) to us) 2. (misc.) to ~ in agreement

doe n. a lymph ~

noise n. 1. to make, produce (a) ~ 2. to cut (AE; colloq.), cut down (on), reduce the ~ 3. (a) background; extraneous ~ 4. (a) constant, persistent; deafening; loud; shrill; strange ~ 5. a ~ abates, dies down; increases 6. the ~ from, of 7. above, over the ~ (we could barely make ourselves heard over the ~ from/of the sound system!)

noise about, noise abroad v. (L) it was ~d about that she had resigned

noises n. "[signs, indications"] (colloq.) to make all the right ~ and send all the right signals

nominate v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ as (she was ~d as our candidate) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ for (she was ~d for the presidency) 3. (H) she was ~d to run for the presidency

nomination n. 1. to place, put smb.’s name in ~ 2. to get, win a ~ (she got our party’s ~ as our candidate to run for the presidency) 3. to accept; reject a ~ 4. a ~ for; to (she got our party’s ~ for the presidency) 4. (a) candidate

nominate n. (grammar) the ~ absolute

nonconformity n. ~ to + inf. (it’s only ~ to expect equal pay for equal work) 3. ~ that + clause (it’s only ~ that we should expect equal pay for equal work) 4. (misc.) back to ~

northern adj. 1. directly, due, straight ~ 2. ~ of (of the city) 3. up ~ 4. (misc.) to face; go, head ~; northeast by ~; northwest by ~
north I adj., adv. 1. directly, due, straight ~ 2. ~ of (of the city) 3. up ~ 4. (misc.) to face; go, head ~; northeast by ~; northwest by ~
north II n. 1. magnetic; true ~ 2. from the ~; in the ~; to the ~
northeast I adj., adv. 1. of (to be ~ of the city) 2. (misc.) to go, head ~; north by ~
northeast II n. from; in; to the ~

North Pole n. at the ~
northwest I adj., adv. 1. of (to be ~ of the city) 2. (misc.) to go, head ~; north by ~
northwest II n. from; in; to the ~
nose I 1. to blow; powder; wipe one’s ~ to pick one’s ~ 3. an aquiline, Roman; bulbous; pug, snub, turned-up ~ 4. a blocked-up, stuffed-up; bloody; running, runny ~ (the child has a runny ~) 5. through the ~ (to breathe through the ~) 6. a ~ bleeds; points down; points up; runs; twitches 7. (misc.) the bridge of the ~; the traffic was ~ to tail! (BE) (“bumber to bumper”); to bury one’s ~ in a book (“to become absorbed in a book”); to count ~s (“to count those present”); to cut off one’s ~ to spite one’s ~ (“harm one’s own interests”); to lead smb. by the ~ (“to order smb. around”); to pay through the ~ (“to pay an exorbitant price”); to keep one’s ~ out of smb. else’s business; to poke, stick one’s ~ into smb. else’s business; to thumb one’s ~ at smb. /smt.” (“to defy smb. /smt.”); to keep one’s ~ to the grindstone (“to work long and hard”); under smb.’s (very) ~ (“in smb.’s plain sight”); to turn up one’s ~ at (“to sneer at”); on the ~ (AE; colloq.) (“exactly”); a ~ for scandal (“an ability to ferret out scandal”); by a ~ (“by a small margin”); to follow one’s ~ (“to go straight forward”); to tweak (“pinch”) smb.’s ~ to keep one’s ~ clean (“to stay out of trouble”); to follow one’s ~ (“to go straight ahead!”); as plain as the ~ on your face (see also look down one’s nose at ~)
nose II v. 1. (colloq.) (D; intr.) to ~ into (to ~ into smb.’s affairs) 2. (P; intr., tr.) she ~d the car into the street

nosebleed n. 1. to get; have a ~ 2. to stop a ~ 3. a light; severe ~
nose dive n. 1. (also fig.) to go into, take a ~ (stocks took a ~) to come out of, pull out of a ~
nostalgia n. 1. to evoke; feel ~ 2. a wave of ~ 3. ~ for (the taste of the cake evoked a wave of ~ for the past that I could not but feel)
nosils n. flaring, wide ~
nosy, nosey adj. (colloq.) ~ about
notable adj. ~ for
notch n. ['cut'] 1. to make a ~ 2. a ~ in
notch up v. (esp. BE) (d. tr.) (~ to score~) to ~ against (our team has ~ed up seven victories against them)
note I n. ['memorandum'] ['record'] 1. to make a ~ of (she made a ~ of the exact time) 2. to take ~ of 3. (BE) a credit ~ (for returned merchandise; AE has credit slip) 4. a mental ~ (she made a mental ~ of the exact time) ['short letter'] ['official letter'] 5. to compose, write; type a ~ 6. to address; deliver a ~ 7. to drop, send smb. a ~; to get, receive; open a ~; to acknowledge; answer, reply to, respond to a ~ 8. a diplomat; protest ~ 9. a suicide; thank-you ~ (did the deceased leave a suicide ~?) 10. a ~ from; to (what was in the ~ you got from him yesterday?) ['musical tone'] 11. to hit, strike; hold a ~ (she hit the high ~ beautifully) 12. a false ~ (also fig.) 13. a high; low ~ 14. (AE) an eighth; half; quarter; whole ~ ['characteristic feature'] 15. to strike a ~ (to strike a sour ~) 16. a festive; fresh; lighter; optimistic; positive; triumphant ~ 17. a personal ~ 18. a different; false; jarring; negative; pessimistic; sour; warning ~ 19. on a ~ (the meeting ended on an optimistic ~; on a lighter ~, here’s a joke I’ve just heard) ['comment'] 20. a usage ~ (as in a dictionary) ['document relating to a debt'] 21. to discount a ~ 22. to hold a ~ 23. to call in a ~ 24. a demand; promissory; treasury ~ 25. a ~ matures ['paper money'] 26. a banknote; five-pound ~ (esp. BE: AE prefers bill, as in a five-dollar bill) ['importance'] 27. of ~ (several people of ~ were present; nothing of ~; worthy of ~) (see also notes)
note II v. 1. (L) we ~d that she was late again; please ~ that the example is on page 3 2. (Q) ~ how it is done 3. (misc.) please ~ the example on page 3
notebook n. a loose-leaf ~ (AE)
noted adj. 1. duly ~ 2. (cannot stand alone) ~ for (our city is ~ for its fine restaurants)
notes n. ['condensed record'] 1. to make, take ~ (on) (our students always take copious ~ on the lectures they hear) 2. (usu. fig.) to compare ~ 3. copious, detailed ~
nothing n., pronoun 1. to ask (for) ~ (to ask in return) 2. to gain, get ~ (by we will gain ~ by ignoring the regulations) 3. ~ about (we know ~ about it) 4. ~ to (they are ~ to us) 5. ~ to + inf. (we have ~ to lose) 6. (misc.) to leave ~ to chance; to make ~ of being awarded an honor; we expect ~ of him; you can expect ~ from them; good for ~; ~ doing ("definitely not"); we have ~ that we can discuss; there is ~ between them; it cost next to ~; I got it for next to ~; ~ else that this blouse will do!; lovers whispering sweet ~s into each other’s ears
notice I n. ['heed'] ['attention'] 1. to take ~ of to attract; to come to ~ 3. to escape ~ 4. scant ~ (to attract scant ~) 5. ~ that + clause (it came to our ~ that she would be retiring) ['sign'] 6. to place, post, put up a ~ ['announcement'] ['notification'] 7. to bring smt. to smb.’s ~ 8. to serve ~ on 9. advance, warning ~ 10. a ~ that + clause (we read the ~ (saying that the water would be turned off for two hours) 11. at, on (AE) a moment’s, short ~ (she can be ready at a moment’s ~!) 12. until further ~ ['warning of one’s intention to end an agreement'] 13. to give ~ 14. to put smb. on, ~ 15. a month’s; week’s ~ 16. (colloq.) ~ to + inf. (the landlady gave him ~ to move) 17. subject to ~ ['review'] 18. to get, have; receive; give rave ~s (the play got rave ~s from the critics = the critics gave the play rave ~s) ['mention'] 19. a brief ~ 20. a book ~
notice II v. 1. (esp. AE) (I) we ~d him leave the house 2. (J) we ~d him leaving the house 3. (L) we ~d that he was leaving the house 4. (Q) did you ~ where he went after leaving the house?
noticeable adj. 1. barely, hardly; very ~ (a hardly ~ blemish) 2. ~ to 3. ~ that + clause (it was ~ to the neighbours that he had left the house)
novation n. 1. to send ~ 2. to get, receive ~ 3. ~ that + clause (we read the ~ that our building had been sold) 4. pending (further) ~ notify v. 1. (BE) (B) to ~ a crime to the police 2. (D; tr.) to ~ about, of (we ~died the police of the crime; she ~died us of her acceptance of the job; we will ~ her about/of when the job begins) 3. (BE) (H) we’ll ~ her to draw up a contract 4. (L; must have an object) she ~died us that she would accept the job 5. (formal) (Q) we will ~ her when the job begins
notation n. 1. to entertain, have a ~ 2. to dispel a ~ 3. abstract, concrete; foggy, hazy, vague; ludicrous; odd, strange; preconceived; widespread ~ 4. a ~ about, of (she didn’t have the foggiest / odd, strange ~ of what I meant) 5. a ~ that + clause (we tried to dispel the ~ that benefits would be curtailed
notoriety n. 1. to achieve, gain ~ 2. ~ for (~ for being corrupt) 3. ~ surrounding (the ~ surrounding the published accounts of corruption in high places)
notorious adj. 1. ~ as (he was ~ as an outlaw) 2. ~ for (~ for being corrupt)
nought n. (esp. BE) see naught
noun n. 1. to decline, inflect a ~ 2. an abstract; attributive; collective; common; compound; count; mass, uncountable; plural; predicate; proper; singular; verbal ~ 3. a feminine; masculine; neuter ~ 4. a ~ may decline; inflect
nourishment n. 1. to get, take ~ 2. to give ~ 3. adequate; inadequate ~ 4. ~ for
novel n. 1. to publish; write a ~ 2. an autobiographical; best-selling; detective, mystery; historical; prize-winning; romantic; science-fiction ~ 3.
a ~ is set; takes place 4. a ~ about (she wrote a prize-winning autobiographical ~ about coming of age that was set in the Welsh valleys) 5. (misc.) to make a ~ into a film

novelty

1. to outgrow smt.’s (it soon outgrew its) 2. a ~ wears off (its ~ soon wore off) 3. a ~ for, to 4. a ~ to + inf. (it was a ~ (for us) to sleep so late)

novice

1. a rank ~ 2. a ~ at, in

now adv., n. 1. just ; right ~ 2. before ; by ~ 3. for ~

number

1. to outgrow smt.’s ~ (. ~ outgrew its) 4. (misc.) from, out of ~ (she came from / ~ else ; ~ near (we had ~ else to go ; that’s ~ near enough !) 4. (misc.) from ~ on 5. until, up to ~

number II

1. (d ; tr.) to ~ into, towards (they ~d

nuance

a delicate, fine, slight, subtle ~

nuisance

1. to cause, create a ~ 2. to make a ~

nuke

n. in the ~ (to pose in the ~)

nuke I

1. to give smb. a ~ 2. a little ~ 3. (misc.) a ~ in the ribs

nuke II

1. (d ; tr.) to ~ into, towards (they ~d us into a compromise) 2. (H) she ~d me to finish

nugget

n. a gold ~

null adj. (misc.) ~ and void

numb

1. to go ~ (my arm went completely ~) 2. ~ from; with (my arm went completely ~ from the cold/with cold)

number

1. ["symbol indicating quantity"] 1. to round down (esp. BE); to round up (esp. AE); to round up (esp. BE) ~ 2. to square a ~ = to raise a ~ to the second power 3. an even; odd ~ 4. a high; low ~ 5. an algebraic; binary; cardinal; complex; compound; decimal; imaginary; infinite; irrational; mass; mixed; natural; negative; ordinal; positive; prime; quantum; random; round; whole ~ ["symbol serving to identify smt"] 6. the daily; lucky; winning ~ (of a lottery) (I hope I’ll draw this week’s winning ~ !) 7. a box ~ (as at a post office) 8. the call ~ (of a book) 9. a serial ~ (of a product; of a soldier) (don’t tell them anything but your name, rank, and serial ~ !) 10. a fax; telephone ~ (let me give you my fax ~ and my E-mail address) 11. a registration ~ ["quantity"] 12. to decrease, reduce; increase a ~ (to reduce the ~ of traffic accidents) 13. a considerable, goodly, large; enormous, great, untold ~; any ~ (any ~ of people have played this game and a great ~ of them have liked it !) 14. an approximate, average, round; certain; exact, precise; decreasing, falling; growing, increasing; small; total ~ 15. in ~ (few in ~) ["telephone number"] 16. to call; dial a ~ 17. an unlisted ~ (AE; BE has an ex-directory listing/number) ["issue"] 18. a back ~ ["single selection in a program of entertainment"] 19. the eleven o’clock ~ (the audience left humming the hit eleven o’clock ~); a (big) production ~ (also fig.) (slang) to make a big production ~ out of smt.) ("to make a big fuss over smt."); 20. to do, perform a ~ ["misc."] 21. to do a ~ on smb. (slang) ("to bamboozle or hoodwink smb."); to carry a ~ (when adding) USAGE NOTE: Note the difference between ‘a number of people were present” and “the number of people present was high.” (see also numbers)

number II

1. (d; refl., tr.) to ~ among (I ~ her among my friends) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ to/from; to (we ~ed the tickets from one to five hundred) 3. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ in (our books ~ in the thousands) 4. (S) (esp. BE) our books ~ thousands

numbers

n. ["form of gambling"] (US) 1. to play the ~ ["large group"] 2. in ~ (there is safety in ~) ["misc."] 3. by ~ (BE), by the ~ (AE) ("done according to specific directions and typically in a mechanical way") (it’s no good trying to make love by the ~ !)

numeral

n. an Arabic; Roman ~

numerous adj. too ~ to mention (the people who have helped me are too ~ to mention)

nuptials

n. (formal or humorous) to officiate at, perform the ~

nurse

1. a community-health (AE), public-health (AE) ~ (BE is approximately health visitor) 2. a community (BE), district (BE), visiting (AE) ~ 3. a geriatric, gerontological; home-health; industrial-health, occupational-health; maternal-child health; medical-surgical; nursery; obstetric; operating-room (AE), operating-theatre / theatre (BE); pediatric; psychiatric-mental health; school; veterinary ~ 4. a graduate (AE) ; Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN); Registered Nurse (RN); State Registered (BE) ~ 5. a general-duty; private-duty ~ 6. a charge (BE) ; head; supervising ~ 7. (misc.) an advanced practice ~ ; a nurse-midwife ; a male ~

nurse II

1. (d; tr.) to ~ back to (to ~ smb. back

nursery

n. a day ~ 2. at, in a ~

nursing

n. 1. to practice; study ~ 2. community-health, public-health ~ (AE; BE has health-visitor service) 3. geriatric, gerontological; home-health; industrial-health, occupational-health; maternal-child health; medical-surgical; nursery; obstetric; operating-room (AE), operating-theatre / theatre (BE); pediatric; psychiatric-mental health; school; veterinary ~ 4. practical; professional ~ 5. general-
duty; holistic; primary; private-duty ~ 6. (misc.) advanced practice ~

**nut n.** 1. to crack a ~ 2. to shell ~s 3. (misc.) a hard/tough ~ to crack (“a difficult problem to deal with”)

**nutrients n.** basic, essential ~

**nuts adj.** (colloq.) ["infatuated"] 1. ~ about (he’s ~ about her) ["crazy"] 2. to go ~

**nutshell n.** (colloq.) ["brief form"] in a ~ (to put smt. in a ~) (“to state smt. very succinctly”)

**nylon**

**nutty adj.** (slang) 1. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to behave like that! = you must have been ~ to behave like that!) 2. (misc.) as ~ as a fruitcake

**nuzzle v.** (D; intr.) to ~ against (the dog ~d against her)

**nuzzle up v.** (D; intr.) to ~ against; to (the dog ~d up against her)

**nylon n.** 1. sheer ~ 2. a pair of ~s (“a pair of nylon stockings”)
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observe v. 1. to ~ attentively, carefully, closely 2. (I) we ~d them enter the building = they were ~d to enter the building 3. (J) we ~d them entering the building 4. (L; to) ("to comment") she astutely ~d (to us) that the whole matter had been exaggerated = "the whole matter has been exaggerated," she astutely ~d (to us) 5. (Q) we ~d how they had entered the building

observer n. 1. a casual ; impartial ; keen, perceptive ; outside ; participant ; shrewd ; skilled ~ 2. a military ~ 3. a team of ~

obscene adj. ~ about ; to (an ~ about / obscenity)

obscene adj. ~ about ; in

obstruction n. 1. to constitute, pose, present, represent an ~ 2. to place, put an ~ in the way of smb. 3. to come across, confront, encounter an ~ 4. to clear, overcome, surmount an ~ 5. (of a horse) to take an ~ 6. to remove an ~ 7. a formidable, great, huge ; insurmountable ~ 8. an artificial ; natural ~ 9. an ~ to (an ~ to progress)

obstinate adj. ~ about ; in

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observer n. 1. a casual ; impartial ; keen, perceptive ; outside ; participant ; shrewd ; skilled ~ 2. a military ~ 3. a team of ~

obdurate v. (formal) (d ; intr.) ("to intrude") to ~ on, upon

obvious II n. to state the ~

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occasion I n. ["opportunity"] 1. to have ; take an ~ (to do smt.) 2. a propitious, suitable ~ 3. an ~ for 4. an ~ to + inf. (I had no ~ to speak with them ; there was no ~ for me to tell her) 5. an ~ arises ["happening"] ["event"] 6. to celebrate ; mark, observe an ~ 7. a festive, gala ; happy, joyful, joyful ~ 8. an auspicious ; fitting ; special ~ 9. a memorable ; momentous ; unforgettable ~ 10. an official ; state ~ 11. a sober ; solemn ~ 12. on an ~ (on this ~ ; on numerous ~s ; on many similar previous ~s) ["challenge"] 13. to rise to the ~ ["reason"] 14. an ~ for (there is no ~ for alarm) ["misch"] 15. on ~ ("sometimes") (see also a sense of occasion at sense I n.)

occasion II n. (rare) (O ; can be used with one object) your actions have ~ed (us) a great deal of expense

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Occurrence n. a coronary ~

occupation n. ["profession"] 1. to have an ~ 2. a hazardous ; profitable, rewarding ~ 3. by ~ (she is a waitress by ~) ["act of occupying"] 4. a military ~ 5. under ~ 6. (misc.) a zone of ~

occupied adj. 1. deeply ; exclusively, solely ~ 2. ~ in ; with (they are ~ in dealing with their own concerns ; they are ~ with their own concerns)

occupy v. (d ; refl., tr.) to ~ with (she ~d them with minor chores ; they ~d themselves with their own concerns)

occur v. (d ; intr.) ("to come to mind") to ~ to (an idea ~d to her ; it never ~d to me to ask ; it suddenly ~d to me that we could ask her for help)

occurrence n. a common, daily, everyday, regular ; usual ; frequent ; infrequent ; rare, unusual ~

ocean n. 1. to cross the ~ (by ship) 2. across the ~ (to fly across the ~) 3. in the ~ 4. (misc.) a drop in the ~ (BE : AE has "a drop in the bucket")

o'clock adv. at (ten) ~

odd adj. 1. very ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (how ~ of her to have done that !) 3. ~ that + clause (how ~ that she did / should have done that !)

odds n. ["allowance designed to equalize a bettor's chances"] 1. to give, lay ~ (he laid me (~ of) two to one that it would not rain) 2. to accept, take ~ 3. to buck ("oppose") the ~ ["disadvantages"] 4. to beat the ~ 5. considerable, formidable, great, heavy, hopeless, insurmountable, long, overwhelming ~ 6. ~ against (all the ~ were against David and in favor of Goliath) 7. against ~ (to struggle against formidable ~ ; David succeeded against all the (~) ["advantages"] 8. ~ in favor of (all the ~ were in Goliath's favor and against David = all the ~ were in favor of Goliath and against David) ["disadvantage"] 9. at ~ about, over ; with (we were at ~s with the government about / over taxation) ["possibility"] 10. the ~ that + clause (what were the ~ that David would beat Goliath ?) ["misc"] 11. by all ~ ("without question")

ode n. 1. to compose an ~ 2. an ~ to (an ~ to joy)

odium adj. ~ to

odometer n. (AE) to turn back an ~ (BE has "mileometer")

odor, odour n. ["smell"] 1. to emit, exude, give off, have, produce an ~ 2. to perceive ; recognize an ~ 3. a good ; pleasant ~ 4. a faint, slight ~ 5. a heavy ; unpleasant ~ 6. a bad, disagreeable, fetid, foul, rank, unpleasant ; musty ~ 7. an ~ emanates from 8. an ~ permeates smt. (an unpleasant ~ permeated the entire room) 9. an ~ of (the unpleasant ~ of rotting flesh) ["repute"] (BE) 10. in bad ; good ~ (with)

off adv. ["situated, esp. with respect to money"] 1. badly, poorly ; worse ~ 2. better ; comfortably ; well ~ ["not exact"] 3. far, way ~ 4. in (he's way ~ in his calculations) 5. ~ out (BE) ["where's the wife ?" "she's ~ out (somewhere)]" ["misch"] 6. to have, take a day ~ ("to have, take a day free from work") USAGE NOTE: Since Off is also a preposition, one can say : to have, take a day off work

off-balance adj., adv. caught ~

offend v. 1. to ~ deeply, gravely, terribly 2. (D ; intr.) to ~ against (to ~ against common decency / public morals) 3. (R) it ~d me deeply that you did not come

offender n. a chronic ; first ; juvenile, young ; sex ~

offense, offence n. ["infraction"] 1. to commit an ~
offensive I adj. 1. to (his actions were ~ to everyone) 2. to ~ to inf. (it’s ~ to read such things in the newspaper)

offensive II n. 1. to assume, go on, go over to ~ (an) of employment from several firms) 3. to accept, agree to an ~ to declare, refuse, reject, spurn, turn down an ~. 5. to withdraw an ~. 6. an attractive, generous, firm; kind; reasonable; tempting ~ (her kind of help was accepted gratefully) 7. a tentative ~. 8. an introductory; job; trial ~. 9. an ~ to in ~ (her kind to help was accepted gratefully) 10. (BE) on ~ (“available”)

offer I n. 1. to make an ~ (she made me an attractive I couldn’t refuse) 2. to consider an ~ (I considered ~s of employment from several firms) 3. to accept, agree to an ~. 4. to decline, refuse, reject, spurn, turn down an ~. 5. to withdraw an ~. 6. an attractive, generous; firm; kind; reasonable; tempting ~ (her kind of help was accepted gratefully) 7. a tentative ~. 8. an introductory; job; trial ~. 9. an ~ to in ~ (her kind to help was accepted gratefully) 10. (BE) on ~ (“available”)

offer II v. 1. (A) she ~ed the job to me; or: she ~ed me the job 2. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ as (the money was ~ed (me/to me) as an inducement) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ for (to ~ a reward for information) we ~ed them one hundred thousand dollars for the house) 4. (E) she kindly ~ed to help

offering n. 1. to make an ~ 2. a burnt; peace; sacrificial; votive ~ 3. an ~

offer up v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ as (to ~ smt. as a sacrifice = to ~ smt. up as a sacrifice) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ for (they ~ed up the child for adoption = they ~ed the child up for adoption) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ prayers to God = to ~ prayers up to God)

office n. ["function"] 1. to assume (an) ~ 2. to seek (public) ~ 3. (pol.) to run for (esp. AE); stand for (BE) ~ 4. to hold; take ~ 5. to resign from (an) ~ 6. (pol.) (an) appointive; elective; high; public ~ 7. (pol.) in; out of ~ (our party is out of ~) 8. a term of ~ 9. (misc.) smb.’s good ~ ("smb.’s services as a mediator") the (deal was arranged through the good ~s of the Minister responsible) "[ministry"] (BE) 10. the Foreign (and Commonwealth) 11. Home ~ ["place where a function is performed"] 11. to open; set up an ~ 12. to lease; rent an ~ 13. to manage, run an ~ 14. a branch; head, home, main ~ 15. a booking; box, ticket ~ 16. a business; dentist’s (AE); doctor’s (AE); lawyer’s ~ 17. a left-luggage (BE); lost-and-found (AE), lost property (BE) ~ 18. a customs; dead-letter; Met (BE), Meteorological (BE); patent; post; registry (BE) ~ 19. at, in an ~ (she works at our ~) USAGE NOTE: In North America, doctors and dentists have offices; in Great Britain, they have surgeries. (See also office-holder at holder)

office hours n. 1. to have, keep ~ 2. after; during; (BE) out of, outside ~

officer n. ["person holding a certain rank in the armed forces"] 1. to commission an ~ 2. to promote an ~ 3. to break, demote; cashier, dismiss an ~ 4. a commissioned; non-commissioned; petty; warrant ~ 5. a company-grade (AE); field-grade (AE); junior ~ 6. a commanding; flag; general; high-rank; ranking; senior; superior; top-ranking ~ (which military unit does a general ~ command?) 7. a line; staff ~. 8. an air-force; army; military; naval ~ 9. a duty; executive; gunnery; intelligence; liaison ~ 10. ~ of the day; ~ of the deck ["person holding a position of authority"] 11. a case; correctional (AE); court; juvenile (AE); law-enforcement; peace; probation; truant (AE) ~ (see also police officer) 12. a customs; revenue (BE) ~. 13. a health; medical; senior nursing (BE) ~ 14. an executive; personnel; public-relations ~ 15. (misc.) a chief executive ~ (CEO); to install newly elected ~s; (GB) a returning ~ (at an election); an ~ of the law; please don’t arrest us, Officer (Krupke)!

official n. 1. a high, high-rank, senior, top-rank; responsible ~ 2. an appointed; elected ~ 3. a church; public ~ 4. a city; county; federal (US); government; local; state ~ 5. a customs; a health; medical; senior nursing (BE) ~ 14. an executive; personnel; public-relations ~ 15. (misc.) a chief executive ~ (CEO); to install newly elected ~s; (GB) a returning ~ (at an election); an ~ of the law; please don’t arrest us, Officer (Krupke)!

officiate v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ as (she ~d as the chairperson) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ at (to ~ at a ceremony)

offing n. in the ~ ("forthcoming")

off-putting adj. 1. very ~ 2. to find smt. ~ (I find it very ~ when smb. lies to me)

offspring n. to produce ~

ogle v. (d; intr.) to ~ at

ok n. (BE) (slang) (derog.) a jumped-up ~

oil n. ["petroleum"] 1. to drill for; hit; strike ~ 2. to pump ~ 3. to produce; refine ~ 4. crude; refined ~ 5. offshore ~ 6. ~ gushes from a well ["lubricant"] 7. to change; check the ~ 8. household; linseed; lubricating; machine; motor ["fatty liquid"] 9. canola (esp. US); coconut; cooking; corn; cottonseed; olive; palm; peanut; safflower; salad; sesame (-seed); salad; sunflower; vegetable ~ (pour/drizzle a little olive ~ over everything and fry it in ~) 10. castor; cod-liver; mineral; suntan ~ 11. a film of ~ ["misc"] 12. to burn the midnight ~ (colloq.) ("to work or study until very late at night") ~ and water do not mix (see also oils)

oils n. to paint in ~

ointment n. 1. to apply, put on, rub in, rub on (an) ~ 2. a soothing ~ 3. a skin ~ 4. a tube of ~ (misc.) a fly in the ~ ("smt. that irritates or causes harm")

OK I adj., adv. (colloq.) 1. to do; go ~ (the exam went ~ and I think I did ~ on it) 2. ~ by, for; with
OK II n. (colloq.) ["approval"] 1. to give one’s ? 2. to get the ~ 3. the ~ to + inf. (we got the ~ to bring our lunch with us)

old adj. (misc.) how ~ is she ?; she’s ten years ~; to grow ~ gracefully; any ~ thing; good ~; poor ~; same ~ (good ~ dad has to put up with poor ~ mom complaining of the same ~ arthritis year after year !); she looks (too) ~ to be his daughter; in fact, she looks ~ enough to be his mother!

old age n. 1. to live to, reach a ripe ~ 2. to spend one’s ~ (she spent her ~ learning new skills) 3. extreme; ripe ~ 4. in ~ (in her ~ she took up painting)

old hand n. 1. an ~ at (she’s an ~ at politics) 2. an ~ of a certain type (he’s an Old China hand who lived out East for many years)

O-levels n. ["ordinary-level secondary school examinations"] (GB) 1. to do, sit, take (one’s) ~ 2. in one’s ~ (to do well in one’s French and German ~) 3. ~ in (to have ~ in French and German) USAGE NOTE: O-levels have been largely replaced by GCSEs.

olive branch n. ["symbol of peace"] 1. to extend, hold out, offer the ~ to accept; decline, reject the ~

omelet, omelette n. 1. to make an ~ 2. a cheese, cheesy; mushroom; plain; Spanish; Western ~

omen n. 1. a bad; good ~ for (we took the ~n. 1. to make an ~ 2. a cheese, cheesy; mushroom; plain; Spanish; Western ~

on prep., adv. 1. to have smt. ~ smb. ("to have evidence against smb.") 2. the fire went out ~ me ("the fire went out through no fault of mine") 3. we were ~ to what was happening ("we were aware of what was happening") 4. well ~ in years ("rather old") 5. (misc.) (the) drinks are ~ me ("I will pay for the drinks") (see also drinks are on the house)

once adv. 1. at ~ 2. ~ again, more 3. (misc.) ~ upon a time

once-over n. (colloq.) ["a look"] to give smb. /smt. the ~ (lightly)

one pronoun 1. ~ by ~ 2. ~ of (~ of them; ~ of the students) USAGE NOTE: CE has "one must do one’s best to make people respect one." AE prefers "one must do his best to make people respect him."

online, on line adv. ["linked by computer"] 1. to be ~ 2. to get, go ~ 3. to communicate ~

only adv., adj. (misc.) not ~ (but / but also ~)

USAGE NOTE: Only adv. has a unique syntactic property that can be seen by considering the following example and its transformations: (1) "With this he did not merely gain control of himself; he gained control over everyone..." (2) with this he did not only gain control of himself; he gained control over everything... (3) with this he not only gained control of himself; (but / but also) he gained control over everything. (4) with this he not only gained control of himself; (but / but also) he gained control over everything. The replacement of "did not X gain" by "not X gained" is possible when X = only but not when X = merely or just. In fact, some people actually consider (3) wrong by contrast with (4) or (5) ! However, if an inverted word-order is used this property of only adv vanishes and it functions like merely: with this not only / merely / just did he gain control of himself... The adverb just cannot be used in that way.

onslaught n. 1. to face; resist an ~ 2. an enemy; sudden ~

onus n. 1. the ~ is on smb. to do smt. (the ~ is on you to get the job done) 2. the ~ lies, rests with smb. (the ~ of proof lies with the police) 3. to put the ~ on smb.

ooze v. 1. (d; intr.) ~ from, out of; into (blood was ~ing from the wound) 2. (d; intr.) ~ to ~ (to ~ with charm)

open I adj. 1. wide ~ (he threw the door wide ~ and strode into the house) 2. ~ about; for (~ about one’s awful childhood; ~ for business) 3. (cannot stand alone) ~ to (~ to the public; I’m ~ to suggestions; a system ~ to abuse) 4. (misc.) to lay oneself ~ to criticism; the system lays itself ~ to abuse

open II n. 1. in, into the ~ (to bring smt. out into the ~) 2. (misc.) ~ in or out ? ; ~ your books at / to (AE) page three

opener n. ["device that opens"] 1. a bottle; can (AE); tin (BE) ~ 2. a letter ~ (AE; BE has paper knife)

open house n. to have, hold, keep (an) ~

opening n. ["vacancy"] 1. an ~ for (we have an ~ for an engineer) ["putting into operation"] 2. a grand ~ (the grand ~ of a new supermarket)

open up v. (D; intr., tr.) ~ to ~ (the government has ~ed up the files to the public; he finally ~ed up to the press)

operatic n. 1. to perform, stage an ~ 2. (a) comic; grand; light ~ 3. a soap ~ (now called typically just a soap) 4. a horse ~ ("western film") 5. at the ~ (A Night at the Opera – The Marx Brothers, 1935)

operate v. 1. (d; intr.) ~ against (the enemy...
operation n. "surgical procedure" 1. to perform an ~ 2. to have, undergo an ~ 3. to come through, go through, survive an ~ 4. a delicate; emergency; exploratory; major; minor ~ 5. an ~ for; on (an ~ for the removal of gallstones) ["military or police activity"] 6. to conduct; launch, undertake an ~ 7. covert; guerilla; joint; large-scale; mine-sweeping; mapping-up ~s ["state of being functional"] 8. to put into ~ (the plant has been put into ~) 9. in ~ (the factory is in ~) ["project"] 10. a cloak-and-dagger, covert, secret; rescue ~ ["misc."] 11. during an ~ (there were no complications during the ~) (see also operations)

operations n. 1. to conduct ~ 2. combined, joint; drilling; military; mining; mapping-up; naval; offensive; salvage ~ 3. (m il.) a theater of ~ 4. during the ~ (there were no complications during the ~)

operator n. 1. a computer; crane; elevator [AE: BE has liftman] 2. ham; radio; machine [AE: radar]; switchboard; telephone; tour ~ 2. (colloq.) a slick, smooth ~

opine v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ about, on (he’ll ~ for hours on just about anything!) 2. (L; to) he ~d (to us) that things were better in the old days

opinion n. 1. to air, express, give, offer, pass, state, venture, voice an ~ 2. to form an ~ about (he’ll ~ for hours on just about anything!) 3. to find; have an ~ 4. to lose, miss; pass up an ~ 5. a fleeting; lost, missed ~ 6. a golden, once-in-a-lifetime; great ~ 7. a candid, frank, honest ~ 8. a considered; defensive; salvage ~ 3. (m il.) a theater of ~ 4. during the ~ (there were no complications during the ~)

opponent n. 1. to grab, seize, take an ~ 2. to afford, give, offer an ~ 3. to find; have an ~ 4. to lose, miss; pass up an ~ 5. a fleeting; lost, missed ~ 6. a golden, once-in-a-lifetime; great ~ 7. a candidate who has a high ~ of himself) 13. (an) expert; lay; legal; informed; objective; strong ~ (she has strong ~ about everything) 9. a personal; prevailing, prevalent ~ 10. a negative; positive ~ 11. a contrary, dissenting; opposing ~ 12. a high; low ~ of (he has a high ~ of himself) 13. (an) expert; lay; legal; medical ~ 14. political; popular ~ (she is of the ~) 19. in smb.’s ~ 7. covert; guerrilla; joint; large-scale; mine-sweeping; mapping-up ~s ["state of being functional"] 8. to put into ~ (the plant has been put into ~) 9. in ~ (the factory is in ~) ["project"] 10. a cloak-and-dagger, covert, secret; rescue ~ ["misc."] 11. during an ~ (there were no complications during the ~)

opportunity n. 1. to grab, seize, take an ~ 2. to afford, give, offer an ~ 3. to find; have an ~ 4. to lose, miss; pass up an ~ 5. a fleeting; lost, missed ~ 6. a golden, once-in-a-lifetime; great ~ 7. ample ~ 8. (an) equal ~ ("government policy of giving all citizens an equal chance") 9. (an) ~ arises 10. an ~ for (they had a once-in-a-lifetime ~ for a visit to Europe) 11. an ~ to + inf. (they had a once-in-a-lifetime ~ to visit Europe) 12. at the first available ~; at smb.’s earliest ~ 13. (misc.) ~ knocks ("appears"); a window of ~ USAGE NOTE: The US has equal-opportunity employers. The UK has equal-opportunities employers.

oppose v. 1. to adamantly, bitterly, implacably, resolutely, strongly, vehemently, vigorously 2. (G) they ~d dropping out of college 3. (K) they ~d his dropping out of college

opposed adj. 1. adamantly, implacably; diametrically; ideologically; strongly, vehemently 2. ~ to (they are adamantly ~ to his dropping out of college)

opposite I adj. (BE) ~ to USAGE NOTE: When opposite means 'facing,' it can be an adjective in BE – her house is opposite to ours. More typically, opposite is used as a preposition in both BE and AE – her house is opposite ours. When opposite means "diametrically opposed", it is used only in BE as an adjective – her opinions are opposite to ours.

opposite II n. 1. a direct, exact, polar ~ 2. an ~ of, to (her opinions are the exact ~ of ours = her opinions are exactly the ~ of ours) 3. (misc.) ~s attract

opposition n. 1. to arouse, give rise to, stir up ~ 2. to offer, put up ~ 3. to crush, overcome, overpower, smash, wear down ~ 4. to come across, encounter, face, meet, meet with, run into, run up against ~ 5. to brook no ~ 6. (ling.) to neutralize an ~ 7. bitter, determined, fierce, stiff, strong, stubborn, unbinding, unyielding, vehement ~ 8. growing, mounting; sporadic; token ~ 9. ~ hardens, stiffens; crumbles; wanes, weakens 10. ~ to (~ to new taxes) 11. against, despite, in spite of, over (the) ~ (we adopted the resolution over the ~ of the other party) 12. in ~ to

oppression n. under ~ (to live/suffer under (the yoke of) ~)

option n. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ for (they decided to ~ for the company pension plan) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ out of (to ~ out of the conflict; they decided to ~ out of the company pension plan) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ into (esp. BE) (they decided to ~ into the company pension scheme) 4. (E) they ~d to decline the invitation

optimism n. 1. to display, radiate, show; express ~ 2. cautious, guarded; eternal, incurable, inveterate, unflagging ~ 3. ~ about, at, over (we expressed ~ about the eventual results)

optimist n. an eternal, incurable, inveterate ~

optimistic adj. 1. cautiously, guardedly; incurably ~ 2. ~ about, at, over (we are ~ about the eventual results) 3. ~ that + clause (we are ~ that the results will be favorable)

option n. 1. to exercise an ~ 2. to give; take an ~ on (they gave me the ~ of joining them or not joining them) 3. an exclusive; feasible, viable; first ~ (CE; BE also has first refusal) 4. (AE) a local ~ (of a political subdivision) 5. a share; stock ~
(they took an ~ on the shares) 7. an ~ to + inf. (they had an ~ to buy the shares) 8. (misc.) to have no ~ but to…; to keep one’s ~s open

**oracle n.** ["authority"] to consult an ~

**orange n.** 1. to peel; squeeze an ~ 2. a mandarin; navel ~ 3. a segment of an ~ = an ~ segment (see also orange juice at juice; orange peel at peel)

**oration n.** 1. to deliver an ~ 2. a funeral ~

**oratory n.** 1. eloquent, persuasive, powerful ~ 2. campaign ~

**orbit n.** 1. to make an ~ around, of, round (the oratory ~)

**ordination n.** 1. to conduct, direct (esp. AE), lead (esp. AE) an ~ 2. a chamber; dance; philharmonic, symphony; pops; string ~ 3. an ~ performs, plays; tunes up 4. an ~ under (the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra under (the baton of) Wilhelm Furtwängler)

**orchard** 1. to conduct, direct (esp. AE), lead (esp. AE) an ~ 2. a chamber; dance; philharmonic, symphony; pops; string ~ 3. an ~ performs, plays; tunes up 4. an ~ under (the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra under (the baton of) Wilhelm Furtwängler)

**oracle** 1. to peel; squeeze an ~ 2. a mandarin; navel ~ 3. a segment of an ~ = an ~ segment (see also orange juice at juice; orange peel at peel)

**order I** 1. to give, place, put in an ~ 2. to make out, write out an ~ 3. to fill; receive, take an ~ (has the waiter taken your ~?) 4. to cancel an ~ 5. a back; mail; prepublication; rush; shipping; standing ~ 6. a side (in a restaurant) ~ (a hamburger with a side ~ of fries) 7. (new) ~s are falling off; are picking up 8. on ~ (the merchandise ~ was out of the ~)

**ordeal** 1. to go through, undergo; survive an ~ 2. to be in; go into ~ 3. a geostationary ~ 4. into ~ (to put a satellite into ~)

**orchestra** 1. to conduct, direct (esp. AE), lead (esp. AE) an ~ 2. a chamber; dance; philharmonic, symphony; pops; string ~ 3. an ~ performs, plays; tunes up 4. an ~ under (the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra under (the baton of) Wilhelm Furtwängler)

**order II** 1. (C) ~ a copy for me; or: ~ me a copy 2. (D; tr.) to ~ from (me a copy from the publisher ~ a copy for me from the publisher) 3. (d; tr.) to ~ from, out of (she ~ed him out of the house) 4. (d; tr.) to ~ off (the referee ~ed the player to be sent off the field) 5. (H) the referee ~ed the player to go off the field 6. (L; subj.) the referee ~ed that the player go / should go / should go off the field 7. (M) the referee ~ed the player to be sent off the field 8. (esp. AE) (N; used with a past participle) the referee ~ed the player sent off the field 9. (misc.) the doctor ~ed her to bed

**ordinance n.** ["ordinance"] to order ~

**order n.** ["request for goods or services"] to give, place, put in an ~ 2. to make out, write out an ~ 3. to fill; receive, take an ~ (has the waiter taken your ~?) 4. to cancel an ~ 5. a back; mail; prepublication; rush; shipping; standing ~ 6. a side (in a restaurant) ~ (a hamburger with a side ~ of fries) 7. (new) ~s are falling off; are picking up 8. on ~ (the merchandise ~ is on ~) 9. to ~ (made to ~) 10. (misc.) a tall ~ to fill ("a difficult task to carry out") ["command"] 11. to give, hand down (AE), issue an ~ 12. to carry out, execute; obey, take an ~ 13. to cancel, countermand, rescind, revoke; violate an ~ 14. a direct; executive; preservation (BE); specific ~ (see also slap a preservation order on at slap II v.) 15. doctor’s; marching; sealed; standing; verbal; written ~ 16. an ~ to + inf. (we received an ~ to attack) 17. an ~ that + clause; subj. (headquarters issued an ~ that the attack be / should be resumed) 18. at, by, on smb.’s ~ (by whose ~ was this done?); these premises have been closed by ~ (of some authority) 19. under ~ (we were under ~s to remain indoors) ["court decree"] 20. to issue an ~ 21. an affiliation (BE); cease-and-desist; court; deportation; gag; maintenance (BE), support (AE); restraining ~ ["association, group"] 22. a cloistered; Masonic; mendicant; monastic; religious; secret ~ ["system"] 23. an economic; pecking; social ~ (he’s at the bottom of the pecking ~) ["proper procedure"] 24. (a) point of ~ 25. in ~; out of ~ (the senator was out of ~) 26. to call a meeting to ~ ("to begin a meeting"; "to reestablish proper procedure at a meeting") ["state of peace"] 27. to establish; keep, maintain; restore ~ 28. good; public ~ (see also law and order) ["state in which everything is in its proper place or condition"] 29. to put smt. in/into ~ 30. apple-pie, good, shipshape ~ 31. in ~ (everything is in good ~; this machine is out of ~ again) ["condition"] 32. working ~ (in working ~) ["sequence"] 33. alphabetical; chronological; correct; logical; numerical ~ (see also word order) 34. ascending; descending ~ 35. in; out of ~ (in ~ of importance; in alphabetical ~; these entries are out of ~; that rude remark was completely out of ~!) ["military formation"] 36. close; extended; open ~ ["instructions to pay"] 37. a money (esp. AE), postal (BE) ~ (he made out and sent a money ~, which I received and cashed) ["misc"] 38. a new ~; a new world ~; an old ~; of the ~ of (BE)/on the ~ of (AE) ["approximately"]; research of the highest ~ (see also holy orders; law and order; marching orders)

**organ** 1. body; genital, reproductive; sexual; internal; major; sense, sensory; speech; vital; vocal ~s (see also sex organs) ["large wind instrument"] 2. to play the ~; a barrel; electronic; pipe; reed; see also hand organ; mouth organ ["publication"] 4. a government; house (esp. BE); official; party

**organism n.** 1. a dead; healthy; living ~ 2. a deadly; harmful; infectious ~ 3. microorganisms; minute ~s
organization n. 1. to establish, form an ~ 2. to run
an ~ 3. to disband, dissolve an ~ 4. a charitable, philanthropic; relief ~ 5. a civic, community; non-
governmental (NGO); nonprofit, not-for-profit (esp. AE); professional; religious; voluntary ~ 6.
a student; women’s; youth ~ 7. an international;
local; national; state; UN ~ 8. a central; um-
brella ~ 9. a government; official ~ 10. a health-
maintenance (HMO) (AE) ~ 11. a profit-making,
proprietary (AE) ~ 12. a front ~ (for accused of
having belonged to a Communist front ~; an ~ that
was a front for organized crime)
orgasm n. 1. to achieve, reach; have an ~ 2. to fake
an ~ 3. a simultaneous ~
orgy n. 1. to engage in, stage an ~ 2. a drunken ~
orient, orientate v. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ to (to oneself
to one’s surroundings)
Orientation n. in the ~
oriented, oriented adj. ~ towards (~ towards
the needs of young consumers; ~ to one’s
surroundings)
orientation n. ["introduction"] 1. to give, offer smb.
(an) ~ to 2. to get, go through, receive (an) ~
origin n. 1. to have an ~ in (the problem has its ~s in
the nineteenth century) 2. in ~ (the documents were
Norwegian in ~) 3. of ~ (she is of Norwegian ~; the fire
was of undetermined ~)
original n. in the ~ (to read a text in the ~
(language))
originality n. 1. to show, show ~ 2. ~ in
originate v. (d; intr.) to ~ from; in; with (the idea
~d with her; the problem ~d in the nineteenth
century)
orphan n. 1. to be left an ~ 2. a war ~
orthodoxy n. (a) rigid, strict ~
Oscar (T) n. 1. to get, receive, win; have an ~ 2.
(misc.) to be nominated for an ~; to be an Oscar-
winner
oscillate v. (D; intr.) to ~ between
osmosis n. by ~ (to absorb by ~)
ossify v. (D; intr.) to ~ into (their ideas ~ied into
a rigid orthodoxo)
other adj. ["second"] 1. every ~ (I go jogging every ~
day) ["misc"] 2. each ~ (we ought to help each ~)
ought v. (E) we ~ to help each other, oughtn’t we ~?
we don’t always do what we ~ (to)
oust v. (D; tr.) to ~ from
out adj., adv. ["unconscious"] 1. ~ cold ("completely
unconscious") ["intent on"] 2. ~ for (she is ~ for
reverse 3. ~ to inf. (she is ~ to get reverse)
[gone] 4. ~ to (~ to lunch) ["misc"] 5. over and ~
(used at the end of a radio message); to turn smt.
inside ~; down and ~ ("destinate"); they are ~ for a
walk; he is ~ for your money ("he is attempting to
get your money") (see also off at off)
outbreak n. sporadic ~s
outburst n. an angry; furious; spontaneous; sud-
den; violent ~
outcome n. 1. to decide the (final) ~ of 2. a favorable,
successful; probable; unfavorable, unsuccessful ~
3. to evaluate, measure ~s ("to evaluate results") 4.
(misc.) whatever the ~ of the election (may be), we
shall abide by it!
outcry n. 1. to cause, spark (off); make, raise an ~
2. an international; public ~ 3. an ~ against; about;
for; over; from (the incident sparked off an interna-
tional ~ about it from many countries)
outdo v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ in (she outdid them in every
field) 2. (misc.) not to be outdone
outdoors I out of doors adv. to be; go ~
outdoors II n. in the great ~
outgrowth n. a direct; indirect ~ (of)
outing n. to go on an ~ (to)
outlay n. ["spending of money"] 1. to make ~s for, on
2. a capital; huge; large; modest; small ~ (you will
be able to recoup/recover/get back with interest
the modest ~s you make on the project now)
outlet n. ["passage"] 1. an ~ to (an ~ to the sea)
["means of expression"] 2. to find an ~ for (to find
an ~ for one’s emotions) 3. to provide an ~ for
["retail store"] 4. a factory; retail; sales ~ ["socket"]
(AE) 5. an electrical ~ (to plug an appliance into
an electrical ~)
outline I n. 1. to draw up, make; give, provide an ~
2. a bare; broad; general; dim; rough ~ (can you
give us a rough ~ of how the project will proceed?)
3. in ~ (to draw in ~; to present a project in broad
~)
outline II v. 1. (B) they ~d the project to us 2. (d; tr.)
to ~ against (the ship was ~d against the horizon)
outlook n. ["viewpoint"] 1. to have an ~ on (she has
a healthy ~ on life) 2. a cheerful, optimistic, posi-
tive; healthy ~ 3. a negative, pessimistic ~ 4. in ~
(we are quite similar in (our) ~ = we are people of
quite similar ~) ["prospects"] 5. a bright, promising
~ 6. a bleak, dark, dim, dismal, dreary, gloomy,
unpromising ~ 7. the long-range, long-term; short-
range, short-term ~ 8. an ~ for (the ~ for the future
is bright)
outnumber v. 1. to ~ heavily; hopelessly (we were
heavily ~d) 2. to ~ by (we were ~d by) at least
ten to one !
outpost n. a military ~
output n. 1. to increase, step up ~ 2. to curtail,
cut back, reduce ~ 3. annual; daily; industrial;
monthly ~ 4. a level of ~ (falling levels of ~ are
causing concern in government circles)
outrage I n. ["anger"] 1. to express; feel ~ (we all
expressed our ~ at the crime) 2. to provoke, spark
 esp. AE); spark off (BE), stir up ~ 3. (misc.) a
sense of ~ ["offensive act"] 4. to commit an ~ 5. an ~
against (an ~ against public morality) 6. an ~ to +
inf. (it was an ~ to take innocent civilians hostage!)
7. an ~ that + clause (it was an ~ that innocent
civilians were/should be taken hostage!)
outrage II v. we were ~d (to learn) that she had been
arrested = (R) it ~d us (to learn) that she had been
arrested
outrageous adj. 1. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to permit such behavior) 2. ~ that + clause (it’s positively/absolutely ~ that she has been/should have been arrested!)

outs n. (colloq.) (AE) to be on the ~ with smb. (“to be on bad terms with smb.”)

outset n. at; from the (very) ~

outside n. 1. from the ~ 2. on the ~

outsider n. a complete, rank ~ (how could a rank ~ in the race win first prize?)

outskirts n. on, through the ~ (of a city)

outsourcing v. (D; tr.) to ~ to (the work was ~d to several sub-contractors)

outspoken adj. ~ in (~ in their opposition to new taxes)

outstanding adj. 1. to leave ~ (at the end of the meeting we left several matters still ~ and unresolved) 2. ~ in (~ and excellent in scientific achievement)

outward adv. ~ bound

overcharge v. (D; tr.) to ~ by (they ~d us (by) twenty percent) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ for (they ~d us for the book; we were ~d for it by twenty percent)

overcome v. 1. (D; tr.) to be ~ by (they were overcome by smoke) 2. (D; tr.) to be ~ with (I was overcome with emotion)

overcompensate v. (D; intr.) to ~ for (he ~s for his poor performance in class by doing extra assignments for the teacher)

overdose I n. 1. to give; take an ~ 2. a fatal, lethal; massive ~ 3. a drug ~ = an ~ of a drug

overdose II v. (D; intr.) to ~ on (to ~ on a medication)

overdue adj. 1. long; several years ~ 2. ~ for (we are long ~ for change)

overflow I n. 1. to catch the ~ 2. the ~ from

overflow II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ into (the mob ~ed into the street) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ with (the stadium was ~ing with spectators)

overground n. [“transportation”] (esp. BE) by ~ (I often travel by ~)

overgrown adj. ~ with

overhaul I n. [“repairs”] a complete; major; thorough ~ (our car needs a major ~)

overhaul II v. ~ completely; thoroughly

overhear v. 1. (I) we overheard him say it ~ he was overheard to say it 2. (J) we overheard him saying it

overindulge v. (D; intr., refl., tr.) to ~ in (we ~d ourselves in the rich pastries)

overindulgence n. ~ in (our ~ in the rich pastries)

overjoyed adj. 1. ~ about, at (we were ~ at your success) 2. ~ to + inf. (we were ~ to hear that you’d succeeded) 3. ~ that + clause (we were ~ that you’d succeeded) 4. (misc.) we were not exactly ~ at the news that we’d failed!

overlap v. (D; intr.) to ~ in; with (our role ~s with theirs in jurisdiction; their territory ~s with ours = their territory and ours ~ with each other)

overload I n. circuit; sensory ~

overload II v. (D; tr.) to ~ with (the ship was ~d with cargo)

overpass n. (esp. AE) 1. ~ over (an ~ over a road) 2. in; through an ~ (BE has flyover)

overqualified adj. 1. clearly ~ 2. ~ for (she is clearly ~ for such a lowly job) 3. ~ to + inf. (she is clearly ~ to work at such a lowly job)

overrated adj. vastly, very (much) ~

overreact v. (D; intr.) to ~ to (they ~ed to the news)

overrun adj. ~ with (~ with weeds)

overseas adv., n. 1. to go, travel ~ 2. (misc.) to return from ~

oversight n. 1. an ~ that + clause (it was through an ~ that her name was omitted) 2. by, through an ~ (her name was omitted through an ~)

overstocked adj. ~ with (~ with merchandise)

overtime n. [“extra time worked”] 1. to do, put in, work (five hours) ~ [“extra wage”] 2. to earn ~ 3. to pay ~ 4. on ~ (I was on ~ all week) [“extra period”] (sports) (AE; BE has extra time) 5. in ~ 6. a sudden-death ~

overtone n. 1. to develop, take on; have ~ 2. nasty; political; racial ~ (the dispute took on political ~)

overture n. [“musical introduction”] 1. to compose; perform, play an ~ 2. an ~ to (to play the ~ to an opera) [“introducory proposal”] 3. to make an ~; to make ~ to 4. to spurn smb.’s ~s 5. diplomatic; friendly ~ (Flatland spurned Ruritania’s diplomatic ~)

overview n. to get; give; have an ~ of

owe v. 1. (A) she ~s ten dollars to her sister; or: she ~s her sister ten dollars (the to is usu. not used when the indirect object is a pronoun: she owes her ten dollars) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ for, on (we still ~ one hundred dollars for the car) 3. (misc.) we ~ it to our students to grade their papers promptly

owing adj. ~ to (her absence was ~ to illness)
owl n. ~s hoot
own determiner, pronoun 1. to hold one’s ~ (“to continue to survive”) 2. to come into one’s ~ (“to receive recognition”) 3. on one’s ~ (“independently”) 4. of one’s ~ (for reasons of one’s ~) (“for one’s own reasons”)
owner n. 1. a part ~ 2. the lawful, rightful; lucky, proud ~ (congratulations! you are now the lucky ~ of a lovely puppy!)

ownership n. 1. collective; communal; joint; part; private; public; state ~ 2. under ~ (the restaurant has improved now that it’s under new ~)
own up v. (colloq.) (D; intr.) (“to confess”) to ~ to (she ~ed up to stealing the watch)
ox n. 1. oxen bellow 2. a pair; team; yoke of oxen 3. (misc.) as strong as an ~
oxygen n. 1. to administer ~; to give smb. ~ 2. to get, receive ~ 3. liquid ~
pace I n. ['rate of movement'] 1. to set the ~ 2. to keep ~ with 3. to change ~; to slacken the ~ 4. an even, steady ~ 5. a blistering, brisk, cracking, fast, rapid; dizzy, frantic, hectic; grueling, killing ~ 6. a faltering, slack, slow, slowing, sluggish; snail’s (‘extremely slow’); walking ~ 7. a ~ picks up, quickens; slows, slows down 8. at a certain ~ (at a fast ~) 9. (misc.) at one’s own ~ (don’t hurry – do the work at your own ~!); a change of ~ (also fig.) ['step'] (esp. mil.) 10. to take a ~ (to take three ~ forward) ['misc.'] 11. to put smb. through their ~s (‘to subject smb. to a test of skill’)
pace II v. (P; intr.) she was ~ing back and forth, up and down
pacemaker n. (med.) 1. to fit smb. with a ~ 2. to (P; intr.) she was ~ing back and forth, up and down
pacifier n. (AE) to suck on a ~ (BE has 'dummy')
packet n. 1. ['deck of playing cards'] 1. to cut; shuffle a ~ (of cards) ['load, bundle'] 2. a backpack; full field (mil.); parachute ~ ['mass'] 3. an ice ~ ['misc.'] (AE: BE prefers 'packer' here) 4. a ~ of cigarettes
pack I v. 1. (C) ~ a sandwich for me; or: ~ me a pack II n. 1. to deliver a ~ 2. to address; insure; mail (esp. AE), post (BE); send a ~ 3. to get, receive a ~ 4. to open, unwrap; seal; wrap a ~ 5. a bulky; neat ~ 6. (computers) a software ~ (see also 'package deal at deal I n.').
packaging n. tamper-proof; tamper-resistant ~
packet II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ into (they all ~ed into the auditorium) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ into (I ~ed everything ~ into one suitcase; the organizers ~ed everyone into the auditorium) 4. (N; used with an adjective) ~ everything tight
package n. 1. to deliver a ~ to address; insure; mail (esp. AE), post (BE); send a ~ 3. to get, receive a ~ 4. to open, unwrap; seal; wrap a ~ 5. a bulky; neat ~ 6. (computers) a software ~ (see also 'package deal at deal I n.').
package deal at deal I n.
paid I adj. badly, poorly; highly, well ~ USAGE NOTE: It is correct to talk of ‘high-paid workers,’ "highly paid workers," or "low-paid workers." It is incorrect, though common, to talk of "*lowly paid workers."
pail n. (esp. AE or old-fashioned BE) 1. a garbage (AE); ice; lunch; milk ~ 2. a metal; wooden ~ 3. an empty; full ~ (see also Usage Note at 'bucket')
paging I v. 1. to put on, stage a ~ 2. a beauty; colorful ~
pain I n. 1. ['act of packing'] 1. to do the ~ 2. (misc.) postage and ~
painful I adj. badly, poorly; highly, well ~ USAGE NOTE: It is correct to talk of ‘high-paid workers,’ "highly paid workers," or "low-paid workers." It is incorrect, though common, to talk of "*lowly paid workers."

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painting

painter

1. a bishop’s (BE) ; imperial ; presidential palace

pal

pen friend

a pen ~ (BE also has n.

n.

pair off, pair up

v.

(D ; intr., tr.) to ~ with

minimal pair

pair

(pair

pair

ling.) see n.

n.

palate

1. a cleft ; perforated ~ 2. the hard ; soft ~ 3. ~ to palatable adj.

pal around

(AE) (d ; intr.) to ~ with v.

pale I

v.

paint II

1. (usu. D ; tr. ; C occurs occ.) to ~ for

pain II

v.

1. to apply, spread ~ (to apply ~ to a sur-

n.

paint I

1. to ~ badly, deeply 2. (R) it ~ed me to

painful

adj.

pains

n.

~ 3. (misc.) (BE) a ~ and decorator
go on a binge or spree”
to ~ a house white 6. (misc.) to ~ the town red (“to shows (smt.)
to ~ ; to live in a ~)
tational ~ 6. an original ~ 7. a ~ depicts, portrays,
~ 5. (an) abstract, non-representational ; representational ~ 6. an original ~ 7. a ~ depicts, portrays,
~ 4. (a) finger ; oil ; water-color
in (to ~ in oils) 4. (J) the artist ~ed them strolling
at ~ to + inf. (the Prime Minister was at to deny the changes)

palm I

n.

pancake

1. to make a ~ 2. (misc.) as flat as a ~

panache

1. to find a ~ 2. a universal ~ 3. a ~ for

panacea

n.

v.

(esp. BE)

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20. (misc.) he’s a ~ in the neck (“he’s a bothersome person”); what a ~!
paint II v. 1. to ~ badly, deeply 2. (R) it ~ed me to watch them quarrel; it ~ed me that I had to watch them quarrel 3. (misc.) it ~ed me when I had to watch them quarrel
pained adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ to + inf. (I was ~
to watch them quarrel)
painful adj. 1. ~ for (watching them quarrel was very ~ for me) 2. ~ to (watching them quarrel was very ~ to me) 3. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to watch them quarrel; it’s ~ to cough = it’s ~ coughing) 4. (misc.) it’s ~ when I watch them quarrel; it’s ~ when I cough
pains n. ["trouble"] 1. to go to, spare no, take ~ to + inf. (she took great ~ to get her message across; the Prime Minister went to great ~ to deny the charges) ["physical suffering"] 2. (med.) aches and ~; chest; labor ~ 3. (usu. fig.) growing ~ ["misc."] 4. (esp. BE) at ~ to + inf. (the Prime Minister was at to deny the charges)
paint I n. 1. to apply, spread ~ (to apply ~ to a surface; to spread ~ evenly) 2. to spray ~ (to spray ~ on a wall; to spray a wall with ~) 3. to daub ~ (to daub ~ on a wall; to daub a wall with ~) 4. to dilute, thin ~ 5. to mix ~ 6. to remove; scrape ~ 7. exterior; flat; floor; gloss; house; latex; lead-based; metallic; oil-based; wall ~ 8. grease; war ~ 9. wet ~ 10. ~ chips; dries; peels; smears 11. a ~ on a wall; to spray a wall with ~) 3. to daub ~
at ~ to + inf. (the Prime Minister was at to deny the changes)
paint II v. 1. (usu. D; tr.; C occurs occ.) to ~ for (she ~ed a beautiful portrait for us) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ a scene from life) 3. (d.; intr. tr.) to ~ in (to ~ in oils) 4. (J) the artist ~ed them strolling through their garden 5. (N; used with an adjective) to ~ a house white 6. (misc.) to ~ the town red ("to go on a binge or spree")
painter n. 1. a house; sign ~ 2. a landscape; portrait ~ 3. (misc.) (BE) a ~ and decorator
painting n. 1. to do; restore a ~ 2. to exhibit ~ 3. to authenticate a ~ 4. (a) finger; oil; water-color ~ 5. (an) abstract, non-representational; representational ~ 6. an original ~ 7. a ~ depicts, portraits, shows, (smt.)
pair n. (ling.) see minimal pair
pair off, pair up v. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ with
pajamas, pyjamas n. a pair of ~
pal n. a pen ~ (BE also has pen friend)
palace n. 1. a bishop’s (BE) ; imperial ; presidential (not US); royal ~ 2. at; in a ~ (a ceremony at the ~; to live in a ~)
pal around v. (AE) (d.; intr.) to ~ to
palatable adj. ~ to
palate n. 1. a cleft; perforated ~ 2. the hard; soft ~ 3. (misc.) to tickle the ~ ("to be very tasty") (food to tickle even the most sophisticated or jaded ~s !)
pale I adj. ["devoid of color"] 1. deathly; very ~ 2. to go, turn ~ 3. ~ with (rage) 4. (misc.) as ~ as a ghost; ~ and drawn; ~ and wan ("Why so ~ and wan, fond lover?" – Sir John Suckling, 1609–42)
pale II v. 1. (d.; intr.) ("to become devoid of color") to ~ at ("to ~ at the sight of blood") 2. (d.; intr.) ("to become less important") to ~ before, beside (everything ~d before the possibility of war) 3. (d.; intr.) ("to fade") to ~ into (to ~ into insignificance)
pale III n. ["prescribed area"] beyond, outside the ~
pall I n. ["blanket of gloom"] to cast a ~ over
pall II v. (D.; intr.) ("to become less attractive") to ~ on, upon (her constant preaching began to ~ on everyone)
palm I n. ["part of the hand"] 1. to read smb.’s ~ ("to tell smb.’s fortune") 2. (misc.) to have an itchy ~ ("to have a great desire for money, bribes"); to grease smb.’s ~ ("to bribe smb."); to have in the ~ of one’s hand ("to seem able to control completely")
palm II n. a potted; royal ~

calm II

palm off v. 1. (D.; tr.) to ~ as (he ~ed off the copy as an original = he ~ed the copy off as an original) 2. (D.; tr.) to ~ on (to ~ inferior merchandise on customers = to ~ inferior merchandise off on customers)
palpable adj. ~ to

calm II

calp up v. (d.; intr.) to ~ with

pan I n. 1. to grease a ~ 2. (AE) a baking ; cake ~ (BE has baking tin ; cake tin) 3. a chip ~ (BE) for deep-frying potatoes 4. a frying, fry (AE) ~ 5. (misc.) to scour (the) pots and ~s

pan II v. (d.; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for gold)

panacea n. 1. to find a ~ 2. a universal ~ 3. a ~ for

panache n. (with) great ~

pancake n. 1. to make a ~ 2. (misc.) as flat as a ~

pandemic n. see epidemic

pandemonium n. 1. to cause, create, stir up ~ 2. sheer ~ 3. ~ breaks out ; reigns ; subsides

pander v. (d.; intr.) to ~ to (to ~ to the worst elements in society)
pangyric n. 1. to deliver a ~ 2. a ~ on

panel n. ["board"] 1. a control, instrument ~ ["group that discusses or investigates a topic"] 2. to select a ~ 3. to be, serve on a ~ 4. an impartial ~ 5. an advisory; blue-ribbon (esp. AE), expert; consumer; fact-finding; government ~ 6. a member of a ~ 7. a ~ on (a ~ on drug addiction) 8. (misc.) to convene a ~ of judges

paneling, paneling n. wood ~

pangs n. ~ of conscience; hunger; jealousy (she felt (the) ~ of conscience) (see also birth pangs)
panic I n. 1. to cause, create ~ 2. to spread ~ 3. to feel ~ at (they felt ~ at the thought of leaving their family) 4. to avert, prevent ~ 5. sheer, total, utter ~ 6. ~ spreads; subsides 7. in a ~ over (they were / got in a ~ over the news) 8. in ~ (they fled the city in ~)

panic II v. 1. (D.; intr.) to ~ about, at, over (they...
parachute II
1. (B) we ~d supplies to the stranded
v.
n.
n.

1. to pack a ~ 2. a ~ opens ; fails
parachute I

v. (D ; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for breath)
pants n.

1. (esp. AE) see trousers 2. ski ; sweat ~ 3. a pair of ~

panthyose n. (AE ; BE has tight^s) she got a run in her ~
paper I
n. ["lecture, treatise; manuscript for publication"] 1. to deliver, give, offer, present, read a ~ 2. to publish: write a ~ 3. a discussion ; invited ; working ~ 4. a ~ about, on ["essay; written assignment"] 5. (in a school, at a university) to do, write ; grade, mark ; hand in, submit a ~ (the pupils did a ~ on the problem of air pollution ; the students were required to hand in their ~s by the end of the semester) 6. an exam, examination, test ; term ; written ~ (the course requires an oral exam as well as a written ~ prepared/set (BE) by Prof. Smith) 7. a ~ about, on 8. a ~ for (I had to do a ~ for my history course) "document["9. a green (BE) ~ (see also white paper) 10. a position ~ ["negotiable instruments"] 11. commercial ; negotiable ~ ["material made from wood pulp"] 12. to recycle (scrap) ~ 13. blank ; graph ; lined ; unlined ~ 14. bog (BE, slang), lavatory (BE), loo (BE, coloq.), toilet ; cigarette ; filter; litmus ; wrapping ~ 15. crepe ; glossy ; manila ; tar ; tissue ; wax, waxed ~ 16. bond ; carbon ; scrap ; scratch (esp. AE) ; tracing ; typing ~ (see also writing paper) 17. a quire ; ream ; roll of ~ ["sheet of writing material"] 18. to line ~ 19. a piece, sheet ; scrap ; slip ; side of ~ 20. on ~ ("in writing form") (we got it down on ~ when we finally managed to put pen to ~) ["newspaper"] 21. to get a ~ out, publish a ~ 22. a daily ; school ; Sunday ; trade ~ (see also newspaper ; papers)
paper II v. 1. (D ; tr.) to ~ with (she ~d the walls with wallpaper) 2. (N) she ~ed the ceiling white paperback n. in ~ (the book came out in ~)
papers n. ["documents"] 1. to draw up ~ 2. to show one’s ~ 3. (US) to take out first ~ ("to begin the lines ; we ~d to safety
paradise n. 1. an earthly ~ = a ~ on earth 2. sheer ~ 3. ~ to + inf. (it is sheer ~ to relax in the sun)
paradox n. 1. to resolve a ~ 2. a ~ that + clause (it’s a ~ that such good friends cannot work together)
paradoxical adj. ~ that + clause (it’s ~ that such good friends cannot work together)
paragraph n. 1. to indent ; write a ~ (to each new paragraph several paragraphs) 2. to divide smt. into ~ 3. a ~ about, on (she wrote a few short ~s on that subject) 4. in ~ (she drew some conclusions in the final ~)
parallel I adj. ~ to, with parallel II n. 1. to draw a ~ between ; with 2. to find ~s among, between 3. a striking ~ 4. (misc.) without ~ (in history); their accomplishment has no ~ (in history); (esp. BE) her career developed in ~ with his
paralysis n. 1. to cause, induce ~ 2. to contract, develop, get ; have ~ 3. to prevent ~ 4. complete ; creeping ; partial ; temporary ; total ~. infantile ~ paramount adj. ~ over
paranoid adj. ~ about (don’t get / go all ~ about them!)
paraphernalia n. drug ~
paratroops n. to commit, deploy ; drop ~
pencil n. 1. to deliver a ~ 2. to address ; insure ; mail (esp. AE), post (BE); send ~ 3. to get, receive a ~ 4. to open, unwrap ; seal ; wrap a ~ 5. a bulky ; neat ~
pocket out v. 1. (B) she ~ed out the work to us = she ~d the work out to us 2. (D ; tr.) to ~ among (she ~d out the assignments among us = she ~d the assignments out among us)
pardon I n. 1. to grant a ~ 2. to ask, beg smb.’s ~ 3. a full ; royal ~
pardon II v. (D ; tr.) to ~ smb. for pare down v. (D ; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ expenses to the minimum = to ~ expenses down to the minimum)
parent n. 1. to obey one’s ~s 2. a loving ; permissive ; strict ; unfit ~ 3. an adoptive ; biological, natural ; foster ; grandparent ; lone (BE), single ~ ; stepparent
parentheses n. (esp. AE ; BE prefers brackets) 1. to put smt. in, into ~ 2. between, in ~
parenthood n. planned ~
parity n. ["equality"] 1. to achieve, attain, establish ~ 2. ~ among, between ; with ["equivalence in value"] 3. at ~
panicked ~ over the news) 2. (d ; tr.) to ~ into (the bad news panicked many people into fleeing the city)
panicky adj. to get (very) ~ over (they got (very) ~ over the news)
pant v. (D ; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for breath)
pants n.

1. to pack a ~ 2. a ~ opens ; fails
park I n. 1. to lay out a ~ 2. an amusement; safari (BE); theme ~ 3. a city; national; public; state ~ 4. a caravan (BE); trailer (AE) ~ 5. a car ~ (BE; AE has parking lot); a multi-storey car ~ (BE; AE has parking garage) 6. (BE) a coach; lorry ~ 7. an industrial ~ (AE; BE has industrial estate); a science ~ (BE) 8. at, in a ~
park II v. (colloq.) ("to deposit with") (d; tr.) to ~ on (AE), with (they ~ed their children on us and went to the theater)
parking n. 1. to allow; ban, restrict ~ 2. illegal; legal ~ 3. long-term; short-term ~ 4. (misc.) no ~!
parlance n. common; legal ~ (in common ~)
parlaw v. (esp. AE) (d; tr.) ("to convert") to ~ into (to ~ a small investment into a fortune)
parley I n. to hold a ~ with
parley II n. (esp. AE) (d; tr.) ("to convert") to ~ into (to ~ of) Parliament. After the session opens, Parliament is
opened for (a ~ of) Parliament. After the session opens, Parliament is
part I

participant n. 1. an active; reluctant, unwilling; willing ~ 2. a ~ in (a ~ in an activity)
participate v. 1. to ~ actively; fully; reluctantly, unwillingly; willingly 2. (D; intr.) to ~ in (to ~ in an activity)
participation n. 1. active ~ 2. reluctant, unwilling; willing ~ 3. audience ~ 4. ~ in (~ in an activity)
participle n. (grammar) an active; dangling (esp. AE), misrelated (BE); passive; past; perfect; present ~
particle n. 1. a dust; minute ~ 2. (physics) an alpha ~ 3. a ~ of (to ~ of food and drink)
partial adj. ["fond of"] (colloq.) (cannot stand alone) ~ to (she’s ~ to expensive clothes)
partiality n. ["bias"] 1. to show ~ in ["liking"] 2. a ~ for (she shows a ~ for expensive clothes)
participant n. 1. an active; reluctant, unwilling; willing ~ 2. a ~ in (a ~ in an activity)
participate v. 1. to ~ actively; fully; reluctantly, unwillingly; willingly 2. (D; intr.) to ~ in (to ~ in an activity)
participation n. 1. active ~ 2. reluctant, unwilling; willing ~ 3. audience ~ 4. ~ in (~ in an activity)

park I v. (D; intr.) to ~ with
parley I v. (D; tr.) to ~ with
parliament n. 1. to convene (a) ~ 2. to adjourn; disband, dismiss, dissolve (a) ~ 3. a bicameral; national; provincial; unicameral ~ 4. the British, UK; European; Scottish ~ 5. a hung; rumple ~ 6. a ~ adjourns; convenes, meets; disbands 7. a house of ~ 8. in ~ (to sit in ~) 9. (misc.) an act of ~; to stand for (BE) ~; a member of ~ (in GB abbreviated as MP) USAGE NOTE: In Great Britain, the Queen or King opens (a session of) Parliament. After the State Opening, Parliament is in session. Parliament sits until the session is over and then it rises.
parlor, parlour n. 1. a beauty; funeral (AE); ice-cream (AE); massage ~ 2. a sun ~ (AE; BE has sun lounge) USAGE NOTE: The services offered by a massage parlor are often sexual rather than therapeutic.

parody n. 1. to compose, write a ~ 2. a ~ of, on
parole I n. ["conditional release from prison"] 1. to grant a ~ to violate (one’s) ~ 3. early ~ 4. on ~ (to release smb. on ~)
parole II v. (D; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ smb. from prison)

partner n. 1. ["share"] 1. to do one’s ~ ["viewpoint, position"] 2. for, on one’s ~ (for my ~, I will say no more; it was sheer madness on his ~ to risk everything!) ["participation"] 3. to take ~ (in) (to take ~ in an activity) 4. an active ~ ["role"] 5. to play a ~ (to play the ~ of Hamlet) 6. to act; dress; look the ~ 7. to learn, memorize, study one’s ~; to understand a ~ 8. a bit; cameo; leading, major; minor; speaking; walk-on ~ (she had a bit in the play) ["element, portion"] 9. to spend a ~ of (they spent the major ~ of their life in England) 10. an essential, intrinsic; important, significant, vital; large, major ~ 11. an equal; insignificant, minor, small ~ 12. the (a) better ("greater"); good ("large") ~ (the better ~ of an hour) 13. a component, constituent, integral ~ 14. for the most ~ ("mostly") 15. in ~ ("partly") (in great ~) ["component of a machine"] 16. a defective; spare ~ 17. a moving ~ 18. automobile (AE), (motor)car (BE); spare ~s ["division"] 19. in ~s (a story in five ~s) 20. the best; difficult, hard; early; easy; first; last; latter; tricky; worst ~ (in the latter ~ of the 19th Century; the worst ~ (of it) is having to get up so early!) ["side"] 21. to take smb.’s ~ (in a dispute) 22. (legal) of a ~ (the party of the first ~) ["dividing line in hair"] (AE; BE has paring) 23. to have; make a ~ (in one’s hair) ["component of body"] 24. body ~s ["sexual organs"] 25. the private ~s ["area"] 26. a remote ~ (in a remote ~ of the country)
part II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ as (to ~ as friends) 2. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ from (the children were ~ed from their parents) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ with (she hates to ~ with her money)
partake v. (d; intr.) to ~ of (to ~ of food and drink)

party I adj. ["participating"] ~ to (don’t blame me! I wasn’t ~ to the arrangement/agreement!)
party II n. ["social gathering"] 1. to arrange, give, have, throw; host a ~ (for) 2. to attend, go to; crash a ~ 3. to live up a ~ 4. a birthday; Christmas; New

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Year’s Eve ~ 5. a cocktail; dinner; garden, lawn (AE); tea ~ 6. a coming-out; farewell; housewarming; going-away ~ 7. a pajama, slumber; surprise ~ 8. a lavish; wild ~ 9. a hen; singles; stag ~ 10. a ~ breaks up (the ~ broke up at midnight) 11. at a ~ (we had a good time at the ~) !["political organization"] 12. to establish, form a ~ 13. to break up, disband, dissolve a ~ 14. a centrist; conservative; fascist; liberal; populist; progressive; radical; reactionary ~ 15. a communist; labor; social-democratic; socialist ~ 16. a left-wing; right-wing ~ 17. a majority; minority; opposition; political; ruling; splinter ~ 18. (misc.) the ~ in power; the ~ in opposition; the parliamentary ~ (BE); a constituency ~ (BE) (the parliamentary ~ required a local constituency ~ to de-select a militant candidate) !["litigant"] (legal) 19. an aggrieved; disinterested; guilty; innocent; third ~ 20. the interested ~ gives ~ 21. a ~ to (a lawsuit) 22. (misc. the ~ of the first, second part !["group sent on a mission"] 23. a boarding; landing; raiding; rescue; scouting; stretcher; surveying ~ (see also !["search party"] !["participant"] 24. a ~ to (don’t blame me! I wasn’t ~ to the arrangement/agreement!)

party line n. 1. to follow, hew to (AE) the ~ 2. to n.

pass II

1. (A) !["hand"]; !["throw"] ~ the concert) 22. (misc.) the ~ (BE) 6. a coming-out; farewell; housewarming; making a ~ (over a target) 23. (D ; intr.) !["shift"] to ~ between ("to be exchanged") (a significant look ~ed between them) 4. (D ; intr.) !["go past"] to ~ by (they ~ed by my house) 5. (d ; intr.) !["shift"] to ~ from; to (to ~ from one subject to another) 6. (d ; intr.) to ~ on, upon ("to judge") (to ~ on the merits of a case) 7. (D ; tr.) !["deliver"] to ~ on, upon (the judge ~ed sentence on the accused; to ~ judgment on smb.) 8. (d ; intr.) !["go"]; !["fly"] ~ over (several planes ~ed over our house; to ~ over a bridge) 9. (d ; intr.) to ~ over ("to disregard") (they ~ed over her for promotion when promotions were handed out) (see also pass over) 10. (d ; intr.) !["go"] to ~ through (she was just ~ing through town) 11. (d ; tr.) !["insert"] to ~ through (he ~ed the cable through the loop; to ~ meat through a grinder) 12. (d ; intr.) to ~ to ~ ("to be handed down to") the estate ~ed to the daughter 13. (P ; intr.) !["move"] to ~ into history; rumors ~ed around town 14. (s) to ~ unnoticed 15. (misc. !["BE"] to be ~ fit for (service) (see also come to pass at come)

pass III 1. !["permission; permit"] !["leave of absence"] 1. to issue a ~ 2. to cancel, revoke; show a ~ 3. a ~ to (a lawsuit) 22. (misc. the ~ of the first, second part !["group sent on a mission"] 23. a boarding; landing; raiding; rescue; scouting; stretcher; surveying ~ (see also !["search party"] !["participant"] 24. a ~ to (don’t blame me! I wasn’t ~ to the arrangement/agreement!)

passage n. 1. to carry ~s (trains carry many ~s = to ~ old clothes down from one child to the next) 2. (misc.) she ~ed it down to one child to the next = to ~ old clothes down from one child to the next) 2. (misc.) she ~ed it down to me from the shelf

passenger n. 1. to carry ~s (trains carry many ~s = to ~ old clothes down from one child to the next) 2. (misc.) she ~ed it down to one child to the next = to ~ old clothes down from one child to the next) 2. (misc.) she ~ed it down to me from the shelf

pass around v. (B) the chocolate around to the others

pass over v. (D ; tr.) to ~ the chocolate around to the others

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passport n. 1. to issue; renew a ~ to have, hold a ~ 3. to apply for a ~ 4. to falsify, forge a ~ 5. to stamp, validate a ~ 6. to revoke a ~ 7. a diplomatic; Nansen ~ 8. a false; valid ~ 9. a ~ expires, runs out 10. (fig.) a ~ to (a ~ to happiness) 11. in a ~ (what’s stamped in your ~?) 12. on a ~ (to travel on a U.S. ~)

pass round (BE) see pass around

password n. 1. to give the ~ 2. (computers) to enter, key in the ~

past n. ["past time"] 1. to glorify; recall, recapture the ~ 2. to forget the ~ 3. the distant ~ 4. a colorful, glorious ~ 5. (to have) a checkered (AE), chequered (BE); dark, lurid, murky ~ 6. in the ~ ["past tense of a verb"] 7. in the ~

paste I n. to make, mix a ~

paste II v. (D; tr.) to ~ on, to (to ~ a piece of paper on/to the wall) (see also cut and paste at cut II)

pastiche n. 1. to compose, write a ~ 2. a ~ of

pastime 1. a popular ; the national ~ (in America 1. to compose, write a ~ 2. a ~ of

pastoral 1. to issue; renew a ~ 2. to have, hold a ~

passport n. 1. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ to watch her ~) 2. a ~ of

patch n. 1. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ to watch her ~) 2. (misc.) to

pat 1 adj., adv. (colloq.) (esp. AE) to stand ~ ("to refuse to change")

pat II n. to give smb. a ~ (on the back)

pat III v. (D; tr.) to ~ on to ~ smb. on the back)

patch v. ["piece of material used to cover a hole"] 1. to have; sew on a ~ (to have a ~ on one’s shirt) ["insignia"] 2. a shoulder ~ ["area"] 3. a brier; cabbage; fog; potato ~ ["period"] 1. to go through, have a ~ 2. a bad; purple ~

patch through v. (D; tr.) ["to connect"] to ~ to (she ~ed me through to headquaters)

patent n. 1. to grant, issue a ~ 2. to apply for; obtain, take out a ~ 3. to hold a ~ 4. to infringe a ~ 5. ~ applied for; pending 6. a ~ expires, runs out 7. a ~ for, on (she took out a ~ on her invention)

paternity n. 1. to establish ~ 2. to acknowledge (one’s) ~

path n. 1. to beat, blaze, clear, make a ~ (to clear a ~ through a jungle) 2. to cross smb.’s ~ 3. to follow a ~ (to follow a ~ along a river) 4. a beaten, well-worn ~ 5. a bridle ~; a towpath 6. a ~ goes, leads somewhere 7. a ~ from; to (on the ~ to success) 8. (misc.) to lead smb. up the garden ~ ("to deceive smb."); to lead smb. down the primrose ~ ("to lead smb. in an ill-advised search for pleasure"); off the beaten ~ ("in an unfamiliar or unusual place") ("off the beaten track"); he found many obstacles in his ~

pathetic adj. 1. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ to watch her condition deteriorate day by day) 2. ~ that + clause (it’s ~ that her condition is deteriorating day by day)

pathway n. a ~ to (on the ~ to success)

patience n. ["quality of being patient"] 1. to display, show ~ 2. to tax, test, try smb.’s ~ (these delays are enough to try the ~ of a saint!) 3. to lose one’s ~ 4. to run out of ~ 5. endless, inexhaustible, infinite ~ 6. smb.’s ~ runs out; wears thin 7. ~ for; with (she has endless ~ with the children that he has lost ~ with) 8. the ~ to + inf. (do you have the ~ to do this job?) 9. out of ~ with ["card game"] (BE) 10. to play ~ (AE has solitaire)

patient I adj. ~ about; in; with (up to now I’ve been very ~ about all these delays; she is endlessly ~ with the children that he has lost patience with)

patient II n. 1. to cure; handle; treat a ~ 2. to admit a ~ (to a hospital) 3. to discharge a ~ from a hospital) 4. an ambulatory; hospital ~; inpatient; outpatient; private ~ 5. a cardiac; comatose; mental ~ 6. a ~ admits himself; discharges himself; responds to treatment

patio n. on a ~ (let’s have a drink on the ~)

patriot n. an ardent, fervent, staunch; sincere ~

patriotism n. 1. to display, show ~ 2. (an) ardent, fervent, staunch, strong; sincere ~

patrol n. 1. a border; highway (AE), motorway (BE); military; police; reconnaissance ~ 2. (naval) (a) shore ~ 3. on ~ (they are out on ~)

patron n. 1. a regular, steady ~ 2. (misc.) a ~ of the arts

patronage n. 1. political ~ 2. under smb.’s ~

patronizing adj. ~ to, towards (~ towards people with poor taste)

patter v. (d; intr.) to ~ against, on (the rain was ~ing on the windows)

pattern I n. 1. to establish, set a ~ 2. to follow a ~ 3. an intricate; overall; set; strange; underlying ~ 4. a holding; traffic ~ (our plane was in a holding ~) 5. (ling.) an intonation; speech ~ 6. a behavior; personality ~ 7. a sewing ~ 8. a floral ~

pattern II v. (d; tr.) to ~ after, on (the academy was ~ed after a British public school)

patty n. (esp. AE) a beef; lamb; meat ~

pause n. ["temporary stop"] 1. an awkward; long, prolonged; pregnant; short ~ 2. a ~ after; before; between; for; in ["reason or cause for hesitating"] 3. to give smb. ~

pavement n. ["paved surface"] 1. to tear up the ~ (in order to lay pipes) 2. the ~ buckles 3. (misc.) to pound the ~ ("to walk about aimlessly or with determination") USAGE NOTE: In BE, pavement also means "sidewalk".

paw n. a helpless ~ (in someone else’s game)

pay I n. 1. to boost, raise smb.’s ~ 2. to cut; dock; withhold smb.’s ~ 3. to draw, receive ~ 4. back; disability; equal; full; half; incentive; mustering-out (mil.); overtime; severance (AE; BE has redundancy payment); retroactive; sick; strike; take-home ~ 5. annual, yearly; daily; hourly; monthly; weekly ~ 6. a level; rate of ~ (high rates of ~ for the bosses; low rates of ~ for the workers;
equal rates of ~ for equal work) 7. ~ for (equal ~ for equal work) 8. in smb.'s ~ (he was in the ~ of the enemy) 9. on; with; without ~ (he's been on sick since the accident; to take time off without ~)

pay II v. 1. to ~ dearly; handsomely, highly, well 2. (A) she paid the money to me; or: she paid me the money 3. (D; intr.) to ~ by, in (to ~ by check; to ~ in cash; to ~ by the hour) 4. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ for (have you paid for the book?; I paid ten dollars for this shirt; he paid us for watching his house) 5. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ to (we have been ~ing into a pension fund; the money was paid into her account) 6. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ out of (she paid out of her own pocket) 7. (E) it doesn't ~ to economize on essentials 8. (H) he paid us to watch his house

payable adj. 1. ~ to (make the check ~ to me) 2. adj.

pay II n. 1. a monthly ~ 2. n. paycheck, pay envelope, pay packet 3. (colloq.) (AE) pay dirt 4. v. pay back 5. v. pay out 6. (B) the benefits have been paid out to the workers = they paid out the benefits to the workers 7. v. pay off 8. n. payup 9. (misc.) the balance of ~s 10. a drug; influence; itinerant; smut ~

peddler, pedlar n. a drug; influence; itinerant; smut ~

pedestal n. 1. a ~ for (a drug; influence; itinerant; smut ~)

pedigree n. of (a) certain ~ of unknown ~

pee n. (colloq.) to have, take; need a ~

peek I n. to have, take a ~; need a ~

peek II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ at (to ~ at smb. in the next room) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ into (to ~ into smb.'s dossier) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ under (to ~ under the bed) 4. (P; intr.) to ~ over the bushes; to ~ through the window

peddler, pedlar n. a drug; influence; itinerant; smut ~

pedestal n. 1. to put smb./smt. on a ~ "to hold smb./smt. in high esteem" 2. on a ~ "held in high esteem"

pedigree n. of (a) certain ~ of unknown ~

pee n. (colloq.) to have, take; need a ~

peek I n. to have, take a ~ (at; through)

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peek I n. (an) apple; banana (esp. AE; CE prefers a banana skin); lemon; orange; potato ~ (see the Usage Note for rind)

peep I n. ("sound") 1. to let out a ~ 2. a ~ out of (we didn't hear a ~ out of her; we haven't had a ~ out of them all day)

peep II n. ["look"] to have, take a ~ (at; through)

peep III v. ("to look") 1. (D; intr.) to ~ at (to ~ at smb. in the next room) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ into (to ~ into smb.'s dossier) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ under (to ~ under the bed) 4. (P; intr.) to ~ over the bushes; to ~ through the window

peep in v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ at (we ~ed in at the dress rehearsal) 2. (misc.) she ~ed in from behind the bushes

peep out v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ at (we ~ed out at the dress rehearsal) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ from behind (she ~ed out from behind the bushes) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ from under (to ~ from under the bed)

peel I n. 1. to shell, shuck (AE) ~ 2. split ~ 3. (misc.) as alike as two ~ in a pod

peck I n. (colloq.) ["kiss"] to give smb. a ~ on the cheek

peck II v. (d; intr.) to ~ at (to ~ at one's food)

pecker n. ["spirits"] ["courage"] (colloq.) (BE) to keep one's ~ up

peculiar adj. 1. very ~ 2. ~ to (habits ~ to the very rich) 3. ~ to + inf. (how ~ of her to have done that!) 4. ~ that + clause (how ~ that she did/should have done that!)

pedal I n. 1. to depress, put one's foot on, step on ~ to ease up on, let up on; take one's foot off ~ 3. an accelerator (BE), gas (AE); brake; clutch ~

pedal II v. (P; intr., tr.) she ~ed the bicycle down the hill; they ~ed their way across the state; we were ~ing through town

peculiar adj. 1. very ~ 2. ~ to (habits ~ to the very rich) 3. ~ to + inf. (how ~ of her to have done that!) 4. ~ that + clause (how ~ that she did/should have done that!)

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peddler, pedlar n. a drug; influence; itinerant; smut ~

pedestal n. 1. to put smb./smt. on a ~ "to hold smb./smt. in high esteem" 2. on a ~ "held in high esteem"

pedigree n. of (a) certain ~ of unknown ~

pee n. (colloq.) to have, take; need a ~

peek I n. to have, take a ~ (at; through)

peek II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ at (to ~ at smb. in the next room) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ into (to ~ into smb.'s dossier) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ under (to ~ under the bed) 4. (P; intr.) to ~ over the bushes; to ~ through the window

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pedigree n. of (a) certain ~ of unknown ~

pee n. (colloq.) to have, take; need a ~
peer I n. (GB) 1. to create, make smb. a ~ 2. a hereditary; life ~ 3. a ~ of the realm (see also peer group at group I n.; peer pressure at pressure I n.)

dppeer II v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ at; through (to ~ at smbh. through a window) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ into (to ~ into smbh.'s eyes)

peargage n. (GB) 1. to elevate, raise smb. to the ~ 2. to bestow, confer a ~ on (a ~ was conferred on John Buchan) 3. to accept; renounce a ~ (John Buchan accepted a ~; Sir Winston Churchill refused and Tony Benn renounced a ~ so that they could continue to sit in the House of Commons) 4. a hereditary; life ~

peer out v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ at (to ~ at smbh. through a window) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ from behind (she ~ed out from behind the bushes) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ from under (to ~ from under the bed)

peeve n. smbh.'s pet ~
pervish adj. [irritable] ~ about

peg n. [degree, step?] (fig.) 1. to come down a ~ 2. to bring, take smbh. down a ~ [misp] (BE) 3. (to buy clothing) off the ~ ("ready-made")

peg away v. (BE) (D; intr.) ("to work hard") to ~ at (to ~ at one's job)

pelt v. (d; tr.) to ~ with (to ~ with rocks)

pelt down v. (D; intr.) to ~ against, on (the rain was ~ing down on the roof)

pen I n. [enclosure] 1. a pig; sheep ~ [dock] 2. a submarine ~

pen II n. [device for writing] 1. a ballpoint; felt-tip (AE); fibre-tip (BE); fountain ~ 2. (misc.) with a stroke of the ~, the new law was enacted; ~ and ink (to write in pencil rather than in/with ~ and ink)

penalize v. (D; tr.) to ~ by; for; with (he ~d me for coming late by imposing a fine = he ~d me with a fine for coming late)

penalty n. 1. to impose a ~ (he ~d a penalty on me for coming late) 2. to pay a ~ (to pay the full ~ for one's mistakes) 3. to rescind a ~ 4. a heavy, severe, stiff, strict; light; mild; maximum; minimum ~ 5. the death ~ (see also death penalty) 6. a ~ for 7. on, under ~ (of death)

penance n. to do, perform ~ for

penchant n. a ~ for

pencil n. 1. to sharpen a ~ 2. a colored; graphite; lead; indelible; mechanical (AE), propelling (BE) ~ 3. a cosmetic, eyebrow ~ 4. a styptic ~ 5. in ~ (to write in ~ rather than in/with pen and ink)

pendulum n. 1. to swing a ~ 2. a ~ swings 3. a swing of the ~

penetrate v. 1. to ~ deeply 2. (D; intr.) to ~ behind; into (enemy troops ~d deeply behind our lines)

penetration n. 1. (a) deep ~ 2. (mil.) (a) ~ in depth

penicillin n. 1. oral ~ 2. an injection, jab (BE; colloq.) 3. of ~ 3. (misc.) a course of ~

penience n. 1. to show ~ (for) 2. true ~ (for)

penitent adj. ~ for

pennant n. ["baseball championship"] (AE) to lose; win the ~

penny n. 1. to pinch ~nies ("to be frugal") 2. (misc.) a new (BE; old-fashioned); pretty ~ ("a large sum of money"); (BE; colloq.) the ~ drops ("somebody finally understands"); (BE; colloq.) to spend a ~ ("to use a toilet") USAGE NOTE: Seven US pennies are worth seven cents. Seven UK pennies are worth seven pence.

pension n. 1. to award, grant a ~ 2. to draw, receive a ~ 3. to revoke a ~ 4. a disability; index-linked; old-age; survivor's ~ 5. on a ~ (to live on a ~; to retire on a ~) (see also pension plan at plan I n.)

people n. 1. common, little, ordinary, plain ~ 2. business; city; country; local; professional; working ~ 3. old; young ~ 4. the chosen ~ 5. the right; wrong ~ 6. boat ~ ("refugees escaping in boats") 7. (misc.) of all ~ (I was just walking along when who should I see but John of all ~!) (see also Usage Note at tribe)

peopled adj. ~ by, with (an imaginary landscape ~ with unforgettable characters)

pepper I n. [spice] 1. ground ~ (season with salt and freshly ground ~) 2. black; hot; red; white ~ 3. a dash of ~ 4. (misc.) salt and ~ [vegetable] 5. (a) green; red; sweet; yellow ~ 6. stuffed ~

pepper II v. (d; tr.) ("to shower") to ~ with (she was ~d with questions)

pep up v. (D; tr.) to ~ with (to ~ with unusual spices = to ~ with unusual spices)

peceive v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ as (we ~ the situation as critical) 2. (L) we ~d that the situation was critical 3. (M) we ~d the situation to be critical 4. (Q) they could not ~ how critical the situation was USAGE NOTE: Perceive can mean 'realize, understand' : they finally perceived that the government was lying to them. But perceive can also mean 'believe (perhaps incorrectly)': the government is worried that it is perceived to be lying.

percentage n. [profit] [advantage] (colloq.) (a) ~ in (there is no ~ in investing more money) (see also percentage point at point I n.)

perceptible adj. 1. barely ~ 2. ~ to (not ~ to the touch)

perception n. 1. to gain; have a ~ 2. (a) clear; keen; widespread ~ 3. color; depth; extrasensory ~ (ESP) 4. a ~ of (events confirmed our ~ of the situation as critical) 5. the ~ that + clause (events confirmed our ~ that the situation was critical) USAGE NOTE: Perception can refer to a correct realization or understanding: finally, events confirmed the widespread perception that the government was lying. But perception can also refer to a belief that may be incorrect: the government is worried about the widespread perception that it is lying.

perceptive adj. 1. ~ of (that observation was very ~ of her) 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of her to make that observation)
perceptiveness. the ~ to + inf. (she had the ~ to make that observation)

perch I n. 1. a high ~ 2. from one’s ~ 3. (misc.) (colloq.; BE) to fall off one’s ~ (“to die”)

perch II v. (P; intr.) “(to pass slowly)” the news ~d to the wire

percolate v. (P; intr.) “(to pass slowly)” the news ~d down to the troops; the water ~d through the sand; ideas that ~ throughout society

per diem n. [*daily allowance for expenses*] 1. to pay (a) ~ 2. to get, receive a ~

perennial n. [*“flower”*] a hardy ~

perfect I adj. ~ for (she would be ~ for the job)

perfect II n. (grammar) the future ; past ; present ~

~ for (she would be ~ for the job)

adj. perfect I

perfect I n.

perform v. 1. to ~ in concert ; live 2. (D; intr.) to ~ in (to ~ in a play) 3. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ for (to ~ for a live audience ; to ~ a concert for a live audience) 4. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ on (to ~ on the piano ; to ~ a concerto on the piano before a live audience)

performance v. [*“work [of] performing”*] 1. to deliver, give, put on a ~ 2. to arrange, schedule a ~ 3. to cancel; postpone; reschedule a ~ 4. a breathtaking, brilliant, electrifying, inspired, outstanding, remarkable, spellbinding, superb, wonderful ~ 5. a listless, mediocre, run-of-the-mill; uneven ~ 6. a benefit; cameos; command; farewell; gala; live; premier; public; repeat; request; solo ~ 7. a as, in; before, for (her ~ as the mother was inspired; her ~ in the play was inspired; her ~ of the concerto before a live audience was inspired; her ~ on the piano before a live audience was inspired) 8. on smb.’s ~ (on the basis of) her past ~, we can expect something memorable tonight) [*“functioning of a machine”*] 9. (high) engine ~

performer n. a polished; star ~

perfume n. 1. to dab on, daub on, put on, spray on ~ 2. to apply, use, wear ~ 3. to reek of (derog.); smell of ~ 4. (a) heady, strong ~ 5. a bottle of ~ 6. a whiff of ~

perfumed adj. ~ with (the air was ~d with the scent of honeysuckle)

peril n. 1. to confront, face a ~ 2. to avert a ~ 3. at one’s ~ 4. in ~ (our lives were in ~ from wild animals)

perimeter n. [*“boundary”*] 1. (mil.) to guard, protect a ~ 2. beyond, outside; inside; on a ~

period n. [*portion of time*] 1. a cooling-off; honeymoon (fig.); rest; set; trial; waiting ~ 2. an off-peak; peak; study; transition; transitional; trial ~ 3. an incubation ~ 4. a question-and-answer ~ 5. (sports) an extra ~ 6. a ~ begins; comprises; includes; covers; ends 7. a ~ from; to 8. for a ~ 9. in; throughout: within a certain ~ (in that ~ of history) [*“menstruation”*] 10. to have a ~ 11. a monthly ~ [*“punctuation mark”*] (esp. AE; BE prefers full stop) 12. to place, put a ~ (at the end of a sentence)

periodical n. 1. to publish, put out a ~ 2. to subscribe to, take (BE) a ~ 3. a current ~ (where does the library keep current ~s?) 4. bound ~s 5. a copy; issue of a ~

peripheral adj. ~ to

periphery n. on the ~ (of)

periscope n. 1. to lower; raise a ~ 2. (as commands) ~ down! ~ up!

perish v. (formal) 1. (D; intr.) to ~ by (to ~ by the sword) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ of, from (to ~ of disease) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ in (to ~ in a disaster) 4. (misc.) ~ the thought!

perjury n. to commit ~

perm n. [*“permanent wave”*] 1. to give smb. a ~ to get a ~

permeated adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ with (~ with idealism)

permissible adj. ~ to + inf. (it is not to smoke in the library)

permission n. 1. to give, grant ~ 2. to deny, refuse ~ 3. to apply for, ask, ask for, request, seek ~ 4. to get; have ~ 5. planning ~ (BE; AE has building permit) 6. official; oral, verbal; written ~ for (we applied for and got planning ~ for a new garage) 8. with; without ~ (I can’t go out without my father’s ~) 9. ~ to + inf. (we applied for and got planning ~ to erect a new garage)

permit I n. 1. to give, grant a ~ to cancel, rescind, revoke a ~ 3. to apply for, request, seek a ~ 4. to get; have a ~ 5. a building (AE; BE has planning permission); work ~ 6. an export; import; travel ~ 7. a ~ for (we applied for and got a building ~ for a new garage; have you got a ~ for your gun?) 8. a ~ to + inf. (we applied for and got a building ~ to erect a new garage; have you got a ~ to carry a gun?)

permit II v. 1. (A; usu. without the preposition to) she did not ~ herself time for relaxation 2. (formal) (d; intr.) ~ of (our financial situation ~s of no unnecessary expenditures) 3. (H) we ~ted the children to go to the park 4. (O; can be used with one inanimate object) the doctors ~ them two meals a day; the doctors ~ him two meals a day; she ~ted herself one glass of wine (see also weather permitting at weather)

ermcreeny (esp. BE) see persnickety

perpendicular adj. ~ to

perpetuity n. in (~ “forever”)

perplex v. (R) it ~ed me to learn that they had refused the offer

perplexed adj. 1. ~ about, at, by, over (I was ~ at their refusal of the offer) 2. ~ to + inf. (I was ~ to learn that they had refused the offer) 3. ~ that + clause (I was ~ that they had refused the offer)

perplexing adj. 1. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ to learn that they had refused the offer) 2. ~ that + clause (it was ~ that they had refused the offer)

persecute v. 1. to ~ relentlessly; ruthlessly 2. (D;
tr.) to ~ for (they were ~d relentlessly for their religious beliefs)

persecution n. 1. to suffer ~ 2. relentless; ruthless
~ 3. political; racial; religious ~ 4. ~ for (they suffered relentlessly for their religious beliefs)

perseverance n. 1. to display, show ~ 2. dogged; sheer ~ 3. ~ at, in (~ in doing smt.) 4. the ~ to + inf. (she displayed enough shear ~ to finish)

persevere v. (D: intr.) to ~ at, in (~ in doing smt.)

persist v. (D: intr.) to ~ in, with (~ in doing smt.)

persistence n. 1. to display, show ~ 2. dogged, sheer ~ 3. ~ in (~ in doing smt.) 4. the ~ to + inf. (she displayed enough shear ~ to finish)

persistent adj. 1. doggedly ~ 2. ~ in (doggedly ~ in doing smt.)

persnickety adj. (colloq.) (esp. AE) [%fussy%] ~ about

person n. 1. a juridical; private; real ~ 2. a displaced; missing ~ 3. (legal) a ~ aggrieved; concerned 4. (grammar) the first; second; third ~ 5. as a ~ (she is warm as an actress but cold as a ~) 6. in ~ (to appear in ~) 7. on one’s ~ (can you be arrested for having a gun on your ~?)

personality n. [%famous person%][%celebrity%] 1. a celebrated; media; TV ~ [%behavioral characteristics%] 2. a charismatic, charming, dynamic, forcible, magnetic, striking ~ 3. a domineering; strong ~ (her strong ~ was expressed in the way she spoke) 4. a dual, split; multiple ~ [%misc%] 5. to indulge in ~ties ("to make impolite remarks about people") (see also personality cult = cult of personality at cult)

personnel enlisted (AE; BE has persecuted adj. 1. not entirely ~ (I’m still not entirely ~ of his sincerity) 2. ~ that + clause (we are ~ that our project will succeed)

persuasion n. 1. political ~ 2. religious ~ (what is their religious ~?) (sometimes humorous) (your friend seems to be of the vegetarian ~) 3. powers of ~ (her powers of ~ are (good) enough to convince anyone)

persuasiveness n. the ~ to + inf. (she has enough ~ to convince anyone)

pertain v. (d; intr.) to ~ to (these facts ~ to the case)

pertaining adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ to (facts ~ to the case)

pertinent adj. 1. ~ to (the evidence is not ~ to the case) 2. ~ to + inf. (it’s not ~ to cite such outdated evidence) 3. ~ that + clause (it’s not ~ that she was out of town) 4. (misc.) is it ~ whether she was present at the scene of the crime?

perturb v. (R) it ~ed me (to learn) that she was late again

perturbed adj. 1. ~ about, at, by, over (I was ~ over her repeated lateness) 2. ~ to + inf. (I was ~ to learn that she was late again) 3. ~ that + clause (I was ~ that she was late again)

perturbing adj. 1. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ to learn that she was late again) 2. ~ that + clause (it was ~ that she was late again)

persevere v. (D; intr.) to ~ about; against; for; to (they submitted a ~ for more teachers) 8. a ~ to + inf. (they submitted a ~ (to the city council) to provide more teachers) 9. a ~ that + clause; subj. (they submitted a ~ (to the city council) that more teachers be/should be provided)

petition I n. 1. to circulate, get up a ~ to, file, present, submit a ~ to sign a ~ 4. to grant a ~ 5. to withdraw a ~ 6. to deny, reject a ~ 7. a ~ about; against; for; to (they submitted a ~ to the city council for more teachers to be provided = they submitted a ~ for more teachers) 8. a ~ to + inf. (they submitted a ~ (to the city council) to provide more teachers) 9. a ~ that + clause; subj. (they submitted a ~ (to the city council) that more teachers be/should be provided)

petition II v. 1. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ about; against; for (they ~ed for more teachers = they ~ed the city council for more teachers to be provided) 2. (E)
they ~ed to have more teachers provided 3. (H) they ~ed the city council to provide more teachers 4. (formal) (L; subj.) they ~ed the city council that more teachers be/should be provided
petrol (BE) see gasoline
petty adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of him to do that = it was a ~ thing for him to do)
phalanx n. ["formation"] to form a (solid) ~
pharmacy n. 1. a hospital ~ 2. at, in a ~ (she works down at the ~)
phase n. 1. to begin, enter; reach a ~ 2. to go through a ~ (it’s just a passing ~ he’s going through) 3. a closing, final, last ~ 4. a critical, crucial ~ 5. an early; first, initial, new, opening; passing ~ (the war was entering its final ~) 6. during, in a ~
phoonan n. 1. a brace of ~s 2. a male ~ is a cock 3. a female ~ is a hen 4. a young ~ is a chick
phenomenon n. 1. an isolated, rare ~ 2. a natural ~ 3. a common ~ 4. a new ~ 5. a ~ occurs
philosophical adj. ~ about
philosophize v. (D; intr.) to ~ about
philosophy n. ["belief"] 1. to espouse, have a ~ 2. a homespun; moral; political ~ 3. a ~ underpins smth. (the ~ underpinning his actions) 4. the ~ behind; of (the ~ behind his actions; the ~ of science) 5. ~ that + clause (it was her ~ that people should help each other) 6. (misc.) smb.'s ~ of life
phlegm n. to cough up ~
phobia n. to have a ~ (about)
phone I n. 1. to answer, pick up the ~ 2. to hang up; put down; slam down the ~. (the ~ hung up on me) 3. a ~ is in tune or out of tune
phone II v. see telephone II
phone book n. see telephone directory
phoneme n. (ling.) an independent, separate ~
photo see photograph I
photocopy n. to make a ~
photofinish n. (to end) in a ~
photograph I n. 1. to snap, take a ~ to develop; touch up a ~ 3. to blow up, enlarge a ~ 4. to crop a ~ 5. to mount a ~ 6. an aerial; black-and-white; color; family; group; still ~ (misc.) to be wanted on the ~; to call smb. on the ~; to call smb. to the ~ (see also telephone I)
phone II v. see telephone II
phone book n. see telephone directory
phoneme n. (ling.) an independent, separate ~
photo see photograph I
photocopy n. to make a ~
photofinish n. (to end) in a ~
photograph I n. 1. to snap, take a ~ 2. to develop; touch up a ~ 3. to blow up, enlarge a ~ 4. to crop a ~ 5. to mount a ~ 6. an aerial; black-and-white; color; family; group; still ~ (misc.) to pose for a ~
photograph II v. 1. (J) I ~ed him posing for me 2. (P; intr.) he ~s well
photographer n. an amateur; court; fashion; press; professional ~
photography n. color; still; trick ~
phrase n. 1. to coin; turn a ~ (a good writer knows how to turn a ~ neatly) 2. a choice; well-turned ~ 3. a colloquial; illustrative ~ 4. an empty; glib; hackneyed, stock, trite ~ 5. (grammar) an adjectival; adverbial; adverb; nominal, noun; participial; prepositional; verb ~ 6. (misc.) a turn of ~ (a good writer with a neat turn of ~)
physical, physical examination n. 1. to do, give a ~
2. to get, have a ~ 3. to fail; pass a ~ 4. a complete, thorough ~ (the doctor did a thorough physical ~ of/on the patient, which revealed no signs of disease)
physician n. (esp. AE) 1. an attending; family; house; personal; practicing ~ 2. an allopathic; homeopathic; osteopathic ~ (CE has doctor)
physics n. 1. applied; classical, Newtonian; high-energy; particle; nuclear; quantum; solid-state; theoretical ~ 2. a law of ~ (do all miracles violate the laws of ~?)
physique n. 1. a burly, magnificent, muscular, powerful; slim; stocky; sturdy ~ 2. the ~ of (he has the ~ of a champion) 3. the (right; wrong) ~ to + inf. (he has the (right) ~ to become a champion)
pianist n. a concert; jazz ~
piano n. 1. to play the ~ 2. to tune a ~ 3. a baby grand; (concert) grand; modern; prepared; upright ~ 4. at the, on the; from the ~ (a concerto with Alfred Brendel at the ~; a jazz number with Theloniou Monk on ~; a Mozart concerto with Andras Schiff conducting from the ~) 5. (misc.) to sit at the ~; a ~ is in tune or out of tune
piazza n. ["open square"] in, on a ~
pick I n. ["tool for breaking"] an ice ~
pick II n. (coll.) ["selection, choice"] 1. to take one’s ~ 2. to have one’s ~ (of)
pick III v. 1. (C) ("to select") a nice melon for me; or: ~ me a nice melon 2. (D; tr.) ("to select") to ~ as (they ~ed me as secretary) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ at ("to eat sparingly") (to ~ at one’s food) 4. (d; intr.) ("to scratch") to ~ at (to ~ at a scab) 5. (D; tr.) ("to select") to ~ for (she was ~ed for the team) 6. (D; tr.) ("to select") to ~ from, out of (she ~ed this album from our record library) 7. (coll.) (d; intr.) to ~ on ("to find fault with") (she’s always ~ing on me!) 8. (H) ("to select") they ~ed me to serve as secretary 9. (M) ("to select") they ~ed me to be secretary 10. (N; used with an adjective) the animals ~ed the carcass clean
picketing n. 1. informational; mass ~ to organize ~ (the union organized mass ~ around the factory)
picket line n. 1. to form, organize a ~ (esp. AE) to join, walk a ~ 3. to honor a ~ 4. to cross a ~ 5. in, on (AE) a ~
pickings n. (coll.) ["choice"] easy; lean (AE), slim ~
pickle n. 1. a dill; sour; sweet ~ 2. (BE) mustard ~ 3. (misc.) in a ~ ("in trouble") USAGE NOTE: In the United States, a pickle is a pickled cucumber. In Great Britain, the typical pickle is a thick sauce of pickled vegetables.
pick out v. 1. (C) ~ a nice melon for me, ~ a nice melon out for me; or: ~ me out a nice melon 2. (D; tr.) to ~ as (they ~ed me out as secretary) 3. (D; tr.) ("to select") to ~ for (she was ~ed out for the team) 4. (D; tr.) ("to select") to ~ from (she ~ed out this album from our record library = she ~ed this album out from our record library) 5. (H) they ~ed me
out to serve as secretary 6. (M) they ~ed me out to be secretary

**pick up** v. 1. (C) ~ a nice melon for me at the supermarket; or: ~ me up a nice melon at the supermarket. 2. (d; intr.) to ~ after (“to clean up for”) (I was always ~ing up after them) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ by (I ~ed the knife up by the handle and I ~ed up the knife by the handle). 4. (slang; d; intr.) to ~ on (“to continue”); (“to become aware of”)

**picnic** n. ["outing with a meal"] 1. to go on, have a ~ ["picnic meal"] (BE) 2. to make; pack a ~ ["pleasure"] ["easy task, piece of cake"] (colloq.) 3. a ~ to + inf. (it’s no ~ to work there = it’s no ~ working there)

**picture** n. 1. (C) ~ a nice melon for me at the supermarket; or: ~ me up a nice melon at the supermarket. 2. (d; tr.) to ~ as (can you ~ him as an actor ?! 2. (J) can you ~ him becoming an actor ? 3. the big, larger ~ ("the overall view")

**piece** n. ["in a game"] 1. chess ~s ["(in a game)"], ~ coins ["coin"] 2. a fifty-pence, fifty-penny, fifty-p.; gold; ten-pence, ten-penny, ten-p. ~ ["artistic work"] 3. a collector’s ~ [BE; CE has collector’s item] 4. a conversation ~ 5. a ~ of music ["unit"] 6. by the ~ ["fragment"] 7. to cut, slice smt. into ~s 8. to slice off a ~ of smt. (BE) 9. in a ~ (who played in snap, take a ~ 2. in, on a ~ (BE) 10. ~ by ~ (BE) 11. to draw, paint a ~ 12. a clear; detailed; gloomy, grim; realistic; rosy; vivid ~ 13. a mental ~ 14. a ~ing up after them) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ by (I ~ed the ~s (BE; CE has ~s on the ground) 10. ~ by ~ ["misc."] 11. to go to ~s ("to fall apart") 12. a solid ~ of work ("high-quality work") 13. to give smb. a ~ of one’s mind ("to tell smb. brusquely what one thinks") (see also ~ed through the Senate; they ~ed the refugees to safety)

**piece meal** adv. to do smt. ~

**piece work** n. to do ~

**pig** n. ["hog, swine"] 1. a sucking (BE), suckling (AE) ~ 2. ~s grunt, oink, squeal 3. a young ~ is a piglet, shoth (AE) 4. a female ~ is a sow 5. a male ~ is a boar ["glutton"] (colloq.) 6. to make a ~ of oneself ["misc."] 7. as fat as a ~; to buy a ~ in a poke ("to buy, accept smt. with no previous inspection")

**pigeon** n. 1. a carrier, homing ~ 2. a clay ~ 3. ~s coo; strut 4. a flight, flock of ~

**piggyback** adv. to carry smb. ~ ("to carry smb. on one’s shoulders")

**pigheaded** adj. 1. ~ of (that was ~ of him) 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of him to do that = he was ~ to have done that)

**pig out** v. (slang; D; intr.) to ~ on (to ~ on ice cream)

**pile** n. ["concrete post"] to sink a ~

**pile II** n. ["soft raised surface on a rug"] (a) shaggy; smooth; soft; thick ~

**pile III** n. ["fortune"] (colloq.) 1. to make a ~ ["reactor"] 2. an atomic ~ ["building"] (BE) 3. a stately ~ ["stack"] 4. to put things in/into a ~ ["mass"] 5. a ~ of rubble/rubish

**pile IV** n. 1. (P; tr.) ("to crowd") the children ~d 2. (P; tr.) ("to stack") to ~ wood on the ~ 3. (misc.) to ~ books in a stack 4. (misc.) to ~ books in a stack 5. to be on the ~ 6. the morning-after ~ 7. to be on the ~

**pilfer** v. (D; intr.) to ~ from

**pilgrimage** n. 1. to go on, make a ~ 2. a ~ to (they went on a ~ to Jerusalem) 3. on a ~

**pillar** n. from ~ to post

**pillbox** n. to storm; take a ~

**pillow** n. to fluff up, plump up a ~ (see also ~ case at case I n.; ~ pillow slip at slip I n.; ~ pillow talk at talk I n.)

**pilot I** n. ["person who flies aircraft"] 1. an air-force; airline, commercial; bomber; fighter; glider; helicopter; kamikaze; licensed; test ~ ["person who guides ships into and out of a port"] 2. to drop; take on the ~ 3. a harbor ~ (see also ~ automatic pilot)

**pilot II** v. (P; tr.) ("to guide") the bill was skillfully ~ed through the Senate; they ~ed the refugees to safety

**pin I** n. ["metal fastener"] 1. to stick a ~ into smt. 2. a safety; straight ~ 3. a Bobby ~ (AE: BE has hair grip) 4. a drawing ~ (BE; AE has thumbtack) 5. a ~ of pricks (see also pin-prick at prick I n.) 6. (misc.) the head of a ~ ["tube-shaped implement"] 7. a rolling ~ ["target in bowling"] 8. to spot ("place") ~s ["support"] 9. to insert, put in a ~ (as in hip surgery)
pin II v. 1. (D; tr.) ("to trap") to ~ against (~ned on) n.
  1. to commit ~ 2. air ; literary ~ ; ~ on the
pursuit
pique (in) a fit of ~ n.

pipeline 1. a gas ; oil ~ 2. in a ~ (also fig.) (colloq.) (D ; intr.) to ~ with (she ~d up
v. 1. (D ; tr.) to ~ from ; into, to (to ~ water

pinnacle
1. an imperial ~ 2. by the ~ (to sell milk by
pint
1. to cock a ~ 2. to aim, point ; level a ~ at
pistol
1. copper ; lead ; plastic ~ 2. a length, piece
of ~ 3. to fire a ~ (at) 4. to load; unload a ~ 5. to draw,
whip out a ~ 6. an air ; automatic ; dueling ; starting ;
toy ; water ~ 7. the ~ fired, went off ; jammed ;
misfired
pit I n. 1. to dig a ~ 2. a bottomless ~ 3. a gravel ~
4. a sandpit (for children to play in) (BE ; AE has
sandbox) 5. (misc.) an orchestra ~
pit II v. (d ; tr.) to ~ against (we were ~ed against a formidable
opponent)
pitch I n. ["high-pressure sales talk"] (colloq.) 1. to
deliver a ~ 2. a sales ~ (see also queer smb.'s pitch at
queen II v.) ["blade angle"] 3. a propeller ~ 4.
reverse ~ ["intensity"] 5. a fever ; high ; low ~ (to reach (a) fever ~) 6. at a certain ~ (during the last
weeks of the campaign, activity was at a high ~)
["throw of a baseball or softball"] 7. to throw a ~ 8.
an underhand ~ 9. a wild ~ (to uncork a wild ~)
["playing field"] (BE) 10. a cricket ; football ~ (fans
invaded/rushed onto the ~) 11. off ; on the ~ ["musi-
cal tone"] 12. to give the ~ 13. a high ; low ; musical ~ 14. absolute, perfect ~ (she has perfect ~)
pitch II v. 1. (A) ("to throw") ~ the ball to me ; or : ~
together enthusiastically") (let's all ~ into this job)
pitch in v. (D ; intr.) ("to contribute") to ~ by ; with
they ~ed in by contributing a hundred dollars each ; they ~ed in with a hundred dollars each
pitfall n. 1. to avoid a ~ 2. a hidden ~ 3. a ~ waits
for smb., avoids smb. (try to avoid the hidden ~
awaiting first-time house-buyers)
pitiful adj. ~ to + inf. (it's ~ to see what has
happened)
pittance n. a mere ~
pity n. 1. to arouse ~ (in) 2. to feel ; show ~ 3. to have, take ~ on smb. 4. ~ about ; for 5. a ~ + inf.
it's a real ~ to see what has happened) 6. a ~ that
+ inf. (it's a real ~ to see what has happened) 7. out
of ~ (he agreed out of ~ for her children) 8. (misc.)
for ~s sake ; a sense of ~ ; a beautiful spot – (what a ~) ~ to the weather, though !
pivot v. (d ; intr.) to ~ on (the dancer ~ed on the ball
on board)
place I n. ["space occupied at a table"] 1. to lay (BE), set
(exp. AE) ~ for smb. ["position"] 2. to take smb.'s
~ 3. to change, swap, switch, trade ~s (with) 4. to
keep, save smb.'s ~ 5. to give up, relinquish one's ~
(as to smb. else) 6. to lose one's ~ 7. to fall into ~ 8.
(misc.) to know one's ~ (in life) ; to give up one's ~
in line/in a queue (to smb. else) ; to occupy a promi-
inent ~ in world literature ; to put people in their ~
(he thought he was as good as me – but I soon put
him in his ~) ; please let me show you to your ~
["point in space"] 9. a meeting ~ 10. at, in a ~ (at
the same old ~) ["dwelling"] 11. at smb.'s ~ (let's meet at
your ~ ["appropriate position"] 12. in ; out of ~
evrything was in ~) ["seat"] 13. to take one's ~ (they
took their ~) ["standing in a competition"] 14. to take a ~
(she took second ~ in the competition) (see also
second place) 15. a ~ goes to (first ~ went to Smith)
["duty, function"] 16. smb.'s ~ to + inf. (it's not my ~
to criticize them) ["stage"] ["step"] 17. in a ~ (in the
first ~) ["as at an institution or in a team"] 18. to apply
for, try for; get; have; turn down; turn smb. down for a ~ (she got a ~ at the university of her choice and turned down a ~ at another one) [misc.] 19. to take ~ (“to happen – used typically of a planned occurrence”); to go ~ (“to be successful”); all over the ~ (“everywhere”); in ~ of (“instead of”) (see also birthplace = place of birth at birth; place of worship at worship I n.; workplace)
place II v. 1. (d; tr.) (“to put”) to ~ above (to ~ one’s family above all other concerns) 2. (d; tr.) (“to put”) to ~ at (she ~d her car at our disposal) 3. (d; tr.) (“to present”) to ~ before (to ~ evidence before a grand jury; to ~ a proposal before a committee) 4. (d; tr.) (“to put”) to ~ in (to ~ one’s confidence in smb.) 5. (D; tr.) to ~ with (“to find a home for”) (to ~ a child with a family) 6. (P; tr.) (“to put”) to ~ books on a table 7. (s) she ~d first in the race
placebo n. 1. to administer, give a ~ (misc.) a ~ effect
placed adj. highly ~
plagiarism n. to be guilty of ~
plagiarize v. (D; tr.) to ~ from (she ~d the paragraph from a book)
plague I n. 1. bubonic ~ 2. a ~ spreads 3. an outbreak
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adj. 
plagiarism
n. to be guilty of ~
plaster

v. 1. (d. tr.) ("to cover") to ~ with (they ~ed the walls with notices) 2. (P; tr.) ("to put up") to ~ notices all over the walls; they ~ed notices on every bulletin board

plateau

n. laminated ~

plate n. ["dish"] 1. a cake; dinner; paper; salad; soup ~ 2. on a ~ (they ate all the rice on their ~s) ["plateful"] 3. a ~ of (they ate several ~s of rice) ["denture"] 4. a dental; lower; partial; upper ~ ["tag"] 5. a license (esp. AE), number (BE) ~ ["thin layer"] 6. armor; silver ~ ["container passed around for donations of money"] 7. to pass the ~ 8. a collection ~

plastic

n. laminate ~

plead v. 1. to fervently ~ 2. (d. intr.) to ~ for; with ~ ~ nice song for me; or: ~ me a nice song 3. (d. intr.) ("to compete") to ~ against (to ~ against a strong opponent = to ~ with a strong opponent = to ~ a strong opponent; they ~ed against each other in the final) 4. (D; intr.) ("to amuse oneself") ~ to ~ with (she ~s at being a writer) 5. (d. intr.) ("to gamble") to ~ for (to ~ for money) 6. (d. intr.) ("to perform") to ~ for (for ~s for team) 7. (d. intr.) to ~ for (to ~ attempt to obtain) (to ~ for time) 8. (d. intr.) to ~ on, upon ("to exploit") (to ~ on smb.'s fears) 9. (d. intr.) to ~ into ("to pun") (to ~ on words) 10. (D; tr.) ("to do, make") to ~ on (they ~ed a joke on us; she ~ed a trick on me) 11. (d. intr.) ("to perform") to ~ to (to ~ to a full house) 12. (esp. tennis) (d. intr.) ("to direct one's strokes") to ~ to (to ~ to an opponent's forehead) 13. (D; tr., tr.) ("to amuse oneself (with)") to ~ to (with ~ to the children; to ~ a game with the children) 14. (L) (esp. in children's language) ("to pretend") let's ~ that I'm the teacher and you're the pupil 15. (O; tr.) ("to perform") to ~ smb. for a fool ("to ridicule smb."). ~ed back the tape to us = she ~ed back the tape to us

play I

n. "stage presentation" 1. to direct; do, present, produce, put on, stage; revive; write a ~ 2. to perform; rehearse a ~ 3. to see a ~ 4. to criticize, pan (colloq.); review a ~ 5. an historical; miracle; morality; mystery; one-act; passion; radio; TV ~; screenplay 6. a ~ closes; flops; opens; runs (the ~ ran for two years on Broadway) 7. (misc.) the ~ about the War got rave reviews; the ~ was a (smash) hit ["action, activity"] 8. to bring into ~ (to bring various forces into ~) 9. to come into ~ ["competition, playing"] 10. fair; rough; team ~ (see also foul play) 11. at; in; into; out of ~ (to put the ball into ~; the children were at ~) ["attempt to attract"] (colloq.) 12. to make a ~ for (he made a ~ for her) ["misch" 13. a ~ on words ("a pun"); rain stopped ~ (esp. BE); England were in the lead at close of ~ (see also child's play)

play II

v. 1. ("to compete") to ~ fair; foul; rough 2. (C) ("to perform") ~ a nice song for me; or: ~ me a nice song 3. (d. intr.) ("to compete") to ~ against (to ~ against a strong opponent = to ~ with a strong opponent = to ~ a strong opponent; they ~ed against each other in the final) 4. (D; intr.) ("to amuse oneself") ~ to ~ with (she ~s at being a writer) 5. (d. intr.) ("to gamble") to ~ for (to ~ for money) 6. (d. intr.) ("to perform") to ~ for (for ~s for team) 7. (d. intr.) to ~ for (to ~ attempt to obtain) (to ~ for time) 8. (d. intr.) to ~ on, upon ("to exploit") (to ~ on smb.'s fears) 9. (d. intr.) to ~ into ("to pun") (to ~ on words) 10. (D; tr.) ("to do, make") to ~ on (they ~ed a joke on us; she ~ed a trick on me) 11. (d. intr.) ("to perform") to ~ to (to ~ to a full house) 12. (esp. tennis) (d. intr.) ("to direct one's strokes") to ~ to (to ~ to an opponent's forehead) 13. (D; tr., tr.) ("to amuse oneself (with)") to ~ to (with ~ to the children; to ~ a game with the children) 14. (L) (esp. in children's language) ("to pretend") let's ~ that I'm the teacher and you're the pupil 15. (O; tr.) ("to perform") to ~ smb. for a fool ("to ridicule smb."). ~ed back the tape to us = she ~ed back the tape to us

play around

v. 1. to ~ with (we had to ~ with their various proposals)

play around v. (D; intr.) to ~ with

play back

v. (B) she ~ed the tape back to us = she ~ed back the tape to us

play off v. (d.; tr.) to ~ against ("to set against") (she ~ed one side off against the other = she ~ed off one side against the other)

playoffs

n. to get/go through to the; get into, get to, reach the ~

play up v. (d.; intr.) to ~ to ("to flatten") (to ~ to the boss)

plea

n. 1. to enter, make, put forward a ~ 2. to an~wer, respond to a ~ 3. to deny, reject a ~ 4. (slang) (esp. AE) to cop a ~ ("to plead guilty to a lesser charge") 5. an ardent, emotional, fervent, impassioned, moving, passionate, tearful; urgent 6. to (enter) a guilty ~ (to enter) a ~ of not guilty; more usu. is: to plead guilty; to plead not guilty 7. a ~ of insanity 8. a ~ for (a ~ for mercy) (see also plea bargaining at bargaining)

plead v. 1. to ~ fervently 2. (D; intr.) to ~ for; with ~
plesant adj. 1. ~ to (she is ~ to everyone) 2. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to lie in the sun = it’s ~ lying in the sun; she is ~ to work with = it is ~ to work with her = it is ~ working with her = she is a ~ person to work with)

pleasantry n. to exchange ~tries

please v. 1. to ~ greatly, highly, very much 2. (R) to give smb. a ~ that + clause (we were very ~ that you could accept our invitation) (misc.) a ~ to Punch ("very pleased")

pleasing adj. 1. to ~ greatly, highly, very ~ 2. ~ about, at, by, with (we were very ~ by your acceptance of our invitation) 3. ~ to + inf. (we were very ~ to learn of your acceptance of our invitation; we are ~ to be here; (I’m) ~ to meet you) 4. ~ that + clause (we were very ~ that you could accept our invitation) 5. (misc.) as ~ as Punch ("very pleased")

pleasing adj. ~ to

pleasure n. 1. to afford, give, provide ~ (it gives me great ~ to present the next speaker) 2. to feel ; find, have, require, take ~ (standing up to the boss took a lot of ~) 3. ~ be seated 4. (D) ~ to + inf. (standing up to the boss ~d him ~d into the audience) 5. (misc.) a ~ to + inf. (we were very ~ to learn of your acceptance of our invitation) 3. to fulfill, honor, redeem one’s ~ 4. to go through (~) they ~ded slowly along the road

pledge I n. to make, take a ~ 2. to give smb. a ~s 3. to fulfill, honor, redeem one’s ~ 4. to break, renege on, repudiate, violate a ~ of ~. a broken ~ of ~. a ~ for (it was a clever ~ for getting money) 5. a ~ to + inf. (it was a clever ~ to get money)

pledge II v. 1. (A) she ~d her support to us; or: she ~d us her support 2. (d; tr.) to ~ as (they ~d their assets as collateral/security for the loan) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ to (she was ~d to secrecy) 4. (E) she ~ed not to drink again 5. (H; refl.) she ~ed herself not to drink again 6. (L; to) she ~d (to them) that she would not drink again

plenty determiner, n., pronoun 1. of (~ of money) 2. ~ to + inf. (she gave us ~ to do) 3. (formal) in ~ (to live in ~) 4. (formal) of ~ (a time of ~) (see also plenty more at more II)

pliers n. a pair of ~

plod v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ through ("to go through laboriously") (to ~ through a long reading list) 2. (P; intr.) ("to move") they ~ded slowly along the road

plod away v. (D; intr.) to ~ at (to ~ at one’s job)

plot I n. ("conspiracy") 1. to devise, hatch; weave a ~ to 2. to foil, thwart a ~ to, expose, uncover a ~ 4. a cunning, diabolic(al); sinister ~ 5. a ~ against (to expose a ~ against the government) 6. a ~ to + inf. (to expose a ~ to overthrow the government) ["story"] 7. to build, construct the ~ of (a novel) 8. a contrived; intricate ~ 9. a simple ~ 10. the ~ develops; thickens 11. (misc.) a twist, wrinkle in the ~ (there was an unexpected wrinkle in the ~) (see also plot line at line I n.) ["piece of ground"] 12. a burial, cemetery; garden ~; a ~ of land

plot II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ against, with (to ~ against the government with other conspirators) 2. (E) they ~ted to overthrow the government 3. (Q) they were ~ding how to overthrow the government

plow, plough I n. to pull a ~

plow, plough II v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ into ("to strike") (the racing car skidded and ~ed into the crowd) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ through ("to go through laboriously") (to ~ through a long reading list; to ~ through a crowd; to ~ through deep snow)

plow back, plough back v. (d; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ all profits into the firm)

ploy n. 1. to resort to, use a ~ 2. a clever, ingenious; cynical ~ 3. a ~ fails; works 4. a ~ for (it was a clever ~ for getting money) 5. a ~ to + inf. (it was a clever ~ to get money)

pluck I n. 1. to conduct, have, hold a ~ on (to hold a ~ on the status of a territory) 2. a ~ to + inf. (to hold a ~ to determine the status of a territory) 3. (misc.) to decide (the status of a territory) by ~

pluck II v. 1. (C) ("to pull") ~ a nice flower for me; or: ~ me a nice flower 2. (d; intr.) ("to tug") ~ to ~ at 3. (D; tr.) ("to pull") ~ to ~ from, off (to ~ a flower from a bush; to ~ feathers from a chicken) = to ~ a chicken

plug I n. 1. to install, put in ~ 2. indoor ~ 3. ~ to a socket 2. a ~ fits into a socket

plug II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ against, with (to ~ against the government for mercy) (see also plug line at line I n.) ("word of praise") (colloq.) 4. to put in a ~ for ["miser"] (colloq.) 5. to pull the ~ ("to cut off a life-support system"); to pull the ~ on smt. ("to put an end to smt.") (see also plug hole at hole)

plug III v. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ into (the lamp ~s into this socket so ~ it into the socket now!; to ~ into a computer network; (also fig.) how can young people ~ into the world of work?)

plug away v. (D; intr.) to ~ at ("to work at laboriously") (to ~ at a job)

plumber n. 1. to call (in) a ~ 2. a master ~

plumbing n. 1. to install, put in ~ 2. indoor ~ 3. ~ can leak
plummet v. (d; intr.) to ~ to; towards (to ~ to earth)
plump I adj. pleasingly ~
plump II v. (colloq.) (D; intr.) to ~ for ("to support")
plump down v. (colloq.) (D; refl., intr., tr.) to ~ in, into, on (she ~d herself down into the chair)
plunge I n. ["risk"] (colloq.) 1. to take the ~ ["act of plunging"] 2. to take a ~ 3. a ~ into (to take a ~ into the water)
plunge II v. 1. (d; intr.) ("to throw oneself") to ~ from, off; to (to ~ to one’s death from a cliff) 2. (d; intr.) ("to dive"); ("to rush") to ~ into (to ~ into the water; to ~ into war) 3. (d; tr.) ("to throw"); ("to thrust") to ~ into (the room was ~ed into darkness; to ~ a dagger into smb.’s heart) 4. (d; intr., tr.) ("to throw oneself"); ("to thrust") to ~ through (she ~d through the ice; he ~d the spear through the barrier)
plural n. in the ~
plurality n. by a ~ (AE: to win the election by a ~)
plus n. 1. a big ~ (it was a big ~ in her favor) 2. plus plurality n. by a ~ (AE: to win the election by a ~)
in the ~ n. plural (colloq.) (D; refl., intr., tr.) to ~ in,
plump down (colloq.) (D; intr.) to ~ for ("to plump II v.")
plunge I
plunge II
plummet
poem 1. to compose, write a ~ 2. to memorize; read; recite; scan a ~ 3. a dramatic; epic; heroic; lyric; narrative; prose ~ 4. an anthology; collection of ~
poet n. 1. the ~ laureate (how many ~s laureate have there been?) 2. a poet-in-residence (how many poets-in-residence have there been at this university?) 3. a published ~
poetry n. 1. to compose, write ~ 2. to memorize; read; recite; scan ~ 3. dramatic; epic; heroic; lyric; narrative; romantic ~ 4. an anthology; collection of ~
pogrom n. to carry out; instigate; organize a ~
point I n. ["location, position, place, spot"] 1. to arrive at, reach a ~ 2. an assembly; rallying ~ 3. a central; focal; salient; vantage ~ 4. an entry; crisis; flash; jumping-off; starting; turning ~ 5. a cutoff; fixed ~ 6. an acupuncture; pressure ~ 7. a vanishing ~ 8. the ~ of no return 9. at a ~ (at that ~ in history; at this ~ in time (considered a cliché)) 10. for a ~ (for all ~s east) 11. from; to a ~ (from this ~ to that ~) ["level"] ["degree"] 12. to arrive at, reach a ~ 13. a high; low ~ (she has reached the high ~ in/ of her career) 14. the boiling; freezing; melting ~ (see also boiling-point; freezing-point; melting-point; turning point) 15. the breaking; saturation ~ 16. up to a ~, to a ~ (AE) (to a certain ~ they are right) ["step, stage"] 17. at, on the ~ (they were on the ~ of leaving; the commissioners were at a delicate ~ in the negotiations) ["argument"]["topic"] 18. to bring up, make, raise a ~ to argue, debate; cover, discuss; emphasize, stress, underscore; explain; illustrate; keep to; prove, win; review a ~ 20. to belabor, labor; strain, stretch a ~ 21. to drive, hammer, press a ~ home = press home a ~; to make one’s ~; to get a ~ across 22. to concede, yield a ~ 23. a controversial; crucial; debating; fine; major; minor; moot; (unique) selling; sore; sticking; subtle; talking; telling ~ 24. a ~ comes up (the same ~ has come up several times) 25. the ~ that + clause (she made the ~ that further resistance was useless) 26. beside the ~ (her remarks were beside the ~) 27. on a ~ (on that ~ we disagree) 28. to the ~ (to speak to the ~; she was brief and to the ~) 29. (misc.) to come to the ~ ~ by ~; ~ a ~ ("having a convincing argument") ["core, essence"] 30. to get, see the ~ (she never did see the ~ of the joke) 31. to come to, to get to the ~ 32. to miss the ~ (we missed the ~ of the story) ["emphasis"] 33. to make a ~ of (he made a ~ of repeating her name several times = he made it a ~ to repeat her name several times) ["distinguishing feature"] 34. smb.’s bad, weak; good, strong ~s ["punctuation mark"] 35. a decimal; exclamation (AE) ~ ["scoring unit"] 36. to score a ~ (also fig.) to rack up ~s 37. to shave ~s ("to manipulate the results of a contest for illegal purposes") 38. (esp. tennis) a game; match; set ~ 39. to rack up ~s 40. (boxing) on ~s (to win on ~s) ["punctuation mark"] 41. of ~ of (in ~ of law; in ~ of fact) ["aim, object, purpose, reason"] 42. to get, see the ~ 43. to have a ~ 44. a ~ in (there is no ~ in complaining = there is no ~ complaining) 45. a ~ to (there is no ~ to your complaining) 46. (misc.) "what’s the ~?" the ~ (the whole) ~ is that our party cannot win the election" ["tapered end"] 47. a sharp ~ (this pencil has a sharp ~) ["socket"] (BE) 48. a cooker; mains; power ~ ["misc"] 49. at the ~ of a gun ~ at gunpoint; a Brownie ~ (colloq.) ["ingratiation in the eyes of a superior"] (to get/make Brownie ~s) a case in ~ ("a pertinent case"); a ~ of order; the cardinal ~s of the compass; the speaker kept wandering off the ~; stocks have risen (by) several (percentage) ~s (see also point of view; standpoint; vantage point; viewpoint)}
point II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ at, to, towards ("to draw attention to") (she ~ed at me) 2. (d; tr.) ("to aim") to ~ at (to ~ a gun at smb.) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ to ("to cite") (they ~ed to poverty as a major problem; the evidence ~s to him as the criminal) 4. (P; intr., tr.) ("to aim, direct") the needle ~s north; to ~ a boat downstream; she ~ed the muzzle towards the door (see also point the way to smt. at way)

pointers n. ["advice"] 1. to give smb. ~ on 2. to ask for; get ~ on

pointless adj. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ (for you) to complain = it’s ~ (your) complaining)

point of view n. 1. to have, hold a ~ 2. a fresh; optimist, positive ~ 3. a negative, pessimist ~ 4. a ~ that + clause (he explained his ~ that taxes should be increased) 5. from smb.’s ~ (from his ~, taxes should be increased) (see also view I n. : viewpoint)

point out v. 1. (B) she ~ed out the sights to us = she ~ed the sights out to us 2. (L; to) they were at pains to ~ out (to us) that such investments would be risky 3. (Q; to) I ~ed out to them where I work

poise I n. 1. to keep, maintain one’s ~ 2. to lose ; adj. poised

poise II n.

pointless

points n.

poke II

1. (d; intr.) to ~ at ("to jab") (he kept ~ing)

2. (d; tr.) to ~ through (to ~ a hole through a wall) 6. (P; tr.) ("to thrust")

3. to ~ a head through a window 7. (misc.) to ~ fun at smb.

poke about see poke around

poke around v. (coll.) (D; intr.) to ~ in ("to look through") (stop ~ing around in my desk)

poker n. to play ~

polarization n. ~ between (there is increasing ~ of the two ethnic communities into opposing camps)

polarize v. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ into (the two ethnic communities have increasingly been ~d into opposing camps)

pole I n. ["long slender shaft"] 1. to put up a ~ 2. a breakaway; fishing; ski; tent; totem ~ 3. a flagpole; telegraph; telephone (AE); utility (AE) ~

pole II n. ["end of the earth’s axis"] 1. the North ; South Pole (a camp was set up at the North Pole) 2. a celestial; magnetic ~ ["terminal of a battery"] 3. a negative; positive ~ ["misc"] 4. ~s apart; or: at opposite ~s ("diametrically opposed")

police

n. 1. to call the ~ 2. border; campus (US); city, municipal; local; military; mounted; riot; secret; security; state ~ 3. (misc.) the ~ are investigating the crime, have detained and are questioning several suspects, have made no arrests, but are appealing for witnesses; however, a man is helping ~ with their enquiries (BE) (see also police brutality at brutality; police chief at chief; police department at department; police presence at presence)

policeman n. 1. a military ~ (abbreviated as MP) 2. see police officer

policewoman see police officer

policy I n. ["plan"] ["principle"] 1. to adopt, establish, formulate, set a ~ 2. to adhere to, follow, pursue a ~ 3. to carry out, implement a ~. to develop, form, frame, make, shape a ~ (see also policymaker at maker) 5. to change, modify, revise a ~ 6. to violate a ~ 7. a clear, clear-cut; prudent; sound, wise ~ 8. a friendly; open-door ~ 9. a conciliatory; flexible ~ 10. a cautious; deliberate; established, firm, set ~ 11. a controversial; divisive; foolish; ill-conceived; rigid; wait-and-see ~ 12. a scorched-earth ~ 13. a long-range, long-term; short-range, short-term ~ 14. an official; standard ~ 15. an established; written ~ 16. (a) company; personnel ~ 17. (a) domestic; economic; educational; financial, fiscal, monetary; foreign; government, public; military; national; population; social; tax ~ 18. a ~ on, towards 19. a ~ to + inf. (it is our established ~ to treat everyone fairly) 20. a ~ that + clause; subj. (it is our established ~ that everyone be/should be/is (BE) treated fairly)

policy II n. ["contract for insurance"] 1. to take out a ~ 2. to issue, write up a ~ 3. to reinstatement a ~ 4. to cancel a ~ 5. an endowment; homeowner’s; insurance; lifetime; straight life; term ~ 6. a ~ matures (see also policy-holding at holder) ["contract"] 7. a service ~ (we have a service ~ for all of our major appliances)

polio, poliomyelitis n. ["infantile paralysis"] 1. to contract, develop, get; have ~ 2. to prevent ~

polish n. ["gloss"] 1. to apply ~ 2. floor; French (BE); furniture; shoe; silver ~ 3. nail ~ (BE also has nail varnish)

polite adj. 1. ~ to (interrupting people who are speaking is not ~ to them) 2. ~ to + inf. (it is not ~ to interrupt someone who is speaking; it was not ~ of them not to respond)

politeness n. 1. studied ~ 2. ~ to 3. out of ~ (he did it out of ~ to her)
politic adj. ["expedient"] to + inf. (it would not be ~ to get involved in their affairs)
political fences n. ["political standing"] to mend one’s ~
politician n. an astute, shrewd; crafty, crooked, cunning, scheming, wily; glib; great; hack; honest; prominent; senior ~
politics n. 1. to go into ~ 2. to play ~ 3. to talk ~ 4. consensus; electoral; identity; local; parish; pump (BE); national; partisan; party; pork-barrel; power; practical; sexual ~
poll n. 1. to carry out, conduct, take a ~ 2. an exit ~ (of voters leaving the voting booths) 3. a straw ("unofficial") 4. a public-opinion ~ 5. a national, nationwide ~ 6. a ~ among, of (to conduct a ~ among students) 7. in a ~ (their strong feelings came out in several ~s; he’s leading in all the ~s) (see also polls; poll rating at rating)
pollination n. cross ~
polls n. 1. to go to the ~ (in order to vote) 2. the ~ close; open (at a certain time) 3. at the ~ (to be defeated at the ~) (see also poll)
pollution n. 1. to cause; control ~ 2. air; environmental; light; noise, sound; water ~
polo n. 1. to play ~ 2. water ~
polyandry n. to practice ~
polygamy n. to practice ~
polygraph test n. 1. to administer, give a ~ 2. to subject smb. to a ~ 3. to take, undergo a ~ 4. to fail; pass a ~
polyneuropathy n. 1. to remove a ~ 2. a benign; malignant ~
polygamy n. 1. to drain a ~ 2. a deep; shallow; stagnant ~ 3. a duck; fish ~
polish v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ as (to ~ smb. as a hero) 2. (d; tr.) to do; draw; paint; retouch a ~ 2. to ~ 1. to do; draw; paint; retouch a ~ 2. to ~
portrait n. 1. an indoor; outdoor; paddling (BE), wading (AE); swimming ~ ["small body of water"] 2. a deep; empty; shallow; stagnant ~ (see also in a pool of blood at blood)
pool I n. ["joint enterprise"] 1. to form a ~ 2. a car; stenographic (AE), typing ~ ["group of vehicles"] 3. a motor ~ ["total of money bet by gamblers"] 4. a football ~ (BE has the pools) ["billiards"] 5. to play, shoot ~ ["stock, supply"] 6. a gene ~
pool II n. ["basin"] 1. an indoor; outdoor; paddling (BE), wading (AE); swimming ~ ["small body of water"] 2. a deep; empty; shallow; stagnant ~ (see also in a pool of blood at blood)
pools see pool I n.
poor adj. 1. ~ at (the country is ~ at exploiting its natural resources) 2. ~ in (the country is ~ in natural resources) 3. (misc.) rich and ~ (alike)
pop I adv. (colloq.) to go ~ ("to make a short explosive sound")
pop II v. (P; instr., tr.) we have to ~ into the store for a minute; ~ your head out of the window and see if it’s raining; ~ to ~ (a)round the corner; could you ~ this thermometer in your mouth for me, please?
popular adj. 1. ~ as (she was ~ as a nightclub singer) 2. ~ among, with (she was ~ with teenagers) 3. ~ for (she was ~ for her singing)
popularity n. 1. to acquire, gain, win ~ 2. to enjoy ~ 3. to lose ~ 4. declining; great; growing, increasing ~ 5. ~ declines, slips; grows, increases ~ 6. ~ among, with; as; for (she enjoyed ~ great with teenagers as a singer)
populated adj. 1. densely, heavily; sparsely, thinly ~ 2. by, with (an area densely ~ with both people and wildlife)
population n. 1. a decreasing, shrinking; dense; excess, overflow; expanding, growing, increasing, rising; sparse; stable; transient ~ 2. an aging; civilian; foreign-born; indigenous; local; native-born; rural; urban ~ (see also population control at control; a population explosion at explosion; population level(s) at level)
porch n. 1. (AE) a back; front ~ (BE uses veranda) 2. (AE) a sun ~ (BE has sun lounge) 3. (AE) a screened, screened-in ~ (BE uses veranda) 4. (BE) a church ~ 5. in, on a ~
pore v. (d; intr.) to ~ over (~ to examine") (to ~ over a document)
pores n. blocked, clogged, closed; open ~
pork n. 1. to roast ~ 2. roast ~ 3. a loin; piece, slice of ~
pornography, porn n. 1. to pedal ~ 2. explicit, hard-core; soft, soft-core ~
poison n. 1. a school of ~s 2. a young ~ is a calf 3. a female ~ is a cow 4. a male ~ is a bull
porridge n. (esp. BE) 1. to cook, make, prepare ~ 2. a bowl of ~ 3. (misc.) (BE; slang) to do ~ ("to spend time in prison")
port I n. ["harbor"] 1. to clear, leave ~ 2. to come into, make, reach ~ ("to arrive at a port") 3. to call at a ~ 4. a fishing; free; home ~ 5. in; into ~ (to put into ~) 6. (misc.) a ~ of call; a ~ of entry; any ~ in a storm (~"(take) whatever help is available in an emergency")
port II n. ["type of wine"] ruby; tawny; vintage ~
portfolio n. ["a set of shares"] 1. an investment ~ ["area of responsibility of a government minister"] 2. a minister without ~
portion n. 1. a generous; individual; small ~ (of) 2. equal ~s (of) ~ (at a certain time) 3. at the ~ (to be defeated at the ~) 4. consensus; electoral; identity; local, parochial; power; practical; sexual ~
portray v. 1. (d; tr.) they ~ed out the food to the needy ~ they ~ed out the food to the needy ~ they ~ed out the food to the needy = they ~ed out the food to the needy
portrait n. 1. a woman ~; a man ~; a group ~; a president ~; a self-portrait ~
port out v. (B) they ~ed out the food to the needy ~ the artist ~ed them looking out at the sea
pose I n. to assume, strike; hold a ~
pose II v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ as ("to pretend to be")
possess v. (H) what ever ~ed you to do it?

possessions n. 1. smb.’s earthy; material; personal ~ 2. smb.’s cherished; priceless; valuable ~ 3. a country’s overseas/colonial ~

possibility n. 1. to consider, entertain; face; raise a ~ 2. to discount, dismiss, eliminate, exclude; rule out a ~ 3. a distinct, good, real, strong ~ 4. a remote, slim ~ 5. little; no ~ 6. a ~ of (there is a strong ~ of snow but no ~ of sunshine) 7. a ~ that + clause (there’s a strong ~ that it will snow) 8. (misc.) within the realm of ~; to reject a ~ out of hand

possible adj. 1. easily, perfectly, very; humanly ~ 2. ~ for (anything is ~ for them) 3. ~ to + inf. (it is not ~ for them to predict the future; it is not ~ to control that child) 4. ~ that + clause (it is ~ that we will be able to attend)

post I n. [*posture*] 1. to assume, take; change a ~ 2. an awkward, uncomfortable; comfortable ~ (standing in an uncomfortable ~) 3. a kneeling; lotus; lying; prone; reclining; sitting; squatting; standing; straddle, straddling; supine; upright ~ 4. the fetal, foetal ~ (*attitude*). 5. to adopt, assume; take a ~ 6. a controversial; extreme; extremist; firm; flexible; hostile; middle-of-the-road, moderate; radical; strong; uncompromising; untenable; weak ~ 7. an official; unofficial ~ 8. a ~ on (to take a ~ on foreign aid) 9. a ~ that + clause (they took the ~ that further aid would be useless) [*site*] 10. to attack, overrun, storm a ~ 11. to consolidate; hold, maintain; occupy, take up; regain a ~ 12. to give up, lose, relinquish, surrender, yield a ~ 13. a defensive; dominant; enemy; favorable; fortified; impregnable; key; powerful, strong; unfortified; untenable, vulnerable, weak ~ (*place*) [*situation*] 14. to occupy, take a ~ 15. to jockey for, maneuver for ~ 16. an embarrassing; ludicrous; unenviable ~ 17. a dominant; enviable; high, leading, pre-eminent; prominent; monopoly; responsible; unique ~ (to occupy a prominent ~) 18. a legal; political; social ~ 19. a ~ to + inf. (we may be in a ~ to help you) 20. from a certain ~ (they negotiated from a ~ of strength) 21. in a ~ (she is in a ~ to know) 22. (misc.) a ~ of power; a ~ of strength; a ~ of weakness [*proper place*] 23. in ~ (the players were in ~) 24. out of ~ [*job*] 25. to create a (new) ~ 26. to apply for, look for, seek a ~ 27. to find, get, land, take; have a ~ 28. to fill a ~ 29. to hold, hold down a ~ 30. to give up, quit; resign from a ~ 31. to lose a ~ 32. a demanding ~ 33. a permanent; temporary ~ 34. a teaching; tenured; tenure-track ~ 35. a government; official ~ 36. a managerial; senior ~ 37. a ~ as; in; with (she holds a responsible ~ as an executive secretary in/w ith a law firm) [*misc*] 38. “which ~ does he play?” “shortstop”; (as in chess) a drawn; losing; winning ~ (*see also position paper* at paper)

position II v. 1. (H) they ~ed the bomb to go off when the first car reached the gate 2. (P; refl., tr.) I ~ed myself near the entrance; observers were ~ed along the ridges

positive adj. 1. ~ about, of (they were ~ of the outcome) 2. ~ that + clause (they were ~ that their party would win) (see also test positive at test II)

post I v. (formal) (L) her book ~s that the soul and the spirit are distinct

post II v. (BE) she ~ed me the book 2. (D; tr.) to ~ from; to (the letter was ~ed from London to Edinburgh) (AE has mail II)

post III n. [*station*] 1. a command; listening; observation; trading ~ [*place of duty*] [*job, position*] 2. to leave; quit; take (up) a ~ (he left his ~ as CEO of a multinational to take up one with an NGO) 3. at one’s ~ (he remained at his ~ until the end; to be as sleep at one’s ~)

post IV v. 1. (esp. BE) (d; tr.) (*to assign*) to ~ to (she was ~ed to Berlin) 2. (P; tr.) (*to place, position*) they ~ed him at the gate; I was ~ed near the door

post V n. [*pole*] 1. a starting ~ (at a horse race) 2. (misc.) from pillar to ~ (*from one situation to another without letup*); (BE) to pip at the ~ (*to overtake and defeat at the very end*) (see also last post)

postage n. 1. to pay the ~ 2. the return ~ 3. ~ due; ~ for; ~ paid 4. (misc.) ~ and packing

postcard n. 1. to send a ~ 2. to drop smb. a ~ 3. a picture ~ 4. on a ~

posted adj. to keep smb. ~

poster n. 1. to mount, put up a ~ 2. to take down a ~ 3. a campaign ~ 4. on a ~

posterior adj. (formal) [*after, later*] ~ to

posternity n. preserved for ~

postgraduate work n. to do ~

posting n. (esp. BE) 1. to accept, get; refuse, turn down; take up a ~ 2. a ~ to (she managed to get a ~ to Berlin)

postmaster n. the ~ general

postmortem n. to do, hold, perform a ~ (on) (to perform a ~ on the murder victim) (also fig.) (to do a ~ on the failed project)

postpone v. 1. to ~ indefinitely 2. (D; tr.) to ~ to, until (the concert has been ~d (from Monday) to
Wednesday) 3. (G) they ~d holding the concert because of the weather 4. (misc.) the concert has been ~d (for) two days because of the weather

**postscript n.** 1. to add a ~ 2. a ~ to

**postulate I n.** (formal) a ~ that + clause (their ~ that the collision had been caused by fog proved to be true)

**postulate II v.** (formal) (L) they ~d that the collision had been caused by fog

**posture I n.** 1. to adopt, assume; maintain a ~ 2. a bad; erect, upright; good; slouching ~ 3. a defense; political ~

**posture II v.** (D; intr.) (“to pretend”) to ~ as

**pot I n.** 1. (fig.) a melting ~ 2. a pepper ~ (BE; AE positions) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ into (I've been trying to do my power walking)

**pot II n.** (colloq.) ["marijuana"] to smoke ~

**potato n.** 1. to bake; boil; fry; mash; peel; roast; sauté ~es 2. a baked, jacket (esp. BE) ~ 3. a baking; sweet ~ 4. chopped (BE), French-fried (AE) ~ scalloped ~es 5. mashed ~es, mashed ~ (esp. BE) 6. (misc.) a couch ~ (who sits around all the time watching TV)

**potential n.** 1. to develop; realize, reach one’s (full) ~ 2. to have (great) ~ 3. a ~ as; for (to reach one’s full ~ as a musician; to have the ~ for true greatness) 4. ~ to + inf. (to have the ~ to achieve true greatness)

**potent I n.** a love; magic; sleeping ~

**potluck n.** ["whatever is offered (esp. to eat)"] to take ~

**potshot n.** (colloq.) ["critical remark"] to take a ~

**potter v.** (BE; AE has putter) 1. (d; intr.) to ~ about (to ~ about the house) 2. (misc.) he loves ~ing about in his garden

**pottery n.** to glaze ~

**potty adj.** (colloq.) ["crazy"] ~ about

**pouch n.** 1. an ammunition; tobacco ~ 2. (a) diplomatic ~ (the top-secret letter was sent by diplomatic ~) (AE; BE has diplomatic bag)

**poultice n.** to apply a ~ (to)

**pounce v.** (d; intr.) to ~ on, upon (the cat ~d on the mouse)

**pound I n.** ["enclosure"] a dog ~

**pound II v.** 1. (d; intr.) to ~ against, at (to ~ at the door; the enemy’s artillery was ~ing (away) at our positions) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ into (I’ve been trying to ~ some facts into their heads) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ on (to ~ on a table)

**pound III n.** 1. a ~ sterling 2. a falling; rising; strong; weak ~ (the international markets experienced difficulties with the falling ~) 3. (misc.) the dollar was strong against the ~ (see also pound sign at sign I n.)

**pour v.** 1. (C) she ~ed (out) a cool drink for me; or: she ~ed me (out) a cool drink 2. (d; intr.) to ~ down (tears ~ed down her cheeks) 3. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ from (blood ~ed (out) from the gaping wound; she ~ed (out) the solution from the large flask into the even larger one = she ~ed the solution (out) from the large flask into the even larger one) 4. (d; tr., intr.) to ~ into (water ~ed (out) into the pit) 5. (d; tr., tr.) to ~ out of (blood ~ed out of the gaping wound; the water ~ed out of the tank into the street; the spectators ~ed out of the stadium onto the parking lot) 6. (d; tr.) to ~ over (to ~ gravy over meat) (see also pour out one’s heart to heart)

**pout v.** (D; intr.) to ~ about, at

**poverty n.** 1. to breed ~ (illiteracy breeds ~) 2. to alleviate; eliminate, eradicate, wipe out ~ 3. abject, dire, extreme, grinding, severe ~ 4. ~ of (his work exhibits a certain ~ of invention) 5. in ~ to live in grinding ~

**poverty line n.** above; below the ~ (many people live below the ~)

**powder n.** 1. to put on ~ 2. baby; dusting; face; talcum ~ 3. baking; curry; garlic ~ 4. bleeding; scouring ~ 5. tooth ~ 6. gunpowder; smokeless ~

**power n.** ["authority"] 1. to assume, gain, take; concentrate, consolidate; exercise, have, hold, wield; share ~ 2. to abuse; seize usurp ~ 3. to delegate; give up, relinquish; lose; transfer ~ 4. emergency; executive; political ~ 5. discretionary ~s 6. ~ over (they seized ~ over several provinces) 7. the ~ to + inf. (the prime minister has the ~ to dissolve parliament) 8. in; into; out of ~ (the government in ~; to come into ~ and go out of ~ again) 9. (misc.) the ~ behind the throne; the corridors of ~ (where the real decisions are made); does ~ really rest with/reside in the people? ["dominance"] 10. the balance of ~ (see also balance of power) 11. to have smb. in one’s ~ 12. absolute ~ 13. ~ corrupts ("Power tends to corrupt and absolute ~ corrupts absolutely.") – Lord Acton, 1834–1902 ["nation"] 14. the great, world ~s; a superpower 15. (the) warring ~s 16. a colonial; foreign; industrial; occupying ~ ("capability") 17. to develop one’s ~s (of observation) 18. bargaining; earning; purchasing ~ 19. curative, healing; recuperative ~ 20. psychic; supernatural ~ 21. in, within smb.’s ~ (I tried to do everything in my ~ for her but unfortunately it was not within my ~ to help) (see also staying power) ["military force, police force"] 22. air; military; naval, ["military force, police force"] 23. fire ~ 24. to provide ~ for; turn on the ~ 25. to cut off, turn off the ~ 26. to consume; lose; waste ~ 27. to conserve ~ 28. to harness ~ (to harness solar ~) 29. atomic, nuclear; electric; geothermal; hydroelectric; kinetic; renewable; solar; steam; water; wind ~ 30. sources of ~ 31. (misc.) (AE) a ~ outage ("failure") ["motive force"] 32. under one’s own ~ ["exponent"] (math.) 33. to raise to a ~ (to raise five to the third ~ and get 125) (see also power dressing at dressing; power walking at walking)
powerless adj. ~ to + inf. (I tried to do everything in my power for her but unfortunately I was ~ to help)

power of attorney n. 1. to give, grant a ~ to notarize a ~ to hold a ~. a ~ to + inf. (we had a ~ to conduct her business)
powwow n. (colloq.) ["conference"] to hold a ~ (with)
pox n. ["plague"] a ~ on

practicable adj. ["feasible"] ~ to + inf. (it was not ~ to put up a new building there)

practical adj. ["realistic"] 1. ~ about; in ["sensible"] 2. ~ to + inf. (it is not ~ to live in one city and work in another)

practice I practise n. ["habit"] 1. to make a ~ of smt. 2. a common, normal, standard, usual ~ 3. a local; universal, widespread ~ 4. a ~ to + inf. (it was her ~ to drink a glass of wine every evening) ["exercise"] 5. to get; have; need ~ (we have ~ today at four o'clock) 6. target ~ 7. ~ at, in (~ at tying knots) 8. the ~ to + inf. (I've had enough ~ to pass the test) 9. in; out of; with ~ (since they closed the gym, I've been out of ~ but I hope to improve with more ~) ["professional activity"] 10. to have one's own ~; join; leave, resign from; start a ~ 11. (a) law; legal; medical; nursing; professional ~ (she joined their legal ~ and became a partner before leaving that ~ to start one of her own) 12. (of doctors) (a) family, general ~ 13. (of doctors) (a) group; private ~ (they went into private ~) 14. a lucrative ~ ["application"] 15. in; into ~ (to put a theory into ~; in theory and in ~) ["method of conducting business"] 16. best ~ (adopt/generate best ~ throughout the whole industry) 17. sharp, unethical, unfair, unscrupulous ~s 18. (esp. AE) fair-trade ~s USAGE NOTE: In Great Britain, private practice refers to a practice that is not under the National Health Service.

practice II practise v. 1. (d; intr.) ("to work") to ~ as (to ~ as a lawyer) 2. (D; intr.) ("to train") to ~ at (for ~ at batting the ball for the major-league try-outs) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ on (you can ~ mouth-to-mouth resuscitation on me) 4. (G) the boy ~d batting the ball

practitioner n. a family, general; nurse; private ~

prairie n. 1. a rolling; treeless; windswept ~ 2. across; on the ~

praise I n. 1. to earn, merit; get, receive, win ~ 2. to bestow, heap, lavish ~ on smb. 3. to give ~ to smb. 4. to sing smb.'s ~ 5. faint; fulsome, unctuous; glowing, high, lavish, strong, unrestrained, unstinting; universal ~ 6. ~ as; from; for (she got ~ for her work from everyone; she got ~ from everyone as an outstanding worker) 7. beyond ~ (are Shakespeare's plays so good as to be beyond ~?) 8. in ~ of 9. (misc.) a chorus; paean of ~

praise II v. 1. to ~ highly, strongly, to the skies 2. (D; tr.) to ~ as; for (everyone ~d her for her work; everyone ~d her work as outstanding; everyone ~d her as an outstanding worker)

praiseworthy adj. (formal) ~ to + inf. (it is ~ to do volunteer work)

pram n. (BE) 1. to push, wheel a ~ (AE has baby carriage, carriage) 2. in a ~

prance v. (P; intr.) to ~ around the room

prank n. 1. to play a ~ on smb. 2. a childish; cruel, mean, wanton; foolish; harmless; innocent; mischievous ~

prate see prattle

pratfall n. ["an embarrassing failure"] to take a ~

prattle v. 1. to ~ endlessly 2. (D; intr.) to ~ (on about (he ~d on endlessly about his operation)

pray v. 1. to ~ aloud; devoutly, fervently; silently 2. (D; intr.) to ~ for; to (she ~ to God for pardon for her transgressions) 3. (E) she ~d (to God) to be pardoned for her transgressions 4. (H) she ~d (to God) that she would be pardoned for her transgressions 5. (L; to) she ~d (to God) that she would be pardoned for her transgressions 6. (L; may have an object) she ~d (God) that she would be pardoned for her transgressions 7. (misc.) we hope and ~ that she will be forgiven (see also pray tell at tell II v.)

prayer n. 1. to chant; offer; say; utter a ~ 2. to answer; hear a ~ 3. a devout, fervent, solemn ~ 4. a silent ~ 5. (a) communal; daily; evening; morning ~ 6. a ~ for, of (she offered a ~ (to God) for pardon for her transgressions; a ~ of repentance) 7. a ~ that + clause; subj. (she offered a prayer (to God) that she be/would be pardoned for her transgressions) 8. in ~ (the group was deep in ~ when we entered) 9. (misc.) the answer to all our ~s (see also prayer meeting at meeting)

preach v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ about (he's always ~ing (to us) about one thing or another) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ against (to ~ against sin) 3. (colloq.) (D; intr.) to ~ at (stop ~ing at me!) 4. (D; intr.) to ~ to (to ~ one's congregation) 5. (L; to) to ~ to (us) that the end of the world is near 6. (misc.) to ~ to the converted

preacher n. an itinerant; lay ~

preamble n. a ~ to

precaution n. 1. to take ~s 2. elaborate ~s 3. a wise ~ (you should take the wise ~ of consulting a lawyer) 4. health; safety; security ~s 5. a ~ against 6. a ~ to + inf. (it would be a wise ~ (for you) to consult a lawyer) 7. as a ~ (it would be wise (for you) to consult a lawyer just as a precaution)

precedence n. 1. to have, take ~ over 2. to give ~ to

precedent n. 1. to create, establish, set a ~ 2. to cite a ~ 3. to break (a) ~ 4. a dangerous ~ 5. a ~ for 6. without ~

precept n. a ~ that + clause (we adhere to the ~ that all criminals can be rehabilitated)

preceptor n. a ~ to

precinct n. a pedestrian (BE); police (AE); shopping (BE); voting ~

precious adj. ~ to

precipitate v. (d; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ a country into war)
precipitation

precise adj. ~ about; in

precision n. 1. great, utmost; military; surgical; unerring, unflagging ~ 2. ~ in (unflagging ~ in handling the instruments is required for this task) 3. with ~ (it must be done with the utmost ~)

preclude v. (formal) 1. (d; tr.) to ~ from (that will ~ us from having to do it again) 2. (K) that will ~ our having to do it again

precondition n. to set ~s (for)

precursor n. a ~ of, to

predecessor n. smb.'s immediate ~

predetermine v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ her for greatness) 2. (H) fate ~d her to go far in life

predictable adj. ~ that + clause (it was ~ that she was to go far in life)

predicament n. 1. an awkward; dire ~ (to get into an awkward ~) 2. in a ~

predicate v. (d; tr.) (“to base”) to ~ on, upon (to ~ a theory on certain facts)

predict v. 1. (K) nobody could have ~d his running v.

prediction n. 1. to make a ~ 2. a dire, gloomy, unfavorable ~ 3. a favorable ~ 4. a ~ that + clause (she made a ~ that their party would win the election) 5. a ~ comes true

predilection n. a ~ for

predispose v. (formal) 1. (d; tr.) to ~ to (she ~d her for greatness) 2. (H) what ~d her to go far in life

predisposed adj. (cannot stand alone) 1. ~ for, to (~ for greatness; ~ to glory) 2. ~ to + inf. (she was ~ to go far in life) 3. ~ that + clause (it was ~ that she was to go far in life)

predisposition n. 1. a ~ to, towards (a ~ to violent behavior) 2. a ~ to + inf. (~ to behave violently)

predominance n. 1. ~ in 2. ~ over (their ~ over everyone in the arts and sciences)

predominant adj. 1. ~ in 2. ~ over (they're ~ over everyone in the arts and sciences)

prefix I adj. ~ over

prefer v. 1. (D; tr.) (“to bring”) to ~ against (to ~ charges against smb.) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ to (she ~s fish to meat) 3. (E) we ~ to remain at home 4. (G) we ~ remaining at home 5. (H; no passive) I'd ~ you to remain at home (esp. BE); I'd ~ for you to remain at home (esp. AE) = what I'd ~ is for you to remain at home = I'd ~ it if you remained at home. (K) I would ~ your remaining at home 7. (L; subj.) I ~ that you not go out / should not go out / don't go out (esp. BE) 8. (M) I ~ my coffee to be hot 9. (N) I ~ my coffee hot 10. (misc.) we (very) much ~ remaining at home and not going out 1. in ~ remaining at home (very) much to be ~red to / over going out

USAGE NOTE: This verb can be used in several ways to express preference – I prefer walking to riding; I prefer to walk rather than (to) ride; I prefer not to ride.

preference n. 1. to give ~ (to they gave ~ to veterans over non-veterans) 2. to demonstrate, display, show; express; have a ~ 3. a decided ~ 4. a ~ for classical music in ~ to pop music 5. a ~ for classical music 6. in ~ (to she listened to classical music in ~ to pop music)

prelude n. a ~ to
premature adj. 1. ~ in (they were ~ in their celebrations) 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ for them to celebrate)

premiere, première n. 1. to give, have, hold, perform, stage a ~ 2. to attend a ~ 3. a film; lavish; UK; world ~

premise n. ['proposition'] (logic) 1. the major; minor ~ ['assumption'] 2. the ~ that + clause (their ~ that unemployment would rise proved to be true)

premised adj. ~ on, upon (their fiscal policy was ~ on the assumption of rising unemployment)

premises n. ['property'] on the ~ (to be consumed on the ~)

premise n. (BE) (see premise 1)

premium n. ['high value'] 1. to place, put a (high) ~ on (she puts a high ~ on punctuality) ['additional sum or value'] 2. to pay a ~ of (of) 3. a ~ to (to sell at a ~) ['fee paid to an insurance company'] 4. an insurance ~ 5. a ~ on a policy (I pay the ~ on my policy every six months whether the ~ rises or falls)

premonition n. 1. to have a ~ 2. a ~ that + clause (she had a ~ that an accident would happen)

preoccupation n. a ~ with

preoccupied adj. ~ with

prepare v. 1. to make ~ 2. careful, elaborate, thorough ~ 3. ~ for

preparatory adj. ~ to

prepare adj. 1. ~ for (they were ~ for their departure; I am not ~ for such a responsibility) 2. ~ to + inf. (they were ~ to leave; I am not ~ to take on such a responsibility) USAGE NOTE: The sentence “I am not prepared to take on such a responsibility” is ambiguous. It can mean ‘I am not ready to take on such a responsibility = I am unprepared for such a responsibility’ or ‘I am not willing to take on such a responsibility = I am unwilling to take on such a responsibility.’

preparedness n. 1. military ~ 2. ~ for 3. (misc.) a state of ~ (for)

preposition n. 1. a compound; simple ~ 2. (misc.) a preposition-noun-preposition combination such as “in readiness for.”

preposterous adj. 1. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to have to show our pass each time we come here !) 2. ~ that + clause (it’s ~ that we have to show our pass each time we come here !)

prequel n. (colloq.) a ~ to (Henry IV, Part 1 is the ~ to Henry IV, Part 2)

prerequisite I adj. (usu. does not stand alone) ~ to

prerequisite II n. a ~ for, to (Sociology 101 is a ~ for Sociology 102)

prerogative n. 1. to exercise one’s ~ 2. the exclusive; royal ~ 3. smb.’s ~ to + inf. (it’s our ~ to order an investigation)

prescribe v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ for (to ~ a remedy for the common cold) 2. (formal) (L; subj.) regulations ~ that a lawyer draw up/should draw up/draws up (esp. BE) the papers 3. (Q) the court ~d how the papers should be drawn up

prescription n. 1. to fill (AE), make up a ~, a free; NHS ~ (are you entitled to a free NHS ~?) 3. a ~ for (a ~ for a remedy for the common cold) 4. by ~; on (a ~ (to obtain a drug on (a) doctor’s ~; by ~ only)

presence n. 1. to make one’s ~ felt, known ("to make others notice one’s presence") 2. a commanding ~ 3. a police ~ (there was a strong police ~ at the demonstration) 4. in smb.’s ~ (don’t do that in the ~ of royalty)

presence of mind n. 1. to display; show (great) ~ the ~ to + inf. (she had the ~ to call the police)

present I n. ['present tense'] 1. at ~ for, the ~ for (~ present tense of a verb) 3. in the ~

present II n. ['gift'] 1. to give smb. a ~ to unwrap; wrap a ~ 3. to make smb. a ~ of smt. 4. an anniversary; birthday; Christmas; graduation; wedding ~ 5. a ~ for

present III v. 1. (B) ("to give") they ~ed an award to her 2. (d; tr.) ("to introduce") ~ to (the new employees were ~ed to the rest of the staff) 4. (d; tr.) to ~ with ("to give a gift to") (they ~ed her with an award) 5. (d; tr.) to ~ with (med.) (the patient ~ed with ("complained of") severe pains)

presentable adj. to make oneself ~

presentation n. ['position of a fetus'] (med.) 1. a breech; face ~ ["act of presenting"] 2. to deliver, make a ~ (who will make the ~ at the awards ceremony?) ["report"] 3. to give a ~ 4. an oral; written ~ 5. a ~ of, on (she gave an oral ~ of/her current research)

presenter n. (BE) a chat-show; game-show ~

presentiment n. (formal) ["foreboding"] 1. to have a ~ 2. a ~ that + clause (she had a ~ that an accident would happen)

preservative n. 1. a food ~ 2. an artificial ~

preserve I n. 1. a forest; game, wild-life ~ 2. (BE) see preserves

preserve II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ against, from (to ~ the environment from the ravages of pollution) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ for (we wish to ~ this tradition for our grandchildren)

preserver n. a ~ ~ USAGE NOTE: Especially in AE, life preserver means "life belt," "life jacket"; in BE, it means "club used for self-defence".

premature

preserver
pressures n. ["fruit preserved by cooking with sugar"]
1. to spread ~ (on bread) = to spread (bread) with ~ 2. apricot; blackberry, blueberry; cherry; gooseberry; grape; peach; plum; quince; (red) raspberry; strawberry ~

preside v. (D; intr.) to ~ at; over

presidency n. 1. to gain the ~ 2. to assume the ~ 3. a rotating ~ 4. during, under a ~ (under Britain’s ~ of the EU)

president n. 1. to elect; inaugurate a ~ 2. a vice ~ 3. a college (esp AE) 4. the ~es roll 5. (misc.) ~ing me to agree to the compromise 8. (P; intr.) the fans ~ed into the stadium (~ing)

press n. 1. ["instrument for crushing, shaping, squeezing"] 1. a cider; cookie (AE); hydraulic; wine ~ ["publishing house"] 2. a university; vanity ~ ["device for printing"] 3. a printing ~ 4. the ~es roll 5. (misc.) ~ing to go to ~; hot off the ~; stop the ~es! 6. in ~ (our book is now in ~) ["newspapers, magazines"] ["reporters"] 7. to censor; control; muzzle the ~ 8. a free ~ 9. the foreign; gutter; yellow; local; popular; tabloid ~ (~ing)

pressing adj. 1. to + inf. (it's ~ of / for me to give you advice) 2. (it's) ~ of (for) (to be busy; the children ~ed to be cowboys 3. (L; intr.) to see through smb.'s ~ 4. without ~ (a person totally without ~) 5. at, on, under a ~ (under false ~s) 4. without ~ (a person totally without ~) ["unsupported claim"] 5. to see through smb.'s ~ 6. a ~ that + clause (he saw through the ~ that lower taxes would cause unemployment) ["appearance"] 7. to keep up, maintain a ~ (to maintain some ~ of legality) ["attempt"] 8. a ~ at; of (without any ~ of being objective)

pressurize v. (BE) see pressure

pressure II v. (AE) 1. (D; tr.) to ~ into (the authorities were ~d into tax reform) 2. (H) the authorities were ~d to reform taxation

pressure III v. (BE) see pressure II

prestige n. 1. to enjoy, have ~ 2. to gain ~ 3. to damage smb.'s ~ 4. great, high; little, low ~ 5. the ~ to + inf. (does she have enough ~ to get the party nomination?) 6. of ~ (of little ~)

presume v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ on, upon (to ~ upon smb.'s good nature) 2. (E) I will not ~ to give you advice 3. (L) we must ~ that she is innocent 4. (M) we must ~ her to be innocent 5. (N; used with an adjective) we must ~ her innocent; she must be ~d innocent until proven guilty

presumption n. 1. a ~ of (our decision was based on the ~ that she is innocent until she is proven guilty) 2. a ~ that + clause (our decision was based on the ~ that she is innocent until proven guilty)

presumptuous adj. ~ to + inf. (it's ~ of / for me to give you advice)

presuppose v. (L) we ~ that she is innocent until proven guilty

presupposition n. a ~ that + clause (our decision was based on the ~ that she is innocent until proven guilty)

pretence see pretense

pretend v. 1. (d; intr.) ["to claim"] 2. (E) ["to feign"]; ["to make believe"] she ~ed not to notice; I ~ed to be busy; the children ~ed to be cowboys 3. (L; to) ["to feign"]; ["to make believe"] she ~ed she hadn't noticed; I ~ed I was busy; the children ~ed to (their parents) that they were cowboys

pretender n. a ~ to (a ~ to a throne)

pretense, pretence n. ["simulation"]["false show"] 1. to make a ~ (he made no ~ of being objective) 2. to see through smb.'s ~ 3. under a ~ (under the ~ of patriotism; under false ~s) 4. without ~ (a person totally without ~) ["unsupported claim"] 5. to see through smb.'s ~ 6. a ~ that + clause (he saw through the ~ that lower taxes would cause unemployment) ["appearance"] 7. to keep up, maintain a ~ (to maintain some ~ of legality) ["attempt"] 8. a ~ at; of (without any ~ of being objective)

pretentious adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of / for them to put on a tuxedo even when they were dining alone)

pretext n. 1. to find a ~ for 2. a flimsy; mere ~ 3. a ~ to + inf. (it was a ~ to occupy more territory)
4. a ~ that + clause (she refused to attend on the ~ that she would be out of town) 5. at, on, under a ~ (he would call for help at / on the slightest ~; under what ~ did she refuse to attend?) 6. (misc.) they start quarreling at the slightest ~

pressure n. 1. to exert, place, put ~ on smb. 2. to push-up (BE) to do ~s (see also push-up)

pressure I n. 1. to exert, place, put ~ on smb. 3. to keep up, maintain the ~ on 4. to build up, increase (the) ~ 5. to feel (the) ~ 6. to bear up under, withstand (the) ~ 7. to ease, relieve (the) ~ 8. to face; resist (the) ~ (to resist ~ from extremist groups) 9. enormous, great, heavy, inexorable, intense, maximum, relentless, severe, strong, unrelieved ~ 10. firm; light ~ 11. financial; outside; parental; peer; population; public ~ (to resist public ~) 12. air; oil; water ~ (see also blood ~)

pressure II n. 1. to build up, increase (the) ~ 5. to feel (the) ~ 6. to bear up under, withstand (the) ~ 7. to ease, relieve (the) ~ 8. to face; resist (the) ~ (to resist ~ from extremist groups) 9. enormous, great, heavy, inexorable, intense, maximum, relentless, severe, strong, unrelieved ~ 10. firm; light ~ 11. financial; outside; parental; peer; population; public ~ (to resist public ~) 12. air; oil; water ~ (see also blood ~) 13. (esp. meteorology) atmospheric; barometric ~ 14. high; low ~ 15. ~s into service) 6. (D; intr.) ["to squeeze"] 7. to ~ hard (see also ~)

pressure III n. 1. to + inf. (the authorities were under relentless ~ for tax reform) 21. under ~ (the authorities are under relentless ~ for tax reform to reform taxation)
prettily adj. 1. to be sitting ~ (“to be well off or in a good position”) 2. (misc.) as ~ as a picture

prevail v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ against, over (to ~ against overwhelming odds) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ on, upon smb. to do smt. (they ~ed on me to buy a new television set)

prevent v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ from (nothing can ~ this disease from spreading; you cannot ~ Romeo and Juliet from getting married) 2. (J) (BE) nothing can ~ this disease spreading; you cannot ~ Romeo and Juliet getting married 3. (K) you cannot ~ their getting married

prevention n. 1. (health care) primary; secondary ~

prevail v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ against, over (to ~ against overwhelming odds) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ on, upon smb. (they ~ed on me to buy a new television set)

price I n. 1. to fix, set a ~ 2. to place, put a ~ on 3. to quote a ~ 4. (BE) to agree a ~ 5. to drive up; hike a ~

price II v. a pin-prick

price I n. 1. to develop; make a ~ 2. to ~d it at five hundred dollars 2. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ out of (they ~d themselves out of the market) 3. (N) they ~d it too high 4. (misc.) attractively, competitively ~d

price II n. a pin-prick
prison
n. 1. to go, be sent, be sentenced to ~ 2. to
prise off, prize off (BE) see pry off
prise, prize 2, 3 pry (BE) see pry
1. to establish, set a ~ 2. to have, take
(adj. cannot stand alone) ~ to (it happened subsequent to World War I but ~ to World War II)

priority
n. 1. to establish, set a ~ 2. to have, take ~ over 3. to give ~ to 4. high; low ~ 5. (a) first, number-one, top ~ 6. (misc.) to re-examine, re-think; reorder, sort out one’s (order of) ~ties
prise, prize (BE) see pry 2, 3
prise, prize off (BE) see pry off
prise
n. 1. to go, be sent, be sentenced to ~ 2. to keep smb. in ~ 3. to serve/spend time in ~ 4. to release smb. from ~ 5. to be released from ~ 6. to break out of, escape from ~ 7. a maximum-security, minimum-security; open (BE) ~
prise
n. 1. to take smb. ~ to take a ~ (we took many ~s and took them all ~) 2. to hold, keep smb. ~ (we held them all ~) 3. to free, release a ~ 4. a political ~ 5. a ~ escapes 6. (misc.) a ~ of conscience
prise, prize of war
n. 1. to hold prisoners of war 2. to interrogate prisoners of war 3. to exchange, free, liberate, repatriate prisoners of war
privacy
n. 1. to disturb, invade, violate smb.’s 2. an invasion of smb.’s, an intrusion on smb.’s ~ 3. in ~ (to do smt. in the ~ of one’s (own) home)
prise, prize<br>private I n. in ~ (to do smt. in ~)
private II n. ["common soldier"] 1. a buck ~ (AE) 2. (US) a ~ first-class (the British Army has lance corporal) 3. to have, hold the rank of ~ 4. (misc.) what’s your opinion, Private (Smith)?
prise, prize<br>privilege n. 1. to award, give, grant a ~ 2. to enjoy, exercise; have a ~ (to enjoy guest ~s) 3. to abuse a ~ 4. to revoke, withdraw; suspend a ~ 5. a class; exclusive; special ~ 6. full; franking; guest; kitchen ~s 7. executive ~ 8. a ~ to + inf. (it was a ~ to work with them = it was a ~ working with them)
prise, prize<br>privileged adj. 1. very ~ 2. (usu. does not stand alone) ~ to + inf. (we were ~ to be able to work with them)
prise, prize<br>privey adj. ["having access"] 1. ~ to (they are ~ to secret documents) ["aware"] 2. ~ to (don’t blame me! I wasn’t ~ to the arrangement!)
prise, prize<br>prize I n. 1. to award, give, present a ~ 2. to distribute ~ 3. to accept; receive, win a ~ (for) (he won a ~ for the largest carrot) 4. to take a ~ (who took first ~?) 5. a booby; consolation; door; first; second; third ~ 6. a ~ goes to (second ~ went to my sister) 7. (misc.) the glittering ~s (of life in the fast lane) “The world continues to offer glittering ~s to those who have stout hearts and sharp swords.” — Lord Birkenhead, 1923)
prise, prize
prise, prize II (BE) see pry 2, 3
prized adj. ["valued"] 1. highly ~ 2. ~ among 3. ~ as (this wine is highly ~ among connoisseurs as the best of its kind) 4. ~ for (this wine is highly ~ for its bouquet)
prise, prize<br>probate n. 1. to grant ~ 2. to prove a will at ~
prise, prize<br>probation n. 1. to place, put smb. on ~ 2. to release smb. on ~ 3. to violate (the terms of one’s) ~ 4. on ~ (he’s out on ~ for a year)
prise, prize<br>probe I n. 1. to conduct; launch a ~ exhaustive, thorough ~ 3. an interdisciplinary; space ~ 4. a police ~ 5. a ~ into, of (a police ~ into racketeering)
prise, prize<br>probe II v. 1. to deeply, thoroughly 2. (d ; tr.) to ~ about, on (to ~ smb. on a matter) 3. (D ; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for weak spots) 4. (D ; intr.) to ~ into (to ~ into the facts)
prise, prize<br>probe, probe<br>problem n. ["unsettled question"] ["source of difficulty"] 1. to cause, create, pose, present a ~ 2. to have a ~ (about/with); to have ~ about/with (colloq.) (we’re having meat for dinner – do you have a ~ about/with that?) 3. to be, constitute a ~ 4. to address; bring up, raise; confront, face; discuss, explore a ~ 5. to attack, come to grips with, deal with, get to grips with (BE), grapple with, tackle a ~ 6. to lick, resolve, settle, solve a ~ 7. to avoid, sidestep a ~ 8. an acute, daunting, difficult, grave, major, pressing, serious; insoluble, insurmountable ~; the real, underlying ~ 9. a complex, complicated, involved, knotty, perplexing, thorny ~ 10. an acute, ticklish ~ 11. a minor, petty ~ 12. an environmental; moral; political; social ~ 13. a global; local; national ~ (there are a number of important ~s about climate change that have arisen in our discussions) 14. an attitude; drink (BE), drinking (AE); emotional; physical; psychological; social; weight ~ 15. a perennial ~ 16. a ~ arises, comes up ~ 17. a ~ to + inf. (it’s a real ~ to make ends meet = it’s a real ~ making ends meet) 18. (misc.) the crux of a ~; to get to the heart of a ~ ["mathematical statement requiring a solution"] 19. to do, solve a ~ 20. a complicated; difficult; easy; simple ~ USAGE NOTE: The question “what’s your /problem? /whatever it is, we can
help!”) or like “what’s wrong with you?” (“you’re rude to everybody! what’s your problem?”)

**procedure n.** 1. to establish a ~ (you can’t do that under the established ~) 2. to adopt; follow a ~ (a) correct, proper; normal, regular, standard ~ (for) (to follow regular ~s for dealing with a problem) 4. a complex, complicated; delicate ~ 5. a simple ~ 6. a scientific; surgical ~ 7. (surgery) a major; minor ~ 8. bureaucratic; parliamentary; safety ~ 9. (misc.) a point of ~

**proceed v.** 1. to ~ apace; smoothly 1. (d.; intr.) to ~ against (to ~ against s ámb. in court) 2. (d.; intr.) to ~ from; to (to ~ from New York to Philadelphia) 3. (d.; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ apace with one’s research) 4. (E) she ~ed to tell us every detail 5. (P) ~ left about a hundred yards, then ~ along the road till you see a turning

**proceedings n.** (often legal) 1. to bring, initiate, ~proceedings ~ 2. (computers) ~processing ~ 1. data; food ~ 2. (computers) ~batch ~ 3. (usu. sports) to turn ~ (he turned ~ at the age of twenty) 2. a real, true ~ ignorant of the matter 4. (N.; refl.) he ~ed himself to be ignorant of the matter 3. (M.; refl.) he ~ed himself about the matter 2. (L) he ~ed that he knew nothing about the matter 3. (M.; refl.) he ~ed himself about the matter 2. (L) he ~ed that he knew nothing about the matter 3. (M.; refl.) he ~ed himself to be ignorant of the matter 4. (N.; refl.) he ~ed himself ignorant of the matter

**professorship n.** 1. to endow; establish a ~ 2. to be ~ (for) ~ agriculture; dairy ~

**professor n.** (formal) 1. (E) he ~ed to know nothing about the matter 2. (L) he ~ed that he knew nothing about the matter 3. (M.; refl.) he ~ed himself to be ignorant of the matter 4. (N.; refl.) he ~ed himself ignorant of the matter

**proficiency n.** 1. net ~ 2. the ~ amount to; go to 3. ~ from, of (the ~ from the sale of our surplus property will go to paying our creditors) 4. on, with the ~ (our creditors got rich on the proceeds of the sale of our surplus property)

**process n.** 1. a creative ~ 2. a democratic; electoral; manufacturing ~ (a waste product of the manufacturing ~) 3. the aging; transformation ~ = the ~ of aging; transformation 4. the judicial, legal ~ 5. mental ~ 6. a stage, step in a ~ (see also due process)

**processing n.** 1. data; food ~ 2. (computers) ~batch ~

**proclamation n.** 1. to issue, make a ~ 2. a ~ that + clause (the president issued a ~ to the nation) that the entire state was a disaster area 2. (N.; used with a noun) the entire state was ~ed a disaster area

**professor n.** (formal) 1. (E) he ~ed to know nothing about the matter 2. (L) he ~ed that he knew nothing about the matter 3. (M.; refl.) he ~ed himself to be ignorant of the matter 4. (N.; refl.) he ~ed himself ignorant of the matter

**product n.** 1. to market, promote a (new) ~ 2. a by-product; an end, finished; manufactured ~ 3. a waste ~ (a waste ~ of the manufacturing process) 4. the gross domestic ~ (= GDP); the gross national ~ (= GNP) 5. a wide range of ~s 6. (misc.) to endorse a ~

**producer n.** 1. an executive; film, movie; radio; stage, theater; steel; television, TV ~ 2. a ~ of (a ~ of films)

**productive adj.** ~ of productivity n. 1. to decrease, lower; increase, raise ~ 2. high; low ~ 3. a level of ~

**products n.** agricultural; dairy ~

**produce I n.** ["fruits and vegetables"] 1. farm ~ 2. fresh; perishable ~

**produce II v.** 1. (d.; tr.) to ~ as (she ~d several letters as evidence) 2. (D.; tr.) to ~ for (to ~ food for export; she ~d several letters for me from her pocket) 3. (D.; tr.) to ~ from (she ~d several letters from her pocket; to ~ gas from coal)

**professorship n.** 1. to endow; establish a ~ 2. to be ~ (for) ~ agriculture; dairy ~

**professor n.** (formal) 1. (E) he ~ed to know nothing about the matter 2. (L) he ~ed that he knew nothing about the matter 3. (M.; refl.) he ~ed himself to be ignorant of the matter 4. (N.; refl.) he ~ed himself ignorant of the matter

**proficiency n.** 1. to demonstrate, display ~ 2. to achieve ~ 3. language ~ 4. a level of ~ 5. ~ at, in (she has achieved a high level of ~ in English)
proficient adj. ~ at, in (she has become highly ~ in English)
profile n. [*public exposure*] 1. to have a high; low ~ 2. to keep, maintain a high; low ~ [*"side view"*] 3. in ~
profit I n. 1. to clear, earn, make, realize, reap, show, turn a ~ 2. to bring (in), yield; to maximize a ~ (maximize your ~s and minimize your losses) 3. a fat, handsome, juicy, large, tidy: marginal, small: quick ~ 4. an excess, exorbitant, windfall ~ 5. a clear; net; gross ~ 6. ~s decline, fall; increase, rise 7. a ~ on (to make a ~ on a deal) 8. at a ~ (to operate at a ~) 9. (misc.) to share (in) the ~s; ~s were up (by) ten percent
profit II v. (D; intr.) to ~ by, from (will the rich ~ by/from the new tax laws? (= will the new tax laws ~ the rich?))
profitable adj. ~ to + inf. (is it ~ to work this mine?)
profiteer n. a black-market; war ~
profitless adj. ~ in (~ in one’s apologies)
profusion n. in ~ (~ in one’s apologies; apologies in ~)
program I n. [*plan*] 1. to chart, draw up; organize a ~ 2. to carry out, implement; evaluate; introduce; launch; phase out, terminate a ~ 3. a crash; long-range; pilot; short-range ~ 4. a building; development; political ~ 5. a ~ to + inf.; a ~ that + clause (further tests confirmed the initial ~ that she had not much longer to live)
program II n. [*system of presenting a map*] 1. a ~ to (Chaucer’s Prologue to The Canterbury Tales) 2. a ~ against, on (her prohibition against his smoking ~ed his smoking in her presence) 3. a crash
programme n. [*"broadcast, telecast"*] 8. a call-in ~ 8. *a promenade concert*. [247x139]smb. to the ~ USAGE NOTE: In BE, ~ each ~ (for a dictionary) USAGE NOTE: The BE spelling is *programme*, except for the computer uses (10–12).
programmer n. a computer ~
programming n. computer ~
progress I n. 1. to make ~ 2. to facilitate ~ 3. to block, hinder, impede, obstruct ~ 4. amazing, considerable, good, great; material, significant; rapid; smooth; steady ~ 5. little; slow; spotty ~ 6. economic; scientific; technological ~ 7. ~ in (to make little ~ in solving the problems of air pollution) 8. ~ towards (to make little ~ towards solving the problems of air pollution) 9. in ~ (negotiations are in ~) (see also *progress report* at report I n.)
progress II v. (D; intr.) to ~ from; to (to ~ from the basics to advanced concepts)
progression n. 1. an arithmetic; geometric; harmonic ~ 2. ~ from; to 3. ~ through
prohibit v. (D; tr.) to ~ from (she has ~ed him from smoking in her presence) 2. (rare) (K) she has ~ed his smoking in her presence
prohibition n. 1. to impose; abolish, lift, repeal ~ 2. a ~ against, on (her prohibition against his smoking in her presence)
project I n. [*organized undertaking*] 1. to conceive; draw up a ~ 2. to launch a ~ 3. to carry out a ~ 4. to do a ~ (on) (the children did a class ~ on dinosaurs) 5. to shelve a ~ 6. an irrigation; land-reclamation; pilot (“experimental”); public-works; research; water-conservation ~ 7. a ~ to + inf.; a ~ that + clause (to launch a ~ (whose purpose is) to reduce crime = to launch a ~ that is intended to reduce crime) [*"publicly financed housing*”] (AE) 8. a housing ~ (BE has council estate, housing estate)
project II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ a missile into space) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ onto (to ~ slides onto a screen)
projected adj. ~ to + inf. (production is ~ to increase by five percent)
projectile n. to fire; launch a ~
projection n. [*"estimate*] 1. to make; revise a ~ 2. a computer ~ 3. according to, on certain ~s (according to our latest ~s, production will increase by five percent) [*"system of presenting a map*] 4. an isometric; Mercator ~
projector n. 1. to operate, run, work a ~ 2. a cine-projector (BE); film, motion-picture (AE); opaque; overhead; slide ~
proliferation n. nuclear ~
prologue n. a ~ to (Chaucer’s Prologue to The Canterbury Tales)
prom n. [*"formal school dance*”] (AE) 1. the junior; senior ~ 2. at the ~ 3. (misc.) to go to the ~; to take smb. to the ~ USAGE NOTE: In BE, *prom* means “a promenade concert”.
prominence n. 1. to achieve, acquire, come into, come to, gain ~ (he gained ~ as an athlete) 2. to give ~ to (to give ~ to a story)
prominent adj. 1. socially ~ 2. to become ~ (he became ~ as an athlete)
promiscuity n. sexual ~
promise I n. [*"vow*”] 1. to make a ~ 2. to give smb. a/one’s ~ 3. to elicit, extract; fulfill, keep a ~ (we
managed to extract a ~ from him that we hope he’ll keep) 4. to break, renege on, repudiate a ~. 5. a broken; empty, false, hollow; rash; vague ~. 6. a sacred, solemn ~. 7. a campaign, election ~ (politicians sometimes break their campaign ~s) 8. a ~ to + inf. (she made a solemn ~ to contribute fifty pounds) 9. a ~ that + clause (she made a solemn ~ that she would contribute fifty pounds) 10. (misc.) to hold smb. to a ~ ("basis for hope") 11. to show ~ the young boxer showed real ~) 12. great, real; little ~. 13. as (he showed great ~ as a boxer) 14. of ~ (a young boxer of ~ = a promising young boxer)

promise II v. 1. to ~ solemnly 2. (H) what ~ed you to say that? (see also pronoun I adj. 1. ~ at, in (~ in fulfilling one’s obligations) 2. ~ to + inf. (~ to fulfill one’s obligations) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ solemnly 4. to ~ (their attire is not ~ for this occasion) 2. ~ to + inf. (it is not ~ to enter that restaurant without a jacket; it is ~ for her not to state her own opinion) 3. ~ that + clause; subj. (it is ~ that she not state / should not state / should not state / could not of course constitute incontrovertible ~ of his guilt!) 6. (misc.) the burden, onus of ~ (the burden of ~ lies / rests with the police) ("composed type") 7. to correct, read ~ (s) 8. galley; page; reproduction; uncorrected ~s 9. pronouncement n. 1. to issue, make a ~ about, on (the government issued a ~ about lowering taxes) 3. ~ that + clause (the government issued a ~ that taxes would be lowered) 10. (misc. (of verbs in pattern H "I assure you") (I never show up late again) 6. (misc.) (BE) I ~ you (L; may have an object) he ~d (me) that he would never show up late again 9. a ~ that + clause (she made a solemn ~ to contribute fifty pounds) 3. a ~ that + clause (the government issued a ~ that taxes would be lowered) 12. great, real; little ~. 13. as (he showed great ~ as a boxer) 14. of ~ (a young boxer of ~ = a promising young boxer)

prophecy n. 1. to make a ~ to fulfill a ~. 2. a ~ of verbs in pattern H "He told me never to show up late again." Compare tell, which is typical of "furtherance, fostering" 1. "basis for hope" 2. "likely, liable" (cannot stand alone) 3. "composed type" 4. "advertising" 9. prepublication ~ 10. sales ~ 11. in (~ she is in ~)

property n. ["smt. owned") 1. to attach; confiscate, seize ~ 2. to buy; develop; inherit; let (esp. BE), win (a) ~ 3. a native ~ (of a language) 4. (a) spelling ~ 5. (a) nonstandard; standard ~ 6. BBC, Received (RP); General American ~
gloomy; self-fulfilling ~ a ~ comes true; proves to be true 5. a ~ about; of (she made a ~ of gloom about their future) 6. a ~ that + clause (her ~ that you would become governor came true) **prophesy** v. 1. (K) no one but her could have ~sied your becoming governor! 2. (L; to) she ~sied that you would become governor **prophet** n. 1. a false ~ (rel.) a major; minor ~ **propriety** n. [52x400] proportionate adj. ~ to (the punishment was not ~ to the crime) **proportion** n. 1. (a) direct; inverse ~ to (proportionality) ~ to (the punishment was out of (all) ~ to the crime) 4. (misc.) (to have/keep) a sense of ~; does the ~ of people with lung cancer vary directly with the ~ of people who smoke?; does the ~ of people with lung cancer fall as smoking falls? **proportional adj.** 1. directly; inversely; roughly ~ 2. ~ to **proportionate adj.** ~ to (the punishment was not ~ to the crime) **proportions** n. ["extent"] 1. to assume, take on ~ 2. astronomical; huge; epic; epidemic; menacing ~ (of astronomical ~) **proposal** n. 1. to draw up, make, present, put forth, put forward, submit a ~ 2. to back, support a ~; to accept, adopt a ~ 4. to consider, entertain, receive a ~ to block, kill (colloq.), reject, turn down a ~ 6. to withdraw a ~ 7. a concrete ~ 8. a ~ falls through (the ~ to reduce taxes fell through) 9. a ~ for (the committee rejected the ~ for reducing taxes) 10. a ~ to + inf. (the committee rejected the ~ to reduce taxes) 11. a ~ that + clause; subj. (the committee considered a ~ that taxes ~be/should be~ reduced) **propose** v. 1. (B) she ~d a new plan to us 2. (D; tr.) to ~ as; for (to ~ smb. for membership in a club; to ~ smb. as a member of a club) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ to ("to offer marriage to") (he ~ to her by saying, "will you marry me?") 4. (E) I ~ to leave very early 5. (G) she ~d leaving very early 6. (K) she ~d his going in my place = what she ~d was his going in my place = what she ~d was for him to go in my place 7. (L; subj.; to) we ~d to (them) that she ~be/should be/ was (BE)~ appointed 8. (misc.) are you really/seriously -sing to leave so soon after we got here?! **proposition** n. ["unethical, immoral proposal"] (colloq.) 1. to make (smb.) a ~ ["subject, question to be discussed"] 2. a group, series, set of ~ 3. the ~ that + clause (the committee considered the ~ that taxes should be reduced) ["business proposal"] 4. an attractive; business; paying ~ **proprieties** n. ["accepted behavior"] to observe the ~ **propriety** n. ["conformity with accepted standards of behavior"] 1. to doubt, query, question the ~ of smt. (we doubted the ~ of passing off smb. else’s work as one’s own) 2. doubtful; due ~ 3. with ~ (to behave with due ~) **propulsion** n. jet; nuclear; rocket ~ **prop up** v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ against (she ~ped up the chair against the door = she ~ped the chair against the door) 2. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ with (she ~ped herself up with pillows) 3. (misc.) (colloq.) to ~ up the bar ("to stand at the bar having drunk after drink") **pros and cons** n. 1. to consider, weigh the ~ 2. to debate the ~ **prose** n. 1. to write (in) ~ 2. descriptive; flowery; purple; limpid; poetic ~ 3. a passage, piece of ~ **prosecute** v. 1. to ~ vigorously 2. (D; tr.) to ~ for (to ~ smb. for murder) **prosecution** n. 1. to conduct a ~ 2. to face ~ 3. a vigorous ~ 4. criminal ~ 5. ~ for 6. (legal) the ~ rests its case, the ~ rests (AE) 7. (misc.) subject to (criminal ~) **prosecutor** n. a public ~ (esp. BE; AE has district attorney) **proseminar** n. 1. to conduct, give, hold a ~ 2. to attend a ~ 3. a ~ on **prospect** I n. ["anticipated outcome"] 1. a bright, rosy; inviting ~ 2. a bleak, grim; daunting; dim ~ 3. ~ that + clause (is there any ~ that the situation will improve in the long term?) 4. in ~ (is there any improvement in ~ in the long term?) 5. (misc.) is there any ~ of improvement in the long term? **prospect II** v. (D; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for gold) **prospects** n. ["chances"] 1. to have ~ for (to have ~ for the future) 2. job; long-term ~ 3. ~ that + clause (are there any ~ that the situation will improve in the long term?) 4. (misc.) are there any ~ of improvement in the long term? ["financial expectations"] 5. with; without ~ **prospectus** n. (BE) a college, university; school ~ **protection** n. 1. to afford, give, offer, provide; get ~ 2. government; police ~ 3. consumer; environmental ~ 4. a degree, measure of ~ 5. ~ against, from 6. ~ by; with (get ~ against loss by taking out insurance! = ~ yourself against loss with insurance!) **protection** n. 1. to afford, give, offer, provide; get ~ 2. government; police ~ 3. consumer; environmental ~ 4. a degree, measure of ~ 5. ~ against, from 6. ~ by; with (get ~ against loss by taking out insurance! = ~ yourself against loss with insurance!) 7. under smb.'s ~ (she was placed under our ~) **protective** adj. 1. overly, too; very ~ 2. of, towards **protector** n. a chest; surge ~
protein n. 1. (for food) to furnish, provide ~ 2. (a) complete; incomplete; simple; total ~ 3. poor in; rich in ~ (s)

protest I n. ["complaint"] ["dissent"] 1. to enter, file, lodge, register a ~ 2. to express, make, voice a ~ (we made a strong ~ to their government) 3. to cause, draw, spark (AE), spark off (BE), trigger a ~ 4. to dismiss, reject a ~ 5. a strong, vehement, vigorous; violent (we lodged a strong ~ with their government) 6. a mild; weak ~ 7. a ~ against, at, over 8. a ~ that + clause (the court rejected their ~ that due process had not been observed) 9. in ~ (to resign in ~ against/at/over the war) 10. under ~ (they complied with the order under ~) ["public demonstration of disapproval"] 11. to organize, stage a ~ 12. to put down, quell a ~ 13. an anti-nuclear; anti-war; mass; noisy; political; public ~ 14. a ~ against 15. (misc.) a storm of ~

protest II v. 1. to ~ bitterly, strongly, vehemently, provocatively 2. (D; intr.) to ~ against, at, over (to ~ against a war; AE also has: to ~ a war) 3. (K) (AE) we ~ed his being released 4. (L; to) we ~ed (to the mayor) that due process had not been observed USAGE NOTE: BE distinguishes between "she ~ed her innocence = she protested that she was innocent" and "she protested against/ at ["opposed"] her parking fine." AE can make that distinction, too – but is more likely nowadays to have both “she protested her innocence” and “she protested her parking fine.”

protestation n. 1. a ~ against 2. a ~ of (we believe her ~s of innocence) 3. a ~ that + clause (we believe her ~s that she is innocent)

protocol n. ["minutes"] ["statement"] 1. to draw up a ~ ["official code of conduct"] 2. to observe; violate ~ 3. court, palace, royal; diplomatic; military ~ 4. the rules of ~ 5. ~s/demands/requirements that + clause (~ demands that he ~ visit/should visit/visits (BE) the embassy) 6. (misc.) according to ~; a breach of ~

prorogue v. (D; intr.) to ~ from ~

proud adj. 1. justly ~ 2. ~ of (~ of one’s children) 3. ~ to + inf. (will they be ~ enough to defend their principles?) 4. ~ that + clause (they are ~ that they defended their principles) 5. (misc.) to do smb. ~; as ~ as a peacock

prove v. 1. to ~ conclusively 2. (B) she was able to ~ her innocence to us 3. (E) she ~d to be a good worker; the rumor ~d to be true 4. (H) she ~d herself to be a good worker 5. (L; to) she was able to ~ (to us) that she was innocent 6. (M) history ~d her to have been right and ~d her detractors to be wrong 7. (N; used with an adjective, past participle, noun) history ~d her right and ~d her detractors wrong; she ~d herself a good worker 8. (Q; to) she ~d (to us) how it had been done 9. (S) she ~d a good worker; the rumor ~d true 10. (misc.) “why are you trying to ~?”

proverb n. 1. a common, old, popular, wise ~ 2. a ~ goes, runs 3. a ~ that (there is an old ~ to (the effect) that haste makes waste

provide v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for one’s family; ~ for every contingency) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ for, to (to ~ blankets for the refugees; to ~ services to the needy) 3. (d; tr.) to ~ with (they were ~d with the proper equipment; we ~d the refugees with blankets; the phone call ~d her with an excuse to leave) 4. (L; subj.) this bill ~s that money ~be/ should be ~ allocated for flood control 5. (O) (col-loq.) (esp. AE) the phone call ~d her an excuse to leave 6. (misc.) tonight’s buffet supper has been ~d courtesy of the mayor’s office

provided, providing adj. ~ that (she will join us ~ that you are also there)

providence n. divine ~

providential adj. [foral] ~ that + clause (it was ~ that we ~ arrived/should have arrived ~ at exactly the same time!)

province n. 1. an autonomous ~ 2. (esp. in Canada) an inland; maritime ~; the Province of Alberta, Ontario, etc. 3. the capital of a ~ (the capital of the Province of Alberta is Edmonton) 4. (misc.) (BE) are there as many opportunities in the ~s as there are in London?; can smb. from the ~s be as successful as smb. from London?

proving ground n. a ~ for

provision n. ["preparations"] 1. to make ~ for (what ~ have you made for your old age?) 2. private; public, state ~ (of) (is private ~ of health care adequate for your needs?) 3. financial ~s ["clause in a legal document"] 4. to violate a ~ (of a contract) 5. according to a ~ (that is impermissible according to Provision 25 of the contract) 6. under a ~ (that is impermissible under Provision 25 of the contract) 7. (esp. AE) with a ~ that + clause (she will join us with the ~ that you are also there)

proviso n. 1. to add a ~ 2. with a ~ that + clause; subj. (she will join us with the ~ that you also be/ are also (esp. BE)~ there)

provocation n. 1. deliberate; extreme, gross, severe ~ 2. ~ for (there was no ~ for such behavior) 3. at a ~ (he loses his temper at the slightest ~) 4. under ~ (he did use strong language, but only under extreme ~) 5. without the slightest ~!)

provocative adj. highly, very ~

provoke v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ into, to (to ~ smb. into getting angry = to ~ smb. to anger) 2. (H) what ~d you to get angry?

provocateur n. 1. to demonstrate, display ~ 2. athletic; military ~ 3. ~ as, at being an athlete, at throwing the javelin, in athletics) 4. ~ with (he demonstrated his ~ with the javelin)

prowl I n. on the ~ (for (journalists on the ~ for juicy stories)

prowl II v. (P; intr.) ~ around the neighborhood; ~ed through the forest
proximate adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ to
proximity n. 1. close ~ 2. ~ to 3. in ~ to 4. in the ~ of (a new hotel will be built in the ~ of the airport)
proxy n. 1. to appoint, name, nominate a ~ to get, have, hold smb.’s ~ 3. a ~ to + inf. (I named him my ~ to vote for me = he had my ~ to vote for me) 4. by ~ (to vote by ~)
prudent adj. ~ to + inf. (it was not ~ of you to sell that property so soon = you were not ~ to sell that property so soon)
prudish adj. ~ about
pry v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ into (to ~ into smb.’s affairs) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ out of (to ~ information out of smb.) 3. (N; used with an adjective) they pried the door open USAGE NOTE: For senses two and three, BE uses prise or prize.
pry off v. (AE; D; tr.) to ~ with (they pried off the door with a crowbar = they pried the door off with a crowbar) (BE has prise off, prize off)
P.S. n. to add a ~ (to)
psalm n. to recite a ~

ps’s and q’s n. [“manners”] to mind one’s ~
pseudonym n. 1. to adopt, take; use a ~ (Samuel L. Clemens adopted the ~ (of) Mark Twain) 2. under a ~ (Samuel L. Clemens wrote under the ~ (of) Mark Twain)

psychology n. [“science of the mind”] 1. abnormal; applied; behavioral; child; clinical; cognitive; developmental; educational; experimental; general; Gestalt; social ~ [“attitudes”] 2. group; mob ~ [“knowledge of a person’s habits, reactions”] (colloq.) 3. to use ~

psych up

puberty n. 1. to reach (the age/onset of) ~ 2. at ~
pub n. 1. to manage, operate, run a ~ 2. to work at/in a ~ 3. to go down to (the ~) stop at a ~ (on the way home); to drink at/in a ~; to drop into a ~ (see also pub grub at grub I n.)
pub-crawl n. (esp. BE) to go on a ~
pub grub I

publication n. [“fact of publishing”] 1. to begin, start ~ 2. to cease, stop; suspend ~ 3. to ban ~ (the government banned ~ of the newspaper [”printed work”] 4. a government; official ~ 5. a copy; issue of a ~

publicity n. 1. to give, provide ~ 2. to gain, get, receive ~ 3. to seek ~ 4. to avoid, shun ~ 5. advance; enormous, extensive, wide ~ 6. adverse, bad; unwelcome ~ 7. favorable, good ~ 8. ~ surrounds (the blaze of ~ surrounding their trip to Europe) 9. ~ for 10. (misc.) a blaze of ~ (they left for Europe in a blaze of ~)

publicized adj. highly, widely ~

public opinion n. 1. to arouse, stir up ~ 2. to form, mold ~ 3. to affect, influence, sway, swing; manipulate ~ 4. to express ~ 5. to canvass, poll, probe, sound out ~

publishing n. desk-top ~
puff I n. a powder ~
puff II n. to have, take a ~ (at/on a cigarette)
puff III v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ at, on (to ~ on a pipe; he sat ~ing away at his pipe) 2. (misc.) to ~ smoke into smb.’s face

pull I n. [“force”] 1. to give a ~ (at/on) (she gave a ~ on the rope = she gave the rope a ~) 2. gravitational ~ [“influence”] (colloq.) 3. to use one’s ~ (she used her ~ to avoid paying the fine) 4. the ~ to + inf. (she had enough ~ to avoid paying the fine)
pull II v. 1. to ~ hard 2. (d; intr.) (“to tug”) to ~ at (the little boy was ~ing at his father’s coat; she ~ed at the door but it wouldn’t open) 3. (AE; colloq.) (d; intr.) to ~ for (“to support”) (we were ~ing for the home team; they were ~ing for our team to win) 4. (d; intr.) (“to move”) to ~ into (the train ~ed into the station) 5. (d; intr.) to ~ off (“to turn off”) (to ~ off the road) 6. (D; tr.) (“tug”) v. ~ off (she ~ed the sheets off the bed) (see also pull off) 7. (D; intr.) (“to tug”) to ~ on (to ~ on a rope till it is tight) (see also pull on) 8. (d; intr.) (“to move”) to ~ off ~ of (the train ~ed out of the station; to ~ out of a dive) 9. (d; tr.) (“to lift”) to ~ out of (they ~ed her out of the water; the pilot ~ed the plane out of the dive) 10. (d; tr.) (“to tug”) to ~ over (she ~ed her sweater over her head) (see also pull over) 11. (N) (“to tug”) she ~ed the rope tight; she ~ed the child free 12. (P; tr.) (“to tug”) they ~ed the cart across the field 13. (misc.) to ~ a gun/knife on smb.; (esp. BE) to ~ a door to; she ~ed the child towards her (see also to pull a fast one (on) at fast one; to pull oneself to one’s feet at foot)
pull ahead v. (D; intr.) to ~ of (to ~ of the other runners; the faster car ~ed ahead of the slower one)
pull alongside v. (D; intr.) to ~ of (esp. AE) (to ~ of the other car)
pull away v. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ from (to ~ from the curb; she ~ed the child away from the fire; the faster car ~ed away from the slower one)
pull back v. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ from (to ~ from the others; to ~ to our original position; they ~ed back from the brink of war; she ~ed the child back from the fire)
pull down v. (D; tr.) to ~ from (she ~ed her sweater down over her head)
pull up v. (D; tr.) to ~ over (she ~ed her sweater down over her head)
pull over v. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ from; to (she ~ed her car over to the curb when the policeman ordered her to ~ to the curb) (see also pull over at pull II ~)

pulley n. a fixed; movable ~
pulloy n. a fixed; movable ~
pull off v. (D; tr.) to ~ over (she ~ed her sweater off over her head) (see also pull off at pull II ~)
pull on v. (D; tr.) to ~ over (she ~ed her sweater over on her head) (see also pull on at pull II ~)
pull over v. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ from; to (she ~ed her car over to the curb when the policeman ordered her to ~ to the curb) (see also pull over at pull II ~)
pull up v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ over (she ~ed her sweater up over her head) 2. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ to (she ~ed
her car up to the curb when the policeman ordered her to ~ in, on

diluted ~

see the Usage Note for

student

manipulate, move, pull the strings of a to ~ in the

purse II

“Opening in the iris of the eye"

constituted ;

dictated ~

the government ~d the land compulsorily to build housing on it

~ the driven snow

pursue II

to carry out, conduct a ~ 2. a radical, sweeping ~ (the party conducted a sweeping ~ of all dissidents)

purge II

~ to ~ from (we ~d a book (for her) (for twenty dollars) from a local bookshop) 3. (misc.) to ~ as is (to purchase with no guarantee of quality); to ~ retail; to ~ wholesale; to ~ at a reasonable price; to ~ compulsorily (esp. BE) (the government ~ed the land compulsorily to build housing on it)

purnify

to ~ (of the party was ~fied of all dissidents)

purity

~ 1. to maintain ~ 2. great; moral ~

purple

~ to one’s aims)

pursuit

~s; for all practical ~s (“in reality”); the herb can

be used for medicinal ~s; the money is considered income for tax ~s; for the ~s of this discussion, let’s assume an annual growth rate of 3%; on ~ (“purposely”) (“did it happen by accident or on ~?” “it happened accidentally on ~ if you know what I mean!”); with the express ~ of (we arranged the meeting with the express ~ of preventing a strike); to no ~ (we did what we could to prevent a strike but unfortunately it was all to no ~)

pursue

~ to ~ aggressively; doggedly, patiently, relentlessly

~ chase

1. dogged, relentless; hot ~ 2. in ~ of (in hot ~ of the terrorists) 3. (misc.) “Life, Liberty and the ~ of Happiness” – U.S. Declaration
of Independence, July 4, 1776 [“hobby”] 4. smb.’s favorite ~

**purview** *n.* to fall outside; under; within the ~ of smt. (this question falls outside the ~ of this investigation)

**pus** *n.* 1. to discharge ~ 2. ~ forms

**push I** *n.* [“act of pushing”] 1. to give smb./smt. a ~ (our car was stuck and they gave us a ~) 2. a hard ~ [“[advance]”] 3. to launch a ~ (the army launched a ~ to reach the sea) 4. a big ~ 5. a ~ to; towards (the army launched a ~ to the sea) 6. at a ~ (all your household chores can now be done at the ~ of a button!)

**push II** *v.* 1. (“to shove”) to ~ hard 2. (D; intr.) (“to push-chair” BE) to push, wheel a ~ (BE also has n. pushover)

**push on** (D; intr.) (“to continue”) to ~ to, towards

**push down** *v.* (D; intr.) (“to move”) to ~ into (the ship put into port) 5. (d; tr.) (“to move”) to ~ into (to ~ one’s feelings into words) 6. (d; tr.) (“to place”) to ~ on (to ~ books on a table; to ~ a stamp on a letter; to ~ smb.’s name on a list; the doctor put the patient on a diet) 7. (d; tr.) (“to bet”) to ~ on (to ~ money on a horse) 8. (d; tr.) (“to place”) to ~ out of (the enemy has put all our tanks out of action) 9. (d; tr.) (“to assign”) to ~ to (we put them all to work) 10. (d; tr.) (“to place”) to ~ to (she put her fingers to her lips) 11. (d; tr.) (“to set”) to ~ to (to ~ words to music) 12. (P; tr.) (“to place”) to ~ one’s family above all other concerns; she put her car at our disposal; ~ your shoes near the door; ~ the skis next to the fire; ~ the children to bed; ~ your things under the bed; ~ troops across a river; she put her hand over her mouth; he put his arm around my shoulder 13. (misc.) to ~ a question to a/the vote; to ~ smb. to shame; to ~ smb. to death; to ~ smb. under arrest; to ~ smb. to great expense; to put smt./smb. through a long process of investigation; I put it ("suggested") to them that the plan should be revised; to ~ it crudely – you’ve lied to me!: let me ~ it another way – I don’t think you’re telling the truth; after hours of waiting I was – to ~ mildly – a little upset (see also to put smb. through their paces at pace I n.)

**put ahead** v. (D; tr.) to ~ by (we put the clocks ahead (by) one hour)

**put aside** v. (D; tr.) to ~ for (we put aside some money for our future needs)

**put back** v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ (by) (we put the clocks back by one hour) 2. (P) I put the book back ~ on the shelf/where it belonged~ after I’d finished reading it

**put down** v. 1. (d; tr.) (“to consider”) to ~ as (we put this trip down as a business expense = we put down this trip as a business expense) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ for (“to enter a pledge for”) (I’ll ~ you down for five tickets) 3. (BE; d; tr.) (“to enter”) to ~ for (he put down his son for Eton = he put his son down for Eton) 4. (D; tr.) to ~ on (she put the books down on the table) 5. (d; tr.) (“to attribute”) to ~ to (she put the blunder down to inexperience = she put down the blunder to inexperience)

**put forward** v. (D; tr.) to ~ by (we put the clocks forward (by) one hour)

**put in** v. (D; tr.) to ~ for (“to submit”) (the victim put in a claim for damages = the victim put a claim in for damages; I’ll put in a good word for you with the authorities)

**put off** v. (“to postpone”) 1. (D; tr.) to ~ until (she put the trip off because of the snow) 2. (G) we put off leaving because of the snow

**put out** v. 1. (D; refl.) (“to disturb”) to ~ oneself out for (don’t ~ yourself out for us) 2. (misc.) (for a vessel) to ~ to sea; to ~ to study (see also put out to grass at pasture; put out to pasture at pasture)

**put over** v. (D; tr.) (“to fob off”) to ~ smb. over on smb. (he put his scheme over on the unsuspecting investors)
**putter** v. (AE: BE has *potter*) 1. (d; intr.) to ~ around (to ~ around the house) 2. (misc.) he loves ~ing around in his garden

**put through** v. (D; tr.) (“to connect”) to ~ to (she was finally put through to her number)

**put up** v. 1. (B) (“to propose”) I’ll put the idea up to the whole committee 2. (d; tr.) (“to propose”) to ~ as (we put her up as a candidate) 3. (old-fashioned) (BE) (d; intr.) (“to stay”) to ~ at; with (to ~ at a hotel; to ~ with friends in/at Exeter) 4. (d; tr.) (“to offer”) (“to propose”) to ~ for (to ~ smt. up for sale; to ~ smb. up for an award) 5. (d; tr.) (“to provide”) to ~ for (she put up the money for the flowers = she put the money up for the flowers) 6. (D; tr.) (“to give shelter to”) to ~ for (my friends in Exeter put me up for a/the night) 7. (d; intr.) to ~ with (“to tolerate”) (we will not ~ with such behavior) 8. (H) (“to place”) to ~ water up to boil; he put the meal up to cook 9. (misc.) I put her up to it (“I persuaded her to do it”)

**puzzle** I n. 1. to do, solve a ~ 2. a crossword ~ (see also *jigsaw; jigsaw puzzle*) 3. a ~ to (those matters were a ~ to the police until they realized what the key to the whole ~ was) 4. to put the pieces of a ~ together

**puzzle II** v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ over (to ~ over a problem) 2. (R) it ~d me that they never answered the telephone 3. (misc.) it ~d me why they never answered the telephone

**puzzled** adj. 1. ~ about ; at, by (I was ~ at her decision) 2. ~ to + inf. (I was ~ to learn of her decision) 3. ~ that + clause (I was ~ that they never answered the telephone) 4. (misc.) I was ~ ~about/as to why they never answered the telephone

**puzzlement** n. in ~ (they looked at us in great ~)

**puzzle out** v. (Q) I finally ~d out why they never answered the telephone

**puzzling** adj. 1. ~ to (her decision was ~ to everybody = it was a ~ decision for everybody) 2. ~ to + inf. (it was very ~ learn of her decision) 3. ~ that + clause (it was very ~ (to me) that they never answered the telephone) 4. (misc.) it was very ~ (to me) why they never answered the telephone

**pyjamas** n. (BE: AE has *pajamas*) a pair of ~

**pyramid** n. the food ~ (“the hierarchy of living beings in which each one feeds on the one below; the food chain”) (are we human beings really at the top of the food ~?)

**pyre** n. a funeral ~
quagmire n. 1. to get bogged down in a ~ 2. in a ~ of
quail I n. a bevy, covey of ~
quail II v. (d; intr.) "[to lose courage]" to ~ at, before (we ~ed at the thought of getting lost in the forest; the servant ~ed before his master)
quake v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ at (to ~ at the sight of the apparition) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with fear) 3. (misc.) we were ~king in our boots; we ~d to see the apparition
qualification n. ["limitation"] 1. with; without ~ 2. a ~ that + clause (we agreed to the proposed settlement with the ~ that there should be adequate compensation)
qualifications n. ["qualities, attributes"] 1. excellent, fine, outstanding, strong ~ 2. the necessary, right ~ 3. academic; educational; professional; ~ 4. the ~ for (she has the right ~ for the job) 5. ~ to + inf. (she has the right ~ to do the job)
qualified adj. 1. eminently, fully, highly, suitably ~; well-qualified 2. poorly ~ 3. ~ as (she is ~ as an engineer) 4. ~ by (~ by education and experience for the position) 5. ~ for (she is highly ~ for the job) 6. ~ to + inf. (she is highly ~ to do the job)
qualify v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ as (she ~fied as an engineer) 2. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ for (goods ~ for a discount if bought in large quantities; she ~fied for the job; what ~fied her for the job?) 3. (E) she ~fied to work as an engineer 4. (H) what ~fied her to do such a demanding job!
quality n. ["feature"] 1. admirable; endearing; innate; moral; personal; redeeming ~ties (he has no redeeming ~ties) 2. (misc.) there was a rhapsodic ~ about her playing ["degree of excellence"] 3. excellent, sterling, superb, superior; fine, good, high ~ 4. inferior, low, poor ~ 5. of a certain ~ (of good ~)

guarantee n. 1. to crown a ~ 2. to crown; proclaim smb. ~ 3. a hopeless ~ 2. in a ~ (we were in a hopeless ~) 3. a ~ about, over (they are in a hopeless ~ about their finances)
guarantee n. ["amount"] 1. a considerable, huge, large, vast ~ 2. a sufficient ~ 3. a negligible, small ~ 4. in ~ (goods qualify for a discount if bought in ~) 5. in [large] ~ties (goods qualify for a discount if bought in large ~ties) ["factor"]["person"] 6. an unknown ~

quarantine n. 1. to impose, institute a ~ 2. to put smb. in ~ 3. to lift a ~ 4. strict ~ 5. a period of/in ~ 6. in, under ~ (to place under ~)
quarrel I n. 1. to cause, lead to a ~ (their political differences led to a bitter ~) 2. to have, pick, provoke, start a ~ (she picked a ~ with her neighbor) 3. to patch up, settle a ~ 4. a bitter, furious, violent; long-standing; never-ending ~ 5. a domestic, family ~ 6. a ~ breaks out, ensues 7. a ~ about, over; between; with (a bitter ~ broke out between them over the use of the telephone; she had a ~ with her neighbor about the money that he had borrowed)
quarrel II v. 1. to ~ bitterly, furiously, violently 2. (D; intr.) to ~ about, over; with (she ~ed with her neighbor about the money that he had borrowed)

query n. 1. to put a ~ to 2. to reply, respond to a ~ 3. a ~ about
quest n. 1. to set out on a ~ (for) 2. a ~ for (she set

queen's evidence

queen n. 1. to crown a ~ 2. to crown; proclaim smb. ~ 3. to depose, dethrone a ~ 4. a despotic; popular; ~ reigns; rules 5. a ~ abdicates 6. a ~ ~s ~ 7. a ~ ~

querulous adj. ["uneasy"] ~ about (to feel ~ about smt.)

quest n. 1. to set out on a ~ (for) 2. a ~ for (she set
out on a ~ for perfection) 3. in ~ of (she set out in ~ of perfection)

**question I** n. ["query"] 1. to ask (smb.) a ~; to ask a ~ of smb.; to have a ~ for smb. 2. to address, pose, put a ~ to smb. 3. to bring up, raise a ~ to, fire, shoot a ~ at 5. to answer, field, reply to, respond to; take a ~ (the senator fielded all ~s expertly) 6. to avoid; beg (~"evade") the ~ to 7. to parry, sidestep smb.'s ~s 8. a civil ("polite"); relevant; straightforward ~ 9. an academic, hypothetical, rhetorical; debatable, moot ~ 10. a complex; complicated; puzzling ~ 11. a blunt, direct; pointed; probing ~ 12. an awkward, embarrassing, sticky, ticklish; irrelevant; leading; loaded, tricky; thorny; trick; trivial ~ 13. (on an examination) an essay; multiple-choice; true-false ~ 14. an examination, test; quiz ~ 15. a ~ about, as to, concerning (the senator fielded expertly all ~s from the press about his activities but he did take a few ~s from the floor/audience) "[matter being discussed"] 16. to consider, debate, discuss; look into, raise a ~ 17. to put the ~ ("to vote on the matter being discussed") 18. a burning; controversial; crucial; explosive; open; vexed (esp. BE) ~ 19. (misc.) (colloq.) to pop the ~ ("to propose marriage") ["doubt"]["dispute"] 20. to clear up, resolve a ~ 21. a ~ about, as to, of (there is no ~ about her sincerity) 22. beyond (all) ~ 23. in, into ~ (to come into ~) 24. out of the ~ 25. without ~ 26. to clear up, resolve a ~ 27. out of the ~ ("impossible"); the ~ of/as to/whether he'll go; there's some ~ (about/as to) whether he'll go

**question II** v. 1. to closely; intensively; repeatedly ~ 1. to form a ~ (to stand/await in a ~ for fresh fruit) 2. to join; jump the ~ (AE has *buck the line*) 3. in a ~ (to stand/wait in a ~ for fresh fruit)

**queue up** v. (esp. BE) (D; intr.) to ~ for (they had to ~ for fresh fruit)

**quibble I** n. a minor ~

**quibble II** v. (D; intr.) to ~ about, over; with (to ~ with smb. about trifles)

**quick I** adj. 1. ~ about (be ~ about it) 2. ~ at (~ at picking up a new language) 3. ~ with (~ with one's hands) 4. (cannot stand alone) ~ to + inf. (she is ~ to pick up new languages; he is ~ to take offense) 5. (misc.) ~ on (~ on one's feet; ~ on the uptake); ~ as a flash

**quick II** n. 1. to cut smb. to the ~ ("to offend smb. gravely") 2. (misc.) the ~ and the dead

**quicksand** n. a bed of ~

**quiet I** adj. 1. to be; keep ~. (misc.) as ~ as a mouse

**quiet II** n. 1. to shatter the (peace and) ~ 2. (misc.) peace and ~

**quit n.** a crazy; down; patchwork ~

**quintet** n. 1. to play, perform a ~ 2. a ~ performs, plays. 3. a piano; string; woodwind ~

**quip II** n. 1. to make a ~ about, on (the police ~zed the neighbors about the incident)

**quiver II** v. to feel a ~ (of excitement)

**quiver II** v. (D; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with excitement)

**quiz I** n. ["short test"] 1. to draw up, make up, prepare a ~. to give a ~ 3. to take a ~ to fail; pass a ~ 5. a daily; general-knowledge; pop (AE); pub; weekly ~ 6. an oral; unannounced; written ~ (see also quiz question at question I n.)

**quiz II** v. (D; tr.) to ~ about, on (the police ~zed the neighbors about the incident)

**quots n.** 1. to pitch, play ~ 2. a game of ~

**quoit** n. 1. to constitute, make (up) a ~ to have; lack a ~

**quota n.** 1. to assign, establish, fix, set a ~ for; on (congratulations! you've exceeded your ~ for the week! = you've exceeded your weekly ~!)

**quotation** n. ["citation"] 1. to give; take a ~ from 2. a direct ~ 3. ~ comes from 4. a dictionary of ~s (from; about, on; for) (a dictionary of ~s from famous authors on just about every subject and for just about every occasion!) ["estimate of cost"] 5. to give, put in, submit a ~ (for) 6. to invite ~s (for/from) 7. the highest; lowest ~ (see also quotation mark at mark I n.)
quote I

quote I n. 1. scare ~s 2. in ~s 3. (misc.) ~unquote / end of quote~ (the President said ~ “the only thing we have to fear is ~ fear itself!” ~unquote / end of quote~) see quotation (see also quote mark at mark I n.)

quote II v. 1. to ~ directly ; in full 2. (A) she ~d several verses to us ; or she ~d us several verses 3. (d ; intr.) to ~ from (she loves to ~ from Shakespeare) 4. (D ; tr.) to ~ from (she loves to ~ verses from Shakespeare) 5. (misc.) to ~ about, on (she loves to ~ Shakespeare on just about any subject !) ; to ~ as (Hamlet’s “To be or not to be” is frequently / widely ~d as an example of Shakespeare at his best) ; I think she’s going to resign ~ but don’t ~ me on that ! ; the article ~d above = the above-quoted article ; the President said ~ and I ~ ~ “the only thing we have to fear is ~ fear itself!” ~ the President said ~ “the only thing we have to fear is ~ fear itself!”

quotient n. an intelligence ~ (IQ)
race II
n. 1. to roll, trill an ~ 2. a retroflex \rolled; rolled, trilled
uvular ~
rabbi n. a chief; Conservative; Liberal (BE), Progressive (BE); Orthodox; Reform ~ USAGE NOTE: See the entry for Judaism
rabbitt n. 1. ~s breed quickly; burrow; hop (see also rabbit warren at warren)
rabbit on v. (colloq.) (BE) (D; intr.) ("to chatter") to ~ about
ravid adj. ["fanatical"] ~ about, on (~ on a certain subject)
rabies n. 1. to catch, get; have ~ (can humans get rabies from mad dogs?) 2. to transmit ~ (can mad dogs transmit ~ to humans?)
race I n. ["group distinguished by certain physical traits"] 1. the Caucasian; Mongolid; Negroid ~ 2. the human ~ 3. the (so-called) master ~ 4. between ~s (have relations between ~s ever been better?) 5. of a ~ (have relations ever been better between people of different ~s?) 6. (misc.) a person of mixed ~ (see also all races and creeds at creed 4)
race II n. ["contest of speed"] ["competition"] 1. to have, hold, organize, stage a ~ 2. to drive; row; run a ~ 3. to enter; lose; take part in; win a ~ 4. to fix (the results of) a ~ 5. a close, even, hotly contested, tight; brutalizing; one-sided, uneven ~ 6. an automobile (AE), motor (esp. BE); boat; cross-country; cycle; dog; drag ("acceleration") ~; footrace; horse; long-distance; relay ~ 7. (pol.) a congressional; governor’s, gubernatorial; political; presidential; senatorial ~ 8. a ~ against, with; between; for (the ~ for the presidency was run between well-qualified candidates; it was a ~ against time to get the patient to the hospital) 9. a ~ to ~ inf. (the ~ to conquer space) ["misch"] 10. a rat ~ ("very hectic activity"); since both parties have fielded strong candidates, the election is now very much a two-horse ~ (see also arms race)
race III v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ against, with (to ~ against time) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for a prize) 3. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ to (let’s ~ to school; I’ll ~ you to the car; we ~d the child to the emergency room) 4. (E) we ~d to get there in time 5. (P; intr., tr.) to ~ through the park; they ~d around the corner; we ~d them down the hill; they ~d down the hill to the bottom; they ~d up the hill from the bottom
race down v. (D; intr.) to ~ from; to (they ~d down from the top of the hill to the bottom)
race up v. (D; intr.) to ~ from; to (they ~d up to the top of the hill from the bottom)
racialism (BE) see racism
racing n. auto (AE), motor (esp. BE); cycle; drag ("acceleration"); flat; harness; horse; stockcar ~ racism n. 1. to stamp out ~ 2. blatant, out-and-out; endemic; institutionalized; rampant; vicious, virulent ~
rack I n. ["framework, stand"] 1. a bicycle; bomb; clothes; hat; luggage (AE); roof (BE); magazine; rifle; toast; spice; towel; wine ~ 2. a dish (esp. AE), plate (BE) ~ 3. in a ~ ["instrument of torture"] 4. on the ~
rack II n. ["destruction"] to go to ~ and ruin
racked adj. 1. ~ by (~ by doubt) 2. ~ with (~ with pain)
racket I n. ["noise"] 1. to make a ~ 2. an awful, terrible ~ 3. over the ~ (I can’t hear anything over this terrible ~!) ["dishonest practice"] 4. to operate, run a ~ 5. a numbers; protection ~ 6. in a ~ (also humorous) ("what ~ are you in, then?") ["I’m a gynecologist, actually."]
racket II racquet n. ["bat used to play tennis, etc."] 1. to swing a ~ 2. to restrung; string a ~ 3. a badminton; squash; tennis ~ racketeer n. a big-time, notorious; petty ~ radar n. 1. to track by ~ 2. off, under the ~ (also fig., colloq.) (he got in under my ~ and I fell for him before I knew what he was really like; a major player in the international futures market who fell off the ~ after losing a lot of money)
radiant adj. ~ with (she was ~ with joy) USAGE NOTE: In this sense, radiant is used of women rather than of men.
radiate v. (D; intr.) to ~ (out) from; to (joy ~d out) from her to everyone else at the party
radiation n. 1. to emit, give off ~ 2. nuclear ~ 3. background; harmful ~ 4. a dose; level of ~ (even high doses of ~ may not cure certain cancers; low levels of background ~ have been reported here)
radical I adj. 1. politically; very ~ in (~ in one’s views)
radical II n. a diehard; political ~
radio I n. ["radio receiving set"] 1. to plug in; put on; switch on, turn on a ~ 2. to switch off, turn off; unplug a ~ 3. to turn down; turn up a ~ 4. to listen to the ~ 5. an AM, medium-wave (esp. BE); (CB) Citizens’ Band; clock; digital; FM, VHF (esp. BE); long-wave (esp. UK); portable; shortwave; transistor ~ 6. on, over the ~ (I heard the bad news over the ~) ["radio broadcasting industry"] 7. commercial; local; national; public (esp. AE) ~ 8. (to be/work) in ~
radio II v. 1. (A) we ~d the message to them; or: we ~d them the message 2. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ for (they ~ed to us for help) 3. (H) they ~ed to us to help them 4. (L; to) they ~ed (to us) that they needed our help
radioactivity n. 1. to emit, generate, give off, produce ~ 2. (a) dangerous (level of) ~
radhishes n. a bunch of ~
radius n. 1. a cruising ~ 2. in, within a ~ of (within a ~ of fifty miles)
raffle I n. 1. to hold a ~ 2. to win a ~ 3. a ~ raises/
makes money 4. a ~ for (a ~ that made lots of money for our local church) 5. in a ~ (I won this in a ~)

raffle II v. 1. (D ; tr.) to ~ (off) for (we ~d (off) lots of things for our local church) 2. (misc.) (we ~d (off) lots of things in order) to raise money for our local church
raft n. 1. to launch a ~ 2. a life ~ 3. on a ~ (to float)
rafting n. white-water ~
rag I n. to chew the ~ (colloq.) (“to chat”) (see also rags)
rage II v. (slang) (D ; tr.) to ~ about (they ~ged him about his beard)
rag II v. (slang) (D ; tr.) to ~ about (they ~ged him about his beard)

raffle II n.
1. to go off, jump the ~ (the train ~went off / jumped~ the ~s and there was a serious accident) (also, fig.) (he went off the ~s and got into serious trouble) 2. to ride the ~ (see rod 5)
rail n. 1. to manage, operate, run a ~ railroad I 2. a scenic ~

rail II v. (d ; intr.) to ~ through (they ~d through piles of rubbish to find the lost items and then they ~d through them again = they ~d through piles of rubbish to find the lost items and then they ~d them through again) (see also to rake smb. ~over the coals at coal)
rally II n. ["mass meeting"] 1. to go on, join, take part in; mount, organize, stage a ~ 2. to ban; break up, quell; call off a ~ 3. an antinuclear; antiwar, peace; civil-rights; political ~ 4. a disorderly, violent; non-violent, orderly, peaceful ~ 5. a mass; organized; peace; pep (AE); political; protest ~ 6. a ~ calls for, demands ; takes place 7. a ~ against 8. in a ~ (we met at a student ~ against the wars) ["competition, race between cars"] 10. to have, hold, organize, stage a ~

rain I n. 1. to make, produce ~ 2. to keep the ~ out 3. (a) drenching, driving, heavy, pouring, soaking, torrential; freezing; intermittent; light; steady ~ 4. acid ~ 5. ~ falls; freezes; lets up; pours; starts; stops 6. ~ beats, patters (against the windows) 7. (misc.) the ~ came down in buckets; to get caught in the ~; (BE) it’s pouring with ~

raII II 1. v. 1. (D ; intr.) to ~ around, round (to ~ around a leader; “Oh we’ll ~ round the flag, boys” – George F. Root, “The Battle Cry of Freedom,”
ram I n. a battering ~

ram II v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ piles into a river bed) 2. (misc.) to ~ smt. down smb.’s throat (“to force smb. to accept smt.”)
ramble n. 1. to go for, go on; organize a ~ 2. a ~ across; through (to go for a ~ through glorious countryside) 3. on a ~
ramble on v. (D; intr.) (“to talk in a disorganized manner”) to ~ about (she ~d on about her childhood)
ramp n. 1. a steep ~ 2. (misc.) to go down a ~; to go up a ~
rampage I n. to go on a ~
rampage II v. (P; intr.) to ~ through the streets; they ~d around the city hall
rampant adj. to run ~ (inflation was running ~)
ramparts n. to storm the ~
ranch n. 1. a cattle; dude ~ 2. at, on a ~ (he works at the ~; to live on a ~)
rancher n. a cattle; sheep ~
rancor, rancour n. 1. to develop, establish; feel; have ~ 2. a ~ of captain; to be seated by ~
rancor, rank II v. 1. to get -high, highly; low (we ~ the service very high indeed!); a high-ranking service = a highly ~ed service) 2. (d; intr., tr.) (“to be rated; to rate”) to ~ above (nobody ~s above Shakespeare = we do not ~ anybody above Shakespeare) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ among (she ~s among our best instructors) 4. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ as (to ~ as an outstanding chess player; we ~ her as our very best instructor; she ~s as ~Number 1/First~ in the world!) 5. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ alongside, with (Pushkin ~s (~right there) with Tolstoy) 6. (N) we ~ her Number 1 in the world! = we ~ her First in the world! 7. (S) she ~s Number 1 in the world = she ~s First in the world! 8. (misc.) on a scale of one to five we ~ the service four
rankle v. (R) it ~d me that they ~got/should have gotten~ all the credit
ransom I n. 1. to pay (a) ~ for; exact ~ for; from (she was ~ed from her captors for two million dollars)
rant v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ about; at 2. (misc.) to ~ and rave
rap I n. (colloq.) “[blame]” 1. to take the ~ for (I refuse to take the ~ for my colleagues!) 2. (AE) a bad, bum ~ (she got a bum ~) (“she was punished for smb. else’s misdeeds”) “[charge]” (esp. AE) 3. to beat the ~ 4. on a ~ (he was sent to prison on a murder ~)
rap II v. 1. (d; intr.) (“to strike”) to ~ at, on; with (to ~ on the window with a stick) 2. (d; tr.) (“to strike”) to ~ over (she ~d him over the knuckles with her ferrule) (see also knuckle)
rap III v. (slang) (D; intr.) (“to converse”) to ~ about; with
rape n. 1. to commit ~ 2. attempted ~ 3. acquaintance, date; gang; marital; statutory ~ 4. a brutal ~ (see also rape victim at victim)
rapidity n. (with) great, lightning; ever-increasing ~
rapids n. 1. to ride, shoot (“pass through”) (the) ~ 2. a stretch of ~
rappo ~ 1. to develop, establish; feel; have ~ 2. close, good ~ 3. a ~ between, with 4. in ~ with (they worked in close ~ with us)
rapprochement n. to bring about a ~ between; with
rapture n. 1. complete, total, utter ~ 2. ~ about, at, over 3. in ~s over 4. (misc.) to go into ~s over
rare adj. 1. extremely, very ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to see snow here in September it’s ~ for there to be snow here in September) 3. ~ that + clause (it is ~ that there is snow here in September)
raring adv. (colloq.) (AE) ["eager"] (cannot stand alone) ~ to + inf. (we are ~ to go)
rash I n. 1. a diaper (AE), nappy (BE); heat; skin ~ (the baby has heat ~) 2. nettle ~ 3. a ~ breaks out 4. (misc.) to break out in a ~
rash II n. 1. a ~ (colloq.) ["contemptuous noise"] 1. to give, let out a ~ 2. to give smb. the ~
rating n. ["classification"] ["limit"] 1. a high; low ~ 2. an approval; credit; efficiency; octane; poll; power ~ 3. a ~ for, on (she got a high poll ~ for decisiveness) ["ordinary seaman"] (BE) 4. a naval ~
ration n. 1. a compression ~ 2. a direct; inverse ~ 3. a ~ between (is there a direct ~ between the proportion of people with lung cancer and the proportion of people who smoke?) 4. at a ~ of; to (at a ~ of three to one)
rationing n. 1. to introduce ~ 2. to end, terminate ~ 3. food; gasoline (AE), petrol (BE) ~ 4. emergency ~
rational adj. ~ to + inf. (it was not ~ to expect miracles)
rationalization n. ["excuse"] 1. a mere ~ 2. a ~ for (a ~ for refusing to contribute) 3. a ~ to + inf. (it was a ~ to argue that increased spending would harm the economy) 4. a ~ that + clause (their ~ for refusing to contribute, that increased spending is bad, has been disproved)
rationing 1. to introduce ~ 2. to end, terminate ~ 3. food; gasoline (AE), petrol (BE) ~ 4. emergency ~
ration out v. (D; tr.) to ~ among, to
rations n. 1. to issue ~ 2. army; emergency; short ~ on ~ (we were on short ~)
rattle I n. "noise in the throat caused by air passing through mucus" 1. the death ~ ["device producing a rattling sound"] 2. a baby’s ~
rattle II v. (colloq.) (R) it ~d me to realize how close we had been to a real catastrophe
rattled adj. badly, very ~ (she was badly ~ at the news)
rattlesnake n. ~ bites, strikes
ravages n. ["destruction"] to repair the ~ (wrought by war)
rave v. (D; intr.) 1. to ~ about, over; to (she was ~ving to us about her grandchild) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ against/at (she was ~ving at the new taxes) 3. (L; to) she kept ~ving to everyone that the new taxes were wrong
raw v. a deep ~
raw n. ["natural state"] in the ~
ray n. 1. to emit, send forth, send out ~s 2. a cathode; cosmic; death; gamma; infrared; ultraviolet; X ~ 3. dying; last; heat; light ~s (we said farewell in the dying ~s of the sun) 4. a ~ of hope (the court’s
temporary reprieve provided a ~ of hope to the condemned man
raze v. (D; tr.) to ~ to the ground (to ~ a building to the ground)
razor n. 1. to hone, set, sharpen a ~ 2. a dull; keen, sharp ~ 3. a double-edged; electric; safety; single-edged; straight (AE), cut-throat (esp. BE) ~
reach I n. 1. arm’s, easy ~ 2. beyond, out of ~ 3. in, within ~ (to bring smt. within (arm’s) ~; within easy ~) 4. (misc.) a boardinghouse (“very long”), long ~ (see also reaches)
reach II v. 1. (A; used without to) (“to pass”) ~ me the salt 2. (d; intr., tr.) (“to extend”) ~ to across, around (she could easily ~ her hand across the table) 3. (d; intr.) (“to extend one’s hand”) ~ for (she ~ed for a cigarette) (also fig.) (to ~ for the moon) 4. (d; intr.) (“to extend one’s hand”) ~ into (she ~ed into her pocket for her keys) 5. (D; intr.) (“to extend”) ~ to ~ (the rope doesn’t ~ to the ground)
reaches n. [“area”] 1. the lower; upper ~ (the upper ~ of the river) 2. vast ~ (the vast ~es of the western plains)
reach out v. 1. (d; intr.) ~ for ~ (“to attempt to obtain”) (to ~ for mutual understanding) 2. (D; tr.) (“to extend”) ~ to ~ for (she ~ed out her hand for the change = she ~ed her hand out for the change) 3. (d; intr.) ~ into, into (to (“attempt to help”) (to ~ to the local community) (see also outreach program at program I n.) 4. (D; tr.) (“to extend”) ~ to ~ (she ~ed her hand out to us in friendship = she ~ed her hand out to us in friendship)
react v. 1. ~ calmly; strongly 2. (D; intr.) ~ against, to ~ against unfair treatment) 3. (D; intr.) ~ to ~ to ~ stimulus; to ~ to a provocation) 4. (d; intr.) ~ to with (this medication ~s with aspirin) 5. (d; intr.) ~ by, with (he ~ed to my provocation by punching me on the nose = he ~ed to my provocation with a punch on the nose)
reaction n. 1. to cause, provoke, spark, trigger a ~ 2. to encounter, meet with a ~ 3. to have a ~ 4. an enthusiastic; favorable, positive ~ 5. an immediate, instantaneous, quick, spontaneous; instinctive, knee-jerk (usu. fig.); natural, normal ~ 6. an adverse, negative; angry, hostile ~ 7. (a delayed ~ 8. a strong; weak ~ 9. an allergic; chain; chemical; nuclear; physiological ~ 10. a ~ against, to (a natural ~ to provocation; an allergic ~ to nuts) 11. in ~ to (in ~ to provocation) (see also reaction time at time I n.)
reactivity I adj. 1. deeply; politically ~ 2. ~ in (~ in one’s views)
reactivity II n. a diehard, dyed-in-the-wool, political ~
reactor n. an atomic, nuclear; breeder; fission ~
read I n. 1. to have a ~ (I like to have a quiet ~ of the paper when I get home after work) 2. to be, make a ~ 3. a good, interesting ~ (her latest novel makes a very good ~)
read II v. 1. (A) she read a nice story to the children; or: she read the children a nice story 2. (D; intr.) ~ about, of (I read about/of the accident in the paper; to ~ about a subject) 3. (d; tr.) (“to interpret”) ~ to ~ (as this story should be read as a satire) 4. (d; intr.; tr.) ~ for (she used to ~ for the patients in the nursing home; could you ~ that material for me?) 5. (esp. BE) (d; intr.) (“to study”) ~ to ~ for ~ to ~ for; to ~ for the bar) 6. (d; tr.) (“to audition”) ~ to ~ for (she will ~ for the role of the ingenue in the new play) 7. (D; intr., tr.) ~ to ~ from; to (she read from page ten to page thirty; she read the children from Peter Rabbit) 8. (d; tr.) ~ to ~ into (“to attribute”) (don’t try to ~ anything else into her letter) 9. (d; tr.) (“to enter”) ~ into (~ into data into a computer) 10. (AE) (d; tr.) ~ to ~ out of (“to exclude”) (he was read out of the party) 11. (d; intr.) ~ through (she read through the book at one sitting and he read through it, too = she read the book through at one sitting and he read through it), too 12. (d; intr.) ~ to ~ (she loves ~ to ~ the children; she read to the children from Peter Rabbit; my daughter is old enough to ~ to herself) 13. (L) we read (in the papers) that prices would be going up 14. (misc.) they can ~ and write; to ~ by candlelight; to ~ a language fluently; to ~ between the lines; to ~ aloud, to ~ out loud (she read a nice story aloud to the children); to ~ silently (my daughter is old enough to ~ silently to herself); the letter ~s like an accusation; the play ~s well; the cablegram ~s as follows…; to ~ a child to sleep; to ~ oneself to sleep; to ~ smb. like a book (“to comprehend smb.’s motives very clearly”); a widely read column; she’s widely read in the classics (“she has extensive knowledge of the classics”)
read back v. (B) she read the sentence back to me = she read back the sentence to me
reader n. [“one who reads”] 1. an avid, omnivorous, voracious ~ 2. a regular ~ (of a newspaper) 3. a copy ~ (AE; AE also has copy editor; BE has subeditor) 4. (rel.) a lay ~ (AE; AE also has copy editor) 5. a ~ of the classics”)
readiness n. 1. combat; tactical ~ 2. ~ for (a ~) 3. ~ to + inf. (her ~ to help was appreciated) 4. (to hold oneself) in ~ (for) 5. (misc.) a state of ~ (for); she indicated clearly her ~ to help
reading n. [“act of reading”] 1. extensive; good; interesting; heavy; light; remedial; responsive; serious; solid; ~ (her latest novel makes very good ~) 2. a dramatic; poetry; staged ~ (they gave/presented a staged ~ of Paradise Lost) 3. assigned; background; required; suggested ~s (have you done the assigned ~ for the course?) 4. at, on a ~ (at the first ~) 5. in a ~ (you will not be able to absorb the material in one ~)”[interpretation]” 6. a new ~ of
readjust v. 1. to ~ downward; upward (our original estimate had to be ~ed upward (to allow) for inflation) 2. (D; intr., refl., tr.) to ~ for; to (he had to ~ to the new climate; we ~ed our watches to (show) local time)

readjustment n. 1. to make a ~ 2. a price; rate ~ 3. a ~ for; in, of (an ~ in/of his salary (to allow) for inflation; a ~ of the brakes) 4. a ~ to (a ~ to a new environment)

read out v. (A) she read out a nice story to the children = she read a nice story out to the children; or: she read the children out a nice story

read up v. (d; intr.) to ~ on (to ~ on a subject)

ready I adj. 1. ~ for (~ for any emergency; we are ~ for you to start) 2. ~ with (she is always ~ with an answer) 3. ~ to + inf. (we are ~ to start) 4. (misc.) to get (snb.) ~ for; we made ~ to repel the attack; we stand ~ to do whatever we must; Ready, Aim, Fire!~, ~ or not, here I come!~ ~ when you are! I’m ~, willing, and able to do it! USAGE NOTE: At the start of a race, the set phrases Ready, set, go! or Get ready, get set, go! or On your mark (AE) = marks (BE), get set, go! are used to competitors; the BE phrase Ready, steady, go! is fig.

ready II n. at the ~

readiness n. I. ~ that + clause (I believed the ministry’s ~ (to us) that the visit had been postponed)

readiness n. II. (L; to) the ministry ~ed (to us) that the visit had been postponed

reaffirm v. (L; to) the ministry ~ed (to us) that the visit had been postponed

realism n. 1. down-to-earth, gritty, hard-headed, kitchen-sink, non-nonsense ~; socialist 2. to lend ~ 3. a degree of ~ (the sound effects lend a degree of ~ to the scene)

realist n. a down-to-earth, hardheaded, kitchen-sink ~; socialist

realistic adj. 1. ~ about (let’s be ~ about our chances of winning) 2. ~ to + inf. (is it ~ to expect us to win?)

reality n. 1. to become a ~ 2. (the) grim, harsh, sober ~ (the harsh ~ of life) 3. (computers) virtual ~ 4. in ~ 5. (misc.) to accept ~; to deny ~; to face (up to) ~

realization n. 1. to come to the ~ 2. a full; growing; sudden ~ 3. the ~ that + clause (they finally came to the ~ that a catastrophe could occur at any time)

realize v. 1. to ~ finally; fully 2. (L) they finally ~d that a catastrophe could occur at any time 3. (Q) they finally ~d how close they were to a catastrophe

realm n. in a ~ (in the ~ of science)

reaper n. the grim ~ (“death”)

reapply v. (“to apply again”) 1. (D; intr.) to ~ for; to (we ~ied to the authorities for assistance; the captain ~ied to headquarters for a transfer; she ~ied for a fellowship) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ to (she ~ied to the universities that had rejected her) 3. (D; refl.) to ~ to (she ~ied herself to her old duties with renewed energy) 4. (D; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ paint to the same surface; to ~ ointment to the same rash) 5. (E) (“to request”) he ~ied (to the same university) to be admitted (to it)

reappoint v. (“to appoint again”) 1. (D; tr.) to ~ as (we ~ed the same person as treasurer) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ to (we ~ed the same person to the committee) 3. (H) we ~ed the same person to serve as treasurer 4. (M and N; used with a noun) we ~ed the same person (to be) treasurer

reappraisal n. 1. to carry out, do, make a ~ of 2. an agonizing; careful; fair, objective, realistic; thorough, thoroughgoing ~

reap v. 1. to bring up the ~ 2. at, from, in, to the ~ (the column was attacked from the ~)

rear I n. 1. to bring up the ~ 2. to (as (our children were ~ed as atheists) 2. (H) we ~ed our children to be atheists but also to respect others

reason I n. “[cause, justification]” 1. to cite, give a ~ 2. a cogent, compelling, convincing, good, important, plausible, solid, sound, strong, urgent ~ 3. a logical; personal; prime; real; underlying; valid ~ 4. every ~; (a) sufficient ~ 5. a ~ against; behind; for (the real ~ behind their decision was never made public; to have a ~ for not going; did he give any ~ for not going?) 6. a ~ + inf. (we had every ~ to complain; there is sufficient ~ to be concerned; have they any ~ to believe that the earth is really flat?) 7. a ~ that + clause (the ~ that/why she did it is a mystery; did he give any ~ why he didn’t go?) 8. by ~ of 9. for a ~ (he quit for personal ~s; for no apparent ~; I’m against it for the simple ~ that any new project is bound to fail; for some strange and unknown ~ he hasn’t answered my letter) 10. with ~ (I fear him ~ and with good ~)”[logic] 11. to listen to; see ~ 12. to stand to ~ (“to be logical”) (it stands to ~ that the majority party will be reelected) 13. (misc.) an appeal to ~ “[reasonable limits]” 14. within ~ (I’ll do anything for you within ~)”[sanity] 15. to lose one’s ~

reason II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ with (“to attempt to persuade”) (you can’t ~ with him) 2. (L) (“to argue”) they ~ed that any new project would fail

reasonable adj. 1. ~ about (let’s be ~ about this) 2. ~ of (that was not very ~ of you) 3. ~ to + inf. (it is not ~ (of/for you) to demand that employees work without a break)

reasoning n. 1. cogent, logical, plausible, solid, sound; objective; subjective ~ 2. faulty; shrewd; specious ~ 3. deductive; inductive ~ 4. ~ that + clause (their ~ that any new project would fail proved to be specious)

reassign v. (“to assign again”) (D; tr.) to ~ to (headquarters ~ed the soldiers to the same unit; an experienced detective was ~ed to a more difficult case; to ~ a painting to a later century)
rebuff v. (“to assure again”) 1. (d; tr.) to ~ about, of (the contractor ~d us of the work’s completion on time) 2. (L; must have an object) the contractor ~d us that the work would be completed on time 3. (misc.) let me ~ you (despite all rumors to the contrary, let me ~ you that he’s not dead)

reassuring adj. 1. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ to note that airport security has been improved) 2. ~ that + clause (it is ~ that airport security has been improved)

rebate n. 1. to give a ~ 2. to receive a ~

rebel I n. a ~ against (a ~ against tyranny)

rebel II v. (D; intr.) to ~ against, at (to ~ against tyranny; they ~d at the thought of getting up before dawn)

rebellion n. 1. to foment, stir up; to spark, (esp. AE), n. v. (D; intr.) to ~ against, at (to ~ against tyranny; they ~d at the thought of getting up before dawn)

rebuke I n. 1. to administer, deliver, give a ~ 2. to ~ mildly; sharply, sternly 2. (D; tr.) to ~ for (to ~ smb. for sloppy work)

rebuke II v. 1. to ~ brusquely, curtly; politely; sharply

rebuff I n. 1. to get, meet with, receive; risk a ~ 2. a ~ from

rebuff II v. (D; intr.) to ~ from (to ~ from a setback)

receipt n. a ~ for your purchase, which you must produce / ~s for the show have risen by 25% since opening night

receive v. 1. to ~ badly, coldly, coolly; favorably; warmly, well (the book was well ~d by the critics) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ as (the astronauts were ~d as conquerors of wandering, they were ~d back into the fold)

receiver n. [“part of a telephone”] 1. to pick up the ~ to hang up, put down, replace a ~ 3. a telephone ~[“radio”] 4. a shortwave ~[“one who catches a forward pass”] (Am. football) 5. to hit; spot a ~ (to spot a ~ down the field) [“misc.” (comm.)] 6. the official ~ (the bankrupt firm is now in the hands of the official ~)

receivership n. 1. to put a firm into ~ 2. in ~ (the bankrupt firm is now in ~)

reception n. [“social gathering”] 1. to give, hold; host a ~ 2. a diplomatic; formal; informal; official; wedding ~ 3. a ~ for (a ~ for graduating students) 4. at a ~ (we met at the ~) [“reaction, response”] [“greeting”] 5. to get, meet with a ~ 6. to accord, give (smb.) a ~ 7. a cordial, friendly, warm; emotional; enthusiastic; favorable; jubilant; lavish; rousing ~ (they gave us a warm ~; the book received a favorable ~ from the critics) 8. a chilly, cold, cool; hostile; lukewarm; mixed; unfavorable; unfriendly ~ (their proposal got a mixed ~) [“registration desk in a hotel”] (BE) 9. at ~ (leave your key at ~) [“receiving of broadcasts”] 10. good, strong; poor, weak ~ 11. radio; television ~

receptive adj. ~ to (~ to any reasonable offer)

recite v. (B) she ~d her poetry to the audience from memory

reckless adj. ~ to ~ inf. (it was ~ of them to go out alone at night)

reckon v. 1. (BE) (D; tr.) to ~ among, as (I ~ them ~ to be among my friends/as my friends) 2. (colloq. in AE) (d; intr.) (“to depend”) to ~ on (you can always ~ on my support; we ~d on reaching our destination before nightfall) 3. (colloq. in AE) (d;
record II n. 1. to ~ live; openly; secretly 2. (D; tr.) v. n. 1. to do, make a ~ (of votes) 2. to ask
recount I v. 1. (B) to ~ a story to smb. 2. (Q; to) she ~ed to (us) how it happened
recount II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ throughout (that thought kept ~ring to me throughout the evening)
records n. 1. (misc.) to announce; make ~s. 2. (comm.) to be made ~
red adj. ~ to (our ~ to our cause) 3. (comm.) (BE) ~red from Europe to Asia
rededicate v. (d; refl., tr.) to ~ to (we must ~ ourselves to our cause with renewed vigor)
rededication n. ~ to (our ~ to our cause)
redeem v. (D; tr.) to ~ from
redemption n. 1. from 2. beyond, past ~
redploy v. (D; tr.) to ~ from; to (troops were being ~ed from Europe to Asia)
redployment n. 1. large-scale ~ (the large-scale ~ of troops) 2. ~ from; to
redvelopment n. urban ~
red-faced adj. ~ with (~ with shame)
red light n. 1. to go through, jump (BE) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ ~s (she ran a ~ and was fined) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ as (stop at a ~) 3. on a ~ (he went right through the intersection on a ~)
redolent adj. (formal) (cannot stand alone) ~ of, with (~ of honey suckle)
redound v. (formal; d; intr.) to ~ (~ of honeysuckle) (her success ~s to the credit of her teachers)
redress n. 1. to seek ~ 2. legal ~
red tape n. 1. to cut, make; release a ~ 2. to dig up ~ 3. to destroy; falsify ~ 4. accurate; inaccurate ~
redemption n. 1. from 2. beyond, past ~
redemption n. 1. to ~ unanimously 2. (D; tr.) to ~ as (she was ~ed as vice-president for a second term) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ to (she was ~ed to the vice-presidency for a second term) 4. (H) she was ~ed to represent us for a second term 5. (M) the nation ~ed her to be vice-president for a second term 6. (N; used with
a noun) the nation ~ed her vice-president for a second term

**re-election** *n.* 1. to run for (esp. AE), seek, stand for (BE): win ~ 2. smb.’s ~ to (we welcomed her ~ to the vice-presidency for a second term) 3. for ~ (she was defeated for ~)

**reeling** *adj.* to send smb. ~

**re-entry** *n.* 1. to allow, grant ; refuse ~ (they refused ~)

**reeling** *n.*

1. to conduct, have, hold a ~ on (to)

2. to contain a ~ (the)

3. to give, provide a ~ 2. to find, take ; seek

4. to offer, provide a ~ 2. light ; liquid ~

**refrigeration** *n.* under ~ (to keep food under ~)

**refrigerator** *n.* 1. to defrost a ~ 2. a frostfree ~ 3. an electric ; gas ~ 4. (misc.) to raid the ~

**refueling, refuelling** *n.*

1. a ~ to + inf. (I could ~ to + inf. (it was ~ to have a dip in the pool ; it was ~ to find such honesty ; how ~ly honest!)

2. a polite ~ 3. a straightforward ~ 4. (a) first ~ (BE ; CE has first option) 5. a ~ to + inf. (I could not comprehend her ~ to help) 6. (misc.) to meet with a ~
refuse I n. (BE) to collect the ~ (see also garbage, rubbish, trash)
refuse II v. 1. to ~ brusquely, categorically, completely, curtly, flatly, outright, point-blank 2. (E) she ~d to see him 3. (O; can be used with one object) he ~d them nothing
refute v. to ~ completely (he denied the charge but he couldn’t ~ it completely)
regain v. (D; tr.) to ~ from
regale v. (d; tr.) to ~ by; with (to ~ one’s guests with funny stories = to ~ one’s guests by telling funny stories)
regalia n. in full ~
regard I n. ["consideration"] 1. to have; show ~ 2. ~ for (she shows no ~ for the feelings of others; you must have ~ for our safety) 3. little, scant ~ ["estee[m]"] 4. high; low ~ (to hold smb. in high ~ = to have a high ~ for smb.) (see also regards) ["aspect, relation"] 5. in a ~ (in this ~) 6. in, with ~ to (in ~ to your request, no decision has been made)
regard II v. 1. to ~ highly (highly ~d in the scientific community) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ as (to ~ smb. as a friend that others might consider an enemy) 3. (d; tr.) to ~ with (to ~ smb. with contempt) 4. (misc.) as ~s, ~ing (as ~s/~ing your request, no decision has been made)
regardless adj. ~ of
regards n. ["greetings"] 1. to convey smb.’s ~; to send one’s ~ 2. to give smb. one’s ~ 3. best, cordial, friendly, kind, kindest, sincere, warm, warmest; personal ~ (with best personal ~) 4. ~ from; to (best ~ to your family from all of us) USAGE NOTE: Such formulas as “With best regards to your family and ours all” are used typically in the complimentary close of letters.
regatta n. an annual ~
regime n. (pol.) (typically derog.) 1. to establish a ~ 2. to bring down, overthrow a ~ 3. an authoritarian, dictatorial, totalitarian; puppet; repressive ~ 4. under a ~ (we all suffered under the repressive regime)
regimen n. 1. to put smb. on a ~ 2. to follow a ~ 3. a daily; strict ~
regiment n. 1. a Guards (GB); infantry ~ 2. a colony
region n. 1. a border; mountainous; outlying, remote; polar; tropical; unpopulated ~ 2. an autonomous ~ 3. (misc.) some features are found throughout the entire/whole ~; in the ~ of the lungs; to earn (something /one’s ~) 4. high; low ~ (to hold smb. in high ~ = to have a high ~ for smb.)
register I n. ["record, record book"] 1. to keep; sign a ~ 2. a case; hotel ~ ["roster"] 3. (BE) an electoral ~ 4. the Medical Register; the Social Register (she’s entered/listed in Who’s Who even though her family is not (listed) in the Social Register) ["machine that registers the amount of each sale"] 5. a cash ~
register II v. 1. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ as (she ~ed as a Republican and is therefore a ~ed Republican; he was not ~ed as a voter) 2. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ for (she ~ed for two courses; our departmental secretary has ~ed ten students for the seminar) 3. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ in (how many ~ed/are ~ed in the course?) 4. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ with (he had to ~ with the authorities; to ~ a pistol with the police) (also fig.) I’d like to ~ a strong protest with the authorities; although the news was important, it failed to ~ with them and hardly ~ed at all with me! 5. (E) have you ~ed to vote? 6. (misc.) the earthquake ~ed six on the Richter scale
registration n. 1. to conduct ~ gun; voter ~ 3. ~ as (~ as a Republican) 4. ~ for (~ for this course has been completed) 5. ~ with (~ with the police) 6. ~ to + inf. (~ to vote)
regress v. (D; intr.) to ~ to (to ~ one’s childhood)
regret I n. 1. to express; have ~>s (2) to feel; show ~ bitter; deep, great, keen, sincere ~ 4. a token of (one’s) twinge of ~ 5. ~ at, over; for (to express ~ at not being able to accept an invitation; ~ for one’s mistake) 6. to smb.’s ~ (much/greatly) to my ~, she retired last year) 7. with ~ (with sincere ~ we announce that he passed away last night) (see also regrets)
regret II v. 1. to ~ deeply, really, very much 2. (formal) (E) we ~ to inform you that your position has been eliminated 3. (G) we ~ having to inform you that your position has been eliminated 4. (K) we ~ your having to be dismissed 5. (L) we really ~ that we cannot accept your invitation; we ~ that your position has been eliminated
regrets n. ["expression of regret at declining an invitation"] 1. to send (one’s) ~ 2. (esp. AE) ~ only (appears on invitations instructing recipients to respond only if they are unable to accept) ~regrettable adj. ~ that + clause (it was ~ that we couldn’t accept your invitation; it was ~ that your position had been eliminated)
regular adj. (misc.) ~ as ~ clockwork
regulation n. 1. to adopt, enact a ~ 2. to apply, enforce a ~ 3. to comply with, obey, observe a ~ 4. to contravene, violate; ignore a ~ 5. rigid, strict ~s 6. army; government; health; police; safety, security; traffic ~ 7. against ~s (it’s against ~s to park cars there) 8. a ~ that + clause; subj. (we obeyed the ~ that no cars be/should be/can be parked there)
rehab n. (colloq.) in; into; out of ~ (she went into ~ a drunk, stayed in ~ for a while, and came out of ~ sober)
rehabilitation n. physical ~
rehearsal n. 1. to attend; conduct, have, hold; schedule a ~ 2. a dress, final ~ 3. a ~ for; of 4. at; during a ~ (I’ll see you at the dress ~ of Hamlet) 5. in ~ (the play is in ~)
rehearse v. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ for (to ~ for Hamlet)
reign I n. during smb.’s ~
reign II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ as (she ~ed as queen for
many years) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ over (see also to reign supreme at supreme)

**reimburse** v. 1. to ~ amply, fully = in full, generously 2. (rare) (B) all expenses will be ~d to you 3. (D; tr.) to ~ for (you will be ~d for all expenses)

**reimbursement** n. ~ for (you will receive full ~ for/of all expenses)

**rein** I n. ["control"] 1. to keep a ~ on 2. to give free, full ~ to ("to remove restraints on") (he finally gave free ~ to the emotions he had previously reined in) 3. a tight ~ (to keep a tight ~ on smb./smt.) (he finally gave free ~ to the emotions he had previously kept a tight ~ on) (see also reins)

**reinforcement** n. ~ for (you will be ~d for all expenses)

**reinforce** v. (D; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ a horse to the left)

**reinstate** v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ as (she was ~d as treasurer) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ in (to ~ people in their former positions)

**reissuse** v. (B) the school ~d the same old textbooks to the pupils

**reiterate** v. 1. (B) she ~d her story to the police 2. (L) he ~d (to us) that he would resign

**reject** v. 1. to ~ completely, flatly, outright, totally 2. (D; tr.) to ~ as (he ~d our argument as flawed)

**rejection** n. 1. complete, flat, outright, total ~ 2. ~ of; as (we bridled at his ~ of our argument as flawed)

**rejoice** v. 1. (D; instr.) to ~ at, in, over (we ~d at the good news that the war was over) 2. (E) (rare) we ~d to learn that the war was over 3. (L) we ~d that the war was over

**rejoinder** n. 1. a sharp; telling ~ 2. a ~ to

**relapse** I n. (esp. medical) 1. to experience, have, suffer; trigger a ~ 2. complete, total ~ 3. a ~ occurs (what triggered the ~ that occurred after the patient’s last remission?) 4. a ~ into (the patient suffered a ~ into a coma again; a ~ into previous bad habits) 5. in ~ (sometimes the patient is in ~; sometimes, in remission)

**relapse** II v. (D; intr.) to ~ into (to ~ into a coma again; to ~ into previous bad habits)

**relate** v. 1. (B) she ~d her version of the incident to the police 2. (d; intr.) to ~ to (this law does not ~d to your case; how do they ~d to each other?) 3. (L; to) she ~d to the police that the attack was unprowoked 4. (Q; to) she ~d to the police how the attack had been planned 5. (misc.) "you had an unhappy childhood? I can ~ to that: my childhood was unhappy, too"; she had an unhappy childhood and, sad to ~, his childhood was unhappy, too

**related** adj. 1. closely; distantly ~ 2. directly; indirectly ~ 3. ~ by; to (I am ~ to him by marriage; are poverty and crime directly ~ to each other?)

**relation** n. 1. to bear; have a ~ to (X bears no ~ to Y) 2. a close; distant ~ 3. a direct; indirect ~ 4. a ~ between (is there a direct ~ between poverty and crime?) 5. in ~ to (in ~ to crime, I think we’ve made some progress in reducing it) 6. (misc.) "what ~ was Queen Elizabeth I to Mary Queen of Scots?"

I "believe they were cousins." (see also relations)

**relations** n. 1. to establish; have, maintain; normalize; renew ~ 2. to cement, improve, promote, strengthen ~ 3. to break off, sever; strain ~ (to break off diplomatic ~ with a country) 4. close, intimate; cordial, friendly, harmonious; strained, troubled ~ 5. business, commercial, economic, trade; diplomatic; foreign; industrial, labor; international ~ 6. human; public; race ~ 7. extramarital; marital; premarital; sexual ~ (to have sexual ~ with smb.) 8. ~ among, between; with 9. (misc.) friends and ~ ("friends and relatives")

**relationship** n. 1. to build; cement; enter into, establish, strike up a ~ (to establish a ~ with smb.) 2. to have a ~ with smb. 3. to bear; have a ~ to (to bear a ~ to smb.) 4. to break off a ~ (to break off a ~ with smb.) 5. a casual; close, intimate; direct; indirect; meaningful; sexual; solid; stormy, tempestuous; symbiotic; tenuous; warm ~ 6. a doctor-patient ~ 7. an adulterous; extramarital; incestuous ~; interpersonal; spatial ~ 8. a direct; inverse ~ 9. a ~ between; to, towards; with (is there a direct ~ between poverty and crime?) 10. in ~ (she is in an extramarital ~ with her husband’s best mate; there should be some give-and-take in any ~ (between people))

**relative I adj. ~ to

**relative II** n. a blood; close; distant ~; smb.’s closest, nearest ~s; friends and ~s ("is he a blood ~ or a ~ by marriage?" "he’s not my son: he’s my son-in-law")

**relax** v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ by (they ~ by watching TV) 2. (G) they ~ watching TV

**relaxant** n. a muscle ~

**relaxation** n. 1. for ~ (what do you do for ~?) 2. (misc.) a ~ of the rules/restrictions

**relaxing** adj. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ to spend a few days on the beach)

**relay** I n. 1. to run a ~ (misc.) to work in ~

**relay** II v. (B) she ~d the information to the press; some offenders were ~d into the community

**release** I n. ["liberation"] 1. to bring about, effect, secure smb.’s ~ 2. a ~ from (a ~ from prison) ["succ. render of a claim or right"] (legal) 3. to agree to; sign a ~ ["hanging over"] 4. ~ to (the ~ of information to the press) 5. a news, press ~ ["recording"] 6. a new ~; the latest ~ ["misc."] 7. on general ~ (BE) (the film will go/be on general ~ from next week and you’ll be able to see it at your local cinema)

**release** II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ from (he has been ~d from prison) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ into; to (the judge ~d the youthful culprit to his parents; the film has been ~d to various movie theaters; the information was ~d to the press; some offenders were ~d into the community)

**relegate** v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ smb. to second-
relish I
(B) ("to yield") he ~ed his business
relinquish
adj. deeply, devoutly, profoundly, very ~
adj. 1. ~ for (the evidence has no ~ to the case) 2. of ~ to (the evidence is of no ~ to the case)
relevant adj. 1. ~ to (the evidence is not ~ to the case) 2. ~ to + inf. (it’s not ~ to cite such outdated evidence) 3. ~ that + clause (it’s not ~ that she was out of town) 4. (misc.) is it ~ whether she was present at the scene of the crime?
reliance n. ~ on (I’d place no ~ on such evidence)
reliant adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ on (the prosecution relied heavily ~ on questionable evidence)
relevance n. 1. ~ to (the evidence is not ~ to the case) 2. ~ to + inf. (it’s not ~ to cite such outdated evidence) 3. ~ that + clause (it’s not ~ that she was out of town) 4. (misc.) is it ~ whether she was present at the scene of the crime?
relief n. 1. (D ; tr.) to ~ of (the general was ~d of ~)
religne II
1. (G) we really ~ed listening to their story
relief
n. 1. to bring; give ~ 2. to seek ~ 3. to find; receive ~ (they found ~ in looking at their late son’s photographs) 4. to express; feel ~ 5. blessed; great, immense; instant; pain; permanent; temporary; welcome ~ (a pain-relief clinic) 6. (esp. BE) (eligible for) tax ~ 7. ~ from (the rain brought instant ~ from the heat) 8. ~ to (the news came as a great ~ to us) 9. a ~ to + inf. (it was a ~ to get home) 10. ~ that + clause (they expressed ~ that they’d finally gotten home) 11. in, with ~ (to sigh in ~) 12. to smb.’s ~ ((much) to my ~ they got home safely) [welfare, government aid?] (esp. AE; obsol.) 13. on ~ (in the 1930s they were on ~) ["comic scenes""] 14. comic; light; mock (AE) ~ ["differences in height"] 15. bold; high; low ~ 16. in ~ (to show terrain in ~) ["sharpness of outline"] 17. in bold/sharp ~ against (a light background) (Count Dracula’s castle stood out in sharp ~ against the snow-capped hills) ["material help"] 18. to provide, send ~ 19. disaster; emergency; famine; flood; humanitarian ~
relieve v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ of (did anything ~ of the wreckage?) 2. (E) that ~s to be seen 3. (S) she ~ed a widow for the rest of her life; to ~ silent; (obsol.) "I ~ Your most humble and obedient servant, Martin Chuzzlewit” (used formerly in the complimentary close of letters)
relief II
1. to drop, make; address a ~ (please address your ~s to the chair, not to the last speaker)
2. to pass a ~ (they passed several sarcastic ~s about the food) 3. a complimentary; flattering; friendly; kind; reassuring; timely ~ 4. a droll; facetious; tongue-in-cheek; witty ~ 5. a pertinent; pithy; pointed ~ 6. a casual, throwaway; innocent; innocuous; off-the-cuff; passing ~ 7. a controversial; cryptic; puzzling; provocative; suggestive ~ 8. an inane; indiscreet; tasteless; trite; trivial ~ 9. a biting, catty, caustic, cutting, nasty, sarcastic, scathing, snide; cruel, unkind; cynical; derogatory; disparaging, insulting, offensive, rude; impertinent; slanderous ~ (I decided to take no notice of his snide ~s about me) 10. smb.’s closing, concluding; introductory, opening ~s 11. a ~ about (she made a ~ (to us) about how boring being interviewed was) 12. a ~ that + clause (she made the ~ (to us) that being interviewed was boring)
remake v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ to ~ (the judge ~ed the accused to the county jail) 2. (misc.) ~ed in custody ("sent back to prison")
remark n. 1. to drop, make; address a ~ (please address your ~s to the chair, not to the last speaker)
2. to pass a ~ (they passed several sarcastic ~s about the food) 3. a complimentary; flattering; friendly; kind; reassuring; timely ~ 4. a droll; facetious; tongue-in-cheek; witty ~ 5. a pertinent; pithy; pointed ~ 6. a casual, throwaway; innocent; innocuous; off-the-cuff; passing ~ 7. a controversial; cryptic; puzzling; provocative; suggestive ~ 8. an inane; indiscreet; tasteless; trite; trivial ~ 9. a biting, catty, caustic, cutting, nasty, sarcastic, scathing, snide; cruel, unkind; cynical; derogatory; disparaging, insulting, offensive, rude; impertinent; slanderous ~ (I decided to take no notice of his snide ~s about me) 10. smb.’s closing, concluding; introductory, opening ~s 11. a ~ about (she made a ~ (to us) about how boring being interviewed was) 12. a ~ that + clause (she made the ~ (to us) that being interviewed was boring)
remarkable adj. 1. ~ for (the city is ~ for its clean streets) 2. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to see such clean streets) 3. ~ that + clause (it’s ~ that the streets are so clean after the parade) 4. (misc.) (it’s ~ how clean the streets are after the parade)
remedy n. 1. to resort to, use a ~ 2. to prescribe a ~ 3. to provide a ~ (for) 4. (legal) to pursue a (legal) ~ 5. (legal) to exhaust all (legal) ~ies 6. a certain,
reliable, sure; effective, efficacious ~ 7. a cold; cough ~ 8. a folk; herbal; home; homeopathic ~ 9. a ~ works 10. a ~ for (my granny’s home ~ for coughs certainly worked on me!) remember v. 1. to ~ clearly, distinctly; dimly, vaguely; to ~ aright, correctly, rightly, well (we met in 1966, if I ~ aright) 2. (B; colloq. the direct object is always a personal pronoun) please ~ me to your family (“please give my regards to your family”) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ about (“do you ~ anything about the incident?”) “no, I’m afraid I can’t ~ anything about it”) 4. (D; tr.) to ~ as; for (I well ~ her as a young girl; Laurence Olivier will always be ~ed for his Shakespeare performances) 5. (D; tr.) to ~ of (what do you ~ of them?) 6. (E) she ~ed to buy a newspaper 7. (G) she ~ed buying the newspaper 8. (J) I ~ him being very generous 9. (K) I ~ his being very generous 10. (L) she ~ed that she had bought a newspaper 11. (Q) she couldn’t ~ where or when she’d bought the newspaper USAGE NOTE: The sentence she didn’t remember to buy a newspaper means “she forgot to buy a newspaper”. The sentence she didn’t remember buying a newspaper means “she had no memory of buying a newspaper”, whether she bought one or not.

remembrance n. in ~ of

remind v. 1. (d; tr.) (“to cause to remember”) to ~ about, of (he ~ed me of my promise; we ~ed them of why the meeting had been postponed) 2. (d; tr.) (“to call to mind”) to ~ of (she ~s me of my cousin) 3. (H) she ~ed me to buy a newspaper 4. (L; must have an object) we ~ed them that the meeting had been postponed 5. (Q; must have an object) please ~ me to your family) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ about (“do you ~ of them?”) 6. (misc.) the merest hint served to ~ me of my promise; I think I need hardly ~ you that your rent is now due!

reminder n. 1. to serve as a ~ of (the merest hint served as a ~ to me of my promise) we ~ed them why the meeting had been postponed 2. a ~er; eloquent; final; gentle; grim ~ 3. a ~ to + inf. (we received a final ~ to pay the rent) 4. a ~ that + clause (we received a final ~ that the rent was due)

reminisce v. (D; intr.) to ~ about

reminiscences n. 1. personal ~ 2. ~ about

reminiscent adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ of (that melody is very ~ of the music we listened to in the old days)

remiss adj. (formal) 1. ~ about, in (~ in (performing) one’s duties; I was very ~ in not writing to you) 2. ~ to + inf. (it was of me not to write to you)

remission n. “[lessening of the effects of a disease]” (esp. med.) 1. to experience, have a ~ 2. a complete, total; partial ~ 3. a ~ occurs (what triggered the relapse after the patient’s last ~ had occurred?) 4. ~ in ~ (sometimes the patient is in relapse; sometimes, in ~)

remit I n. (BE) “[assignment, area of responsibility]” 1. a limited; wide ~ 2. a ~ to + inf. (they have a ~ to investigate the company’s affairs) 3. (misc.) to fall outside; under; within the ~ of smt. (this question falls outside the limited ~ of this investigation)

remit II v. 1. (BE) they ~ed the money to us; or: they ~ed us the money 2. (AE) they ~ed the money to us

remittance n. 1. to enclose; send a ~ 2. (obsc.) (BE) a ~ man (“one living abroad on money emitted from home”) 3. on ~ of (you will receive the book on ~ of the balance)

remonstrate v. (formal) (D; intr.) to ~ about, against; with (they ~d with the neighbors about the noise)

remorse n. 1. to display, exhibit, show ~ 2. to express; feel ~ 3. bitter, deep, profound, sincere ~ 4. a feeling; pang; stab; twinge of ~ 5. ~ for, over (he displayed no ~ for his crimes) 6. with ~ (he confessed his crimes with sincere ~)

remote adj. ~ from

removal n. 1. snow ~ 2. (BE) furniture ~ (see also removal van at van) 3. ~ from; to

remove v. (D; tr.) to ~ from; to (~ to a dressing from a wound)

removed adj. 1. easily ~ 2. once; twice ~ (a first cousin once ~) 3. far ~ from

remover n. (a) nail-polish, nail-varnish (BE); paint; rust; spot ~

remunerate v. (formal) (D; tr.) to ~ for

remuneration n. 1. to offer ~ 2. to accept ~ 3. ~ for

rename v. (N) the file that had been named “urgent” has now been ~d “miscellaneous”

rend v. (D; tr.) (“to tear”) to ~ into (~ into one’s clothes into shreds)

render v. 1. (A) she ~ed a valuable service to me; or: she ~ed me a valuable service 2. (formal) (D; tr.) to ~ into (~ into a text into English) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ to (~ to suspected terrorists to other countries for interrogation) 4. (N; used with an adjective) her remark ~ed me speechless

rendezvous n. 1. to have; make a ~ with 2. a secret ~

rendition n. 1. to give a ~ 2. a letter-perfect (AE); word-perfect (BE) ~ 3. to (~ of suspected terrorists to other countries for interrogation)

renge v. (D; intr.) to ~ on (to ~ on a commitment)

renewal n. urban ~

renounce v. (D; tr.) to ~ for (to ~ wealth for happiness)

renovations n. 1. to make; undergo ~ 2. ~ in; to (to make ~ in/to an old building)

renown n. 1. to achieve, attain, win ~ 2. great, wide ~ (to achieve great ~ as a pianist for one’s performances of Beethoven) 3. international, worldwide; national ~ 4. of (~ of an artist of great ~)

renowned adj. 1. internationally; nationally; widely ~ 2. ~ as; for (~ as a pianist; ~ for one’s inventions)

rent I n. 1. to pay ~ for 2. to raise the ~ 3. (AE) for

rent II n. 1. to pay ~ for

renova...
rent II

v. 1. (A) to ~ a room to a student; or: to ~ a student a room 2. (D; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ a house from smb.) 3. (esp. AE) (d; intr.) to ~ to (she ~s to students) 4. (esp. AE) (d; intr., tr.) to ~ at, for (the room ~ed at five hundred dollars a month)

rental n. 1. car; film; office ~ 2. ~ to students = to ~ rooms

repair I

n. ["process of restoring to working order"] 1. to carry out, do, make a ~ (we have done the necessary ~s) 2. extensive; major; minor; necessary ~s 3. ~s to (the ~s to our roof cost one hundred dollars) 4. under ~ (the road is under ~) ["condition"]

repair II

v. (formal or humorous) (d; intr.) ("to go") ~ to ~ to (to ~ to the drawing room)

reparations n. 1. to pay ~ 2. war ~ 3. ~ for

repatter n. witty ~

repast n. (formal or humorous) a light, meager ~

repatriate v. (D; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ a house)

repatriation n. forced ~ 2. ~ from; to

repay n. 1. (A) we must ~ the money to her for the tickets; or: we must ~ her the money for the tickets 2. (D; tr.) to ~ by; with (the firm repaid me with a promotion for my hard work = the firm repaid me for my hard work by promoting me) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ for (we must ~ her for the tickets) 4. (D; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ to a loan to a bank)

repeat v. 1. (B) she ~ed her story to us 2. (D; intr.) ("to cause an unpleasant aftertaste") to ~ on (this type of food ~s on me) 3. (L; to) he ~ed (to me) that he would buy some stamps 4. (misc.) ~ after ~ (to the authorities)

repentance n. 1. to show ~ for 2. genuine, sincere ~ (to show genuine ~ for one's sins)

repercussions n. 1. to have ~ for; on 2. far-reaching; serious; unexpected ~

repertoire n. 1. the standard ~ 2. in a ~ (our company has several new plays in its ~)

replace v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ as (when my sister fell ill, they asked me to ~ her as secretary; when Jones couldn't play, the coach ~d him as quarterback) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ with (when Jones couldn't play, the coach ~d Jones with Smith; Smith has now ~d Jones) 3. (P) I ~d the book ~n the shelf where it belonged after I'd finished reading it (see also substitute II)

replacement n. 1. to make a ~ 2. to be; get, receive a ~ (Smith is now the ~ for Jones as quarterback) (see also substitute I n.) 3. (misc.) the ~ of smt. by smt. else (the coach's ~ of Jones by Smith as quarterback) (see also substitution)

replay n. (an) action (BE), instant (AE) ~

replenish v. (D; tr.) to ~ with

reply I n. 1. to give a ~ 2. to send a ~ 3. to get, have, receive a ~ 4. to draw, elicit a ~ 5. a favorable; witty ~ 6. a straightforward; succinct ~ 7. an immediate, prompt ~ 8. a brusque, curt, gruff; stingy; sullen; terse ~ 9. a ~ to 10. in ~ (to nod in ~) 11. in ~ to (in ~ to your letter)

reply II v. 1. ("to respond") to ~ brusquely, curtly; clearly, unequivocally; immediately, promptly; vaguely 2. (D; intr.) to ~ to (she did not ~ to my letter) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ with (she replied to my letter with one of her own) 4. (L; to) she replied to (us) that she would be happy to accept our invitation

report I

n. to file, make, present, submit a ~ 2. to do, draw up, issue, make out, prepare, produce, write, write out, write up a ~ 3. to confirm a ~ 4. an accurate; balanced; confirmed; detailed, exhaustive, full; favorable, positive; impartial, objective ~ 5. a biased, slanted; negative, unfavorable; sketchy; unconfirmed ~ 6. an annual; daily; monthly; morning; weekly ~ 7. a final; interim; preliminary; progress; status ~ 8. an oral; written ~ 9. an eyewitness; firsthand ~ 10. an accident; incident ~ 11. a live; news; newspaper; press; radio; traffic; TV; weather ~ 12. a classified; committee; confidential; intelligence; official; restricted; secret; special; top-secret ~ 13. a majority; minority ~ 14. a school ~ (BE; AE has report card) 15. a ~ about, on; from; to; with (she filed a ~ about the accident with the authorities; the annual ~ from the company to stockholders) 16. a ~ that + clause (we have heard ~s that the road is closed)

report II

v. 1. (B) ("to relate") she ~ed the incident to the authorities 2. (D; intr.) to ~ about, on ("to describe") (the correspondent ~d the situation at the front) 3. (d; tr.) ("to describe") to ~ as (the fire ~ed as burning out of control; the stolen car ~ed by several people as having been seen ~ several people ~d the stolen car as having been seen; he was ~ed as missing in action) 4. (D; intr.) ("to present oneself") to ~ for; to (to ~ to head-quarters for duty) 5. (D; tr.) ("to inform on") to ~ for; to (to ~ smb. to the police for violating an ordinance) 6. (d; intr.) ("to send information") to ~ from (during the war, she ~d from London) 7. (pol.) (D; tr.) to ~ out of ("to return smt. for further action") (to ~ a bill out of committee) 8. (d; intr.) to ~ to ("to answer to") (she ~s directly to the dean) 9. (D; intr.) ("to give information") to ~ to (I'll be ~ing to you soon) 10. (G) ("to make known") several people ~d having seen the stolen car 11. (H) the stolen car was ~ed to have been seen in several places 12. (K) ("to make known") smb. ~d their
leaving early 13. (L; to) “to relate” she ~ed (to us) that they had left early and that he was missing in action 14. (M) “to describe” the fire was ~ed to be burning out of control; he was ~ed to be missing in action 15. (N; used with an adjective, past participle) “to describe” the patrol ~ed the entire area clear/cleared; he was ~ed missing in action 16. (Q; to) “to describe” she ~ed to the authorities how the incident had taken place; several people ~ed to the authorities where the stolen car had been seen 17. (esp. BE) (s) to ~ sick

report back v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ to (you will ~ to the chairperson of the committee) 2. (L; to) they ~ed back to the committee that all goals had been reached

reported adj. (cannot stand alone) 1. ~ to + inf. (they were ~ to be safe; the stolen car was ~ to have been seen in several places) 2. ~ that + clause (it was ~ed that they were safe; it was ~ (to the authorities) that the stolen car had been seen in several places) 3. (misc.) they were ~ safe

reporter n. 1. a court; cub; financial; free-lance; investigative; news; police; radio; roving; science; society; sports; TV ~ 2. a ~ for, on, with (a ~ for/on/with The Times = a Times reporter)

report in v. (AE) (s) to ~ sick

reporting n. 1. balanced; impartial; objective ~ 2. biased, slanted ~ 3. investigative ~

repose n. in (a state of) ~

represent v. 1. “(to depict)” to ~ graphically 2. (B) “(to be the equivalent of, to symbolize)” this room ~ed home to them 3. (esp. BE) (B) “(to convey)” to ~ one’s grievances to the authorities 4. (d; refl., tr.) “(to depict)” to ~ as (she was ~ed as an heroic pioneer) 5. (S; used with nouns) “(to be)” this ~s a serious problem

representation n. “[statement”][“protest”] 1. to make ~s to (our ambassador made ~s to their government) “[act of representing]” 2. legal ~ (they insisted on having legal ~) 3. proportional; virtual ~ 4. ~ as (her ~ as an heroic pioneer)

representative I adj. 1. ~ of 2. as ~ (a sample selected as ~ of the whole)

representative II n. 1. a sales ~ (BE also had commercial traveller) 2. an elected ~ 3. a ~ (of) (Mrs. Smith has been selected as a ~ of American homemakers)

repression n. 1. political; sexual ~ 2. (to live) a ~

reprimand II v. 1. to ~ mildly; severely, sharply, sternly 2. to ~ orally, verbally; in writing 3. to ~ publicly 4. (D; tr.) to ~ for (to ~ an employee publicly for being late)

reprint n. to issue a ~ (of a book)

reprintal n. 1. to carry out ~ 2. a harsh ~ 3. a ~ against, on 4. in ~ (for) 5. (misc.) as a ~; by way of ~

reproach I n. 1. a bitter ~ 2. a term of ~ 3. above, beyond ~ (his behavior is above/beyond ~ = his behavior is irreproachable)

reproach II v. 1. to ~ bitterly 2. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ for (to ~ an employee bitterly for being late)

reproduce v. (D; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ a photograph from an old negative)

reproduction n. “[copy]” 1. (a) high-fidelity; stereophonic ~ 2. a ~ (of a photograph from an old negative) “[biological process of reproducing]” 3. animal; human; plant ~ 4. asexual; sexual ~

reprove v. (formal) 1. to ~ harshly 2. (D; tr.) to ~ for (to ~ an employee harshly for being late)

reprieve n. ~s crawl, creep, slither

republic n. 1. to establish a ~ 2. an autonomous; banana (obsol. derog.) = a registered ~

reputation n. 1. to acquire, earn, establish, gain, get a ~ 2. to enjoy, have a ~ (he had the ~ of being a heavy drinker) 3. to guard, protect one’s ~ 4. to compromise, blacken, blemish, damage, destroy, ruin, smear, tarnish smb.’s ~ 5. an enviable, excellent, fine, good, impeccable, spotless, unblemished, unsullied, untarnished ~ 6. a tainted, tarnished, unenviable ~ 7. an international, worldwide; local; national ~ 8. a ~ suffers 9. a ~ as, for (that judge has a ~ for being fair) 10. by ~ (to know smb. by ~) 11. (misc.) to live up to one’s ~; to stake one’s ~ on smb.

repute n. 1. high ~ (to be held in high ~) 2. ill, low ~ (a place of ill ~; to be held in low ~) 3. by ~ (to know smb. by ~)

reputed adj. ~ to

request I n. 1. to file, make, submit a ~ (to file a ~ with the appropriate authorities; she has a ~ to make of us; to submit a ~ to the mayor’s office) 2. to act on, agree to; grant, honor a ~ (I agreed to her ~ that I ~be/should/be/should/be/should/be/should/be/should/be/was (esp. BE) ~ there) 3. to deny, refuse, reject, turn down a ~ 4. a moderate, modest; polite; reasonable ~ 5. a desperate, urgent; unreasonable ~ 6. a formal; official; written ~ 7. an informal; oral; unofficial ~ 8. a ~ for (to make a ~ for more money) 9. a ~ to + inf. (she made a ~ for me to be there; a ~ to be allowed to leave) 10. a ~ that + clause; subj. (she made a ~ that I ~be/should/be/should/be/should/be/should/be/should/be/was (esp. BE) ~ there) 11. at smb.’s ~ (I was
there at her —) 12. by, on, upon — (brochures are mailed out on —) 13. (misc.) this radio station takes and plays ~s if you phone them in

**request II** v. 1. (D ; tr.) to ~ from; of (to ~ a favor of smb.) 2. (H) to ~ to smb. to do smt. (she ~d me to be there) 3. (L ; subj.) she ~d that I ~be/should be/ was (esp. BE) ~ there

**require** v. 1. (D ; tr.) to ~ from ~ for requisite 2. (G) the house ~s painting 4. (H) she ~d everyone to attend the meeting 5. (K) this position ~s everyone’s attending all our meetings 6. (L ; subj.) she ~d that everyone ~attend/should attend/attended (esp. BE) ~ the meeting

**requirement** n. 1. to establish, set ~s 2. to fill, fulfill, meet, satisfy a ~ 3. to waive a ~ 4. admission, entrance; distributional (AE); legal; minimum; physical ~s 5. a ~ to + inf. (she has made it a ~ for everyone to attend all meetings) 6. a ~ that + clause; subj. (she has made it a ~ that everyone ~attend/should attend/attend(s) (esp. BE) ~ all meetings) 7. (misc.) Sociology 101 is a ~ for Sociology 102

**resolute** n. a ~ for

**requisition I** n. 1. to make out, write out a ~ 2. to send in, submit a ~ 3. to fill a ~ 4. a ~ for 5. on ~ (that item is on ~)

**requisition II** v. (D ; tr.) to ~ for

**rerun** n. to show a ~ (that channel keeps showing ~s)

**rescue I** n. 1. to attempt; effect, make, mount a ~ 2. to come/go to smb.’s ~ 3. a daring, heroic 4. a ~ from (see also rescue attempt at attempt I n. ; rescue bid at bid I n.)

**rescue II** v. (D ; tr.) to ~ from

**research** I n. 1. to carry out, conduct, do, pursue ~ 2. to publish one’s ~ (see also research findings at finding; research project at project I n.) 3. detailed, diligent, laborious, painstaking, solid, thorough ~ 4. independent; original ~ 5. empirical; further; qualitative; quantitative ~ (further ~ is necessary) 6. animal; biological; historical; medical; scientific ~ 7. market; operations; space ~ 8. ~ shows (has ~ shown that smoking is bad for health?) 9. an area of ~ 10. ~ in, into, on (~ on the development of an electric engine)

**research II** v. (BE) (D ; intr.) to ~ into (~ into the development of an electric engine)

**researcher** n. an independent ~

**resemblance** n. 1. to bear, have a ~ to 2. a close, strong; faint, remote, slight; passing; striking; superficial; uncanny ~ 3. a family ~ 4. a ~ between; to resemble  v. to ~ closely, strongly; remotely, slightly

**resent** v. 1. to ~ bitterly, deeply, greatly, strongly 2. (G) she bitterly ~s not being the center of attention 3. (J) she bitterly ~s him being the center of attention 4. (K) she bitterly ~s his being the center of attention

**resentful adj.** 1. bitterly, very ~ 2. ~ about, at, of (she’s bitterly ~ at not being the center of attention)

**resentment** n. 1. to arouse, cause, stir up ~ 2. to bear, feel, harbor ~ 3. to express, voice ~ 4. bitter, deep, profound, smoldering, sullen ~ 5. unspoken; widespread ~ 6. ~ about, over; against; at, towards (she feels bitter ~ at not being the center of attention) 7. ~ that + clause (she feels bitter ~ that she isn’t the center of attention)

**reservation** n. (“booking”) 1. to make a ~ (we made a ~ at a very good restaurant) 2. to confirm a ~ to have a ~ (we have a ~ at the restaurant) 4. to cancel a ~ 5. an advance ~ 6. an airline; concert; hotel, motel, room; restaurant; theater ~ 7. a ~ for (I’d like to make a ~ for two people for 8 o’clock, please) [“qualification”] 8. a mental ~ 9. without ~ (see also reservations) [“tract of land”] 10. an Indian (Canadian English has [Indian] reserve) ; military ~ 11. on a ~ [“strip of land”] (BE) 12. a central ~ (on a road)

**reservations** n. [“doubts”] 1. to have ~ 2. to express ~ (they expressed strong ~ about the plan) 3. deep, strong; initial ~ 4. about (do you have any ~ about the agreement?) 5. without ~ (to accept a proposal without ~) 6. to accept a proposal [without ~] to accept a proposal unreservedly

**reserve I** n. [“restRAINT, coolness”] 1. to display, show ~ 2. to break down smb.’s ~ [“limitation, restriction”] 3. without ~ (to accept a proposal without ~) [“availability”] 4. dwindling ~s 5. in ~ (to hold/keep smt. in ~) [“tract of land”] 6. an Indian (in Canada: AE has [Indian] reservation); nature; wild-life [“military force kept available for future use”] 7. the active; inactive ~ [“store”] 8. to build up; deplete a ~ (see also reserves)

**reserve II** v. 1. (esp. AE: BE also has to book) (C) (“to order in advance”) she ~d a seat for me ; or: she ~d me a seat 2. (esp. AE: BE also has to book) (D ; tr.) to ~ for (I’d like to book a ~ for two people for 8 o’clock, please) 3. (D ; tr.) (“to set aside”) to ~ for (these seats are ~d for the handicapped)

**reserved adj.** [“restrained, reticent”] 1. very ~ 2. ~ about 3. towards, with

**reserves** n. [“forces kept available for future use”] (usu. mil. and sports) 1. to call out, call up the ~ 2. to commit one’s ~ 3. limited; unlimited ~ [“stores”] 4. to build up ~ 5. to deplete, exhaust the ~ 6. coal; currency; gas; oil ~ 7. abundant; dwindling; limited, meager; limitless, unlimited; untapped ~

**reservoir** n. 1. an artificial; natural ~ 2. (misc.) an inactive ~ 3. to break down smb.’s ~

**residence** n. [“home, abode”] 1. to establish, take up ~ 2. to change one’s (place of) ~ 3. one’s legal; permanent ~ [“state of being officially present”] 4. in ~ (a poet in ~; the Queen is in ~ at Balmoral: how long will she remain in ~ there?)
resign v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ from (she ~ed from her job) 2. (d; refl.) to ~ to (he ~ed himself to his fate and to losing his job)

resignation n. ["fact of resigning"] 1. to hand in, offer, submit, tender one’s ~ to withdraw one’s ~ to accept; reject smb.’s ~ 4. a ~ as (he offered his ~ as party leader) 5. a ~ from (he offered his ~ from the party leadership)

resigned adj. ["submissive"] ~ to (~ to one’s fate)

resist v. 1. to ~ strenuously, stubbornly, vigorously 2. (G) they couldn’t ~ making fun of him

resistance n. 1. to offer, put up ~ to break down, crush, overcome, overpower, put down, smash, wear down ~ to 3. to arouse, come up against, give rise to, stir up; encounter, face, meet, meet with, run into ~, bitter, determined, fierce, stiff, strong, stubborn, unyielding, valiant ~ 5. armed; nonviolent; passive; sporadic; spotty; token; weak ~ 6. ~ hardships, stifffens 7. ~ crumbles; wanes, weakens 8. ~ to (~ to a disease; ~ to new taxes) 9. against, despite, in spite of (the) ~ (we adopted the resolution despite the ~ of the other party) 10. (misc.) a pocket of (isolated) ~; the line/path (AE) of least ~; her ~ was low and she came down with a severe cold

resistant adj. ~ to (~ to change)

resolute adj. ~ in (~ in one’s decision to do smt.)

resolution n. ["decision"] 1. to draft; propose a ~ 2. to adopt, pass a ~ to reject a ~ 4. a joint ~ (of Congress) 5. a ~ to + inf. (they adopted a ~ to increase membership dues) 6. a ~ that + clause; subj. (they adopted a ~ that membership dues ~be/should be~ increased) ["wow"] 7. to make a (New Year’s) ~ ["re-solve"] 8. (a) firm ~ ["fine detail"] (optics) 9. sharp ~

resolve I n. 1. to display, show ~ 2. to strengthen one’s/smb.’s ~ 3. to shake, weaken smb.’s ~ 4. (a) firm ~ 5. a ~ to + inf. (nothing shook her ~ to become an engineer) 6. a ~ that + clause (nothing shook her ~ that she would become an engineer)

resolve II v. 1. (BE) (d; intr.) “[to decide]” ~ to ~ against (they ~d against going out on strike) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ a problem into its simpler components) 3. (BE) (d; intr.) ["to decide"] ~ to ~ on, upon (they ~d on not striking) 4. (E) they ~d not to go out on strike (5. (L) they ~d that they would not go out on strike; “we here highly ~ that the dead shall not have died in vain” ~ Abraham Lincoln, “The Gettysburg Address,” 1863 USAGE NOTE: The collocation “resolve highly” is a literary equivalent of “resolve firmly.”

resolved adj. (usu. does not stand alone) 1. firmly ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (she is ~ to become an engineer) 3. (formal) ~ that + clause; subj. (be it hereby ~ that membership dues ~be/should be~ increased)

resort I v. ["recourse"] 1. (formal) to have ~ to ~ to (as a last ~) ["recreational center"] 3. a beach; fashionable; health; holiday, vacation (esp. AE); popular; ski; summer; winter ~ 4. at, in a ~

resort II v. (d; intr.) to ~ to (to ~ to trickery)

resound v. (P; intr.) applause ~ed in/throughout the hall = the hall ~ed with applause; the shouts of the hunters ~ed through the forest = the forest ~ed with the shouts of the hunters

resourceful adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of them to find the solution so quickly)

resources n. 1. to develop; exploit; tap; mobilize ~ 2. to conserve, husband; marshall; pool; share one’s ~ 3. to deplete, exhaust, squander, use up, waste ~ 4. abundant; dwindling; limited, meager; limitless, unlimited; untapped ~ 5. economic; natural ~ (to exploit natural ~) 6. human; inner ~ 7. the ~ to + inf. (we have the ~ to do the job) 8. (misc.) left to one’s own ~s (“left on one’s own”; unaided; left to one’s own devices”)

respect I n. ["esteem"] 1. to accord, pay, show ~ (to have ~ for smb.; to show ~ for smb.; to pay a lot of respect to smb.) 2. to command, inspire ~ (she commands ~ from everyone = she commands everyone’s ~) 3. to earn, gain, get, win ~ 4. to lose smb.’s ~ (if I do that will I lose your ~?) 5. deep, great, profound, sincere, utmost; due; grudging; mutual ~ 6. a mark, sign, token of ~ (we observed a minute’s silence as a mark of ~ for the fallen) 7. ~ for (~ for the law; if I do that will you lose ~ for me?) 8. out of ~ (we observed a minute’s silence out of ~ for the fallen) 9. in ~ to (hold smb. in ~) 10. with ~ (with all due ~). I disagree ["regard"] 11. in a ~ (in this/that ~; in all ~) 12. in, with ~; (esp. BE) in ~ of (see also respects)

respect II v. 1. to ~ deeply, very much; widely 2. (D; tr.) to ~ as (to ~ smb. as a scholar) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ for (I ~ them for their scholarship)

respected adj. highly; universally, widely ~ 2. ~ as (highly ~ as scholars) 3. ~ for (highly ~ for their scholarship)

respectful adj. 1. very ~ 2. ~ of; to (very ~ of one’s elders)

respects n. to pay; send one’s ~ (to pay one’s last ~ after smb.’s death)

respiration n. artificial; labored; normal ~ (to give smb. artificial ~)

respite n. 1. to allow, give ~ (the cold allowed us no ~) 2. to get, have a ~ (we finally got a brief ~ from the cold) 3. a brief, temporary; welcome ~ 4. a ~ from (there was no ~ for us from the cold!) 5. without ~

resplendent adj. ~ in; with (~ in their academic gowns)

respond v. 1. ("to respond") ~ to ~ affirmatively, positively; brusquely, curtly; clearly, unequivocally; enthusiastically; favorably; immediately, promptly; negatively; vaguely; wittily 2. (D; intr.) ["to react"] ~ to (they ~ed by walking out) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ to (~ to an answer”) (~ to a letter) 4. (D; intr.) ["to react"] ~ to (to ~ well to kind treatment) 5. (D; intr.) ["to react"] ~ to (with they ~ed to our demands with an immediate walkout) 6. (L; to) she ~ed (to us) that she would be happy
to accept our invitation = “I’d be / I’m ¬ happy to accept your invitation!” she ¬ed (to us)

response •. 1. to call forth, draw (forth), elicit, evoke a ~ 2. to give, make a ~ 3. to get, have, receive a ~ 4. a bruise, cut; clear, unequivocal; enthusiastic; favorable; vague; witty ~ 5. a glib; lukewarm; sul-len ~ 6. a delayed; immediate ~ 7. an affirmative, positive; negative ~ 8. a to (there was no lack of enthusiastic ¬ to our offer!) 9. in ¬

responsibility n. [“accountability”] [“obligation”] 1. to accept, assume, bear, have, shoulder, take, take on (a) ~ 2. to exercise 3. to discharge a ~ 4. to abandon, abdicate, disclaim, dodge, evade, give up, shirk (a) ~ 5. to delegate; share; shift (a) 6. an awesome, grave, great, heavy, terrible (colloq.); clear ~ 7. (a) collective; joint; moral; personal ~ 8. the ultimate ~ 9. (a) ~ falls on; lies, rests with smb. 10. (a) ~ for (the decision rests / ~ 9. (a) ~ to (the chair ~ed discus-sion to items on the official agenda; she ~ed herself to two meals a day)

restriction n. 1. to impose, place, put ¬ on 2. to lift (~ just sitting and reading)

responsible adj. 1. directly; personally 2. ~ for; to (politicians are ~ to the voters; people are ~ for their actions) 3. (misc.) to hold smb. ~ for. (you’ll be held personally ~ for the consequences of your decision!; you’ll be held personally ~ if anything goes wrong!)

responsive adj. ¬ to (~ to flattery)

responsiveness n. ¬ to

restaurant n. 1. to manage, operate, run; go to a ~ 2. an elegant, first-class ~ 3. a dairy; fast-food; fish; seafood; kosher; vegetarian ~ 4. (BE) a licensed ~ (that may sell alcoholic drinks) 5. at, in a ~

restful adj. ¬ to + inf. (it’s ¬ just to sit and read = it’s ¬ just sitting and reading)

restitution n. 1. to make; offer ~ 2. full ~ 3. ~ for 4. ~ to

restock v. (D; tr.) to ~ with (they ¬ed their store with more merchandise; to ~ a pond with more fish)

restore v. (d; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ people to their former positions)

restrain v. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ from (to ~ smb. from committing violence)

restraint n. [“control”] [“act of restraining”] 1. to display, exercise, show; impose ~ 2. to cast off, fling off, shake off (all); lift ~ 3. (legal) prior ~ 4. ~ in; on (they showed ~ in responding to the provocation; the government has sought to impose ~s on violence) 5. in ~ of (in ~ of trade) [device for restraining] 6. to apply, put on ~

restrict v. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ to (the chair ¬ed discussion to items on the official agenda; she ¬ed herself to two meals a day)

restriction n. 1. to impose, place, put ¬ on 2. to lift ~ 3. ~ on

result I n. 1. to achieve, get, produce, show ~ 2. to announce; evaluate; measure; tabulate ~ 3. to negate, nullify, undo a ~ 4. an end; final; direct; interim; preliminary; lasting; logical; negative; net; positive; striking; surprising; tangible ~ 5. overall; surefire ~ USAGE NOTE: In BE, “get a result” can refer to getting a clear-cut definite victory or defeat by contrast with a draw or other such outcome.

result II v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ from (her death ¬ed from an overdose of pills) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ in (an overdose of pills ¬ed in her death)

resume v. (G) she ¬d working

resurrect v. (D; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ smb. from the dead)

resurrection n. ¬ from (smb.’s ~ from the dead)

resuscitation n. 1. to give ~ (the victim was given mouth-to-mouth ~) 2. cardiopulmonary (= CPR); mouth-to-mouth ~

retail I adv. to buy; sell ~

retail II v. (D; intr.) to ~ at, for (it ¬s for fifty dollars)

retrainer n. [“advance fee”] to pay, put down a ~

relate v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ against; for (the enemy ¬ed against us for shelling civilian targets) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ by, with (the enemy ¬d by bombarding our positions = they ¬d with a bombardment of our positions)

retaliation n. 1. massive ~ 2. military ~ 3. ~ against; for 4. an act of ~ 5. in ~ (for)

retardant n. a fire; rust ~

retardation n. mental ~

retarded adj. mentally ~
retell v. (usu. B ; occ. A) she has retold the story to us many times
reticence n. 1. to display, show ~ 2. ~ about
reticent adj. ~ about
retina n. a detached ~
reten v. 1. (D ; intr.) ("to end one’s working career") to ~ from (to ~ from one’s job) 2. (D ; intr.) ("to withdraw") to ~ to (the troops ~d to safer positions ; let’s ~ to the drawing room)
retirement n. 1. to go into ~ 2. to come out of ~ 3. compulsory, forced ; early ~ ; semi-retirement ; voluntary ~ 4. in ~ (to live in ~) 5. (misc.) to take early ~
retool v. 1. (D ; intr., tr.) to ~ for (to ~ for wartime production) 2. (H) to ~ a plant to build prefabricated houses
retron v. 1. (D ; intr.) to make a ~ 2. a quick ; angry ; curt, sharp, stinging ; witty ~ 3. a ~
revert II v. 1. to ~ angrily, heatedly ; curtly ; wittily 2. (L) she ~ed heatedly that she needed no favors ~
"I don’t need any favors!" she ~ed heatedly
retraction n. to issue, publish a ~ (they issued a joint ~ (see also AE has ~ed to civilian life) 5. on smb.'s ~ (on their ~ from a coming back"
retrograde v. 1. to indulge in ~ 2. to be lost, sunk in ~ 3. (misc.) to fall into a ~ ; to wake from a ~
reversal n. 1. to exact, get, have, take ~ on 2. to~ from (to ~ from one’s job) 3. full ~ (in full ~) 4. a strategic ; tactical ~ 5. a ~ from ["signal for withdrawal"] 6. to sound ~ ["music for a flag-lowering ceremony"] (mil.) 7. to play, sound ~ ["secluded gathering"] 8. to go on (a) ~ 9. a meditation ; religious ; weekend ~ ["secluded spot"] 10. a country ~
reversal I n. ["withdrawal"] 1. to beat, carry out, make a ~ (they made good their ~ ; the regiment carried out its ~ in good order) 2. a disorderly, hasty, ignominious, precipitate ; orderly ~ 3. full ~ (in full ~) 4. a strategic ; tactical ~ 5. a ~ from ["signal for withdrawal"] 6. to sound ~ ["music for a flag-lowering ceremony"] (mil.) 7. to play, sound ~ ["secluded gathering"] 8. to go on (a) ~ 9. a meditation ; religious ; weekend ~ ["secluded spot"] 10. a country ~
revert to v. 1. (D ; intr.) to ~ before, in the face of; from; into; to (our tours ~ed from the border to safer positions ; our government has ~ed from its hard-line position in the face of much public criticism ; when challenged, he ~ed into silence)
retribution n. 1. to exact ~ from; to visit ~ on 2. divine; swift ~ 3. ~ against (~ against the invaders was swift) 4. in ~ (for he was punished in ~ for sins)
retrieval n. data, information ~
retrieve v. (D ; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ data from a computer)
retroactive adj. ~ to
retrorocket n. to activate, fire a ~
retrospect n. in ~
retrospection n. in ~
return I n. ["official statement"] 1. to file a (census ; tax) ~ 2. a joint ~ (see also tax return) ["going back, coming back"] 3. a safe ~ (home) 4. a ~ from; to (his ~ to civilian life) 5. on smb.’s ~ (on their ~ from a trip abroad) 6. the point of no ~ ["profit"] 7. to bring in, produce, yield a ~ (this investment will yield a ~ of ten percent) 8. a ~ from, on ["compensation"] 9. in ~ (to give smb. in ~) 10. in ~ for ["next post"] (BE; AE has by return mail) 11. by ~ (of post) (send us an answer by ~) (see also returns)
return II v. 1. (BE) (A) she ~ed me my book to me; or:
she ~ed me my book 2. (AE) (B) she ~ed my book to me 3. (D ; intr., tr.) to ~ from; to (to ~ from a holiday/vacation ; she ~ed to her home; to ~ books to the library)
returns n. ["election results"] 1. early ; election ; final ; late ~ ["misc."] 2. many happy ~ (of the day) ("happy birthday") ; the law of diminishing ~ USAGE NOTE: The formula "Many happy returns" is used in wishing people a happy birthday because it expresses the hope that they will have many more happy birthdays.
reunion n. 1. to hold a ~ 2. a touching ~ 3. an annual ; class ; family ~
reunite v. (D ; tr.) to ~ with (to ~ people with their families = to ~ people and their families (with each other))
reveal v. 1. (B) she ~ed the secret of her illness to us 2. (L ; to) she ~ed (to us) that she had been ill for years 3. (M) the document ~ed her to have been a conscientious employee 4. (Q ; to) she ~ed (to us) how long she had been ill
reveille n. (mil.) 1. to play, sound ~ 2. to fall out for ~
revel v. (D ; intr.) to ~ in
revelation n. 1. to make a ~ 2. an amazing, astonishing, astounding, startling, stunning, surprising ~ 3. (a) divine ~ 4. a ~ comes (the ~ came when we least expected it) 5. a ~ about 6. a ~ to (the story ~was / came as~ a ~ to us) 7. a ~ that + clause (the ~ that she had been in prison surprised everybody)
revenge I n. 1. to exact, get, have, take ~ on 2. to plot, seek; vow ~ 3. sweet ~ 4. an act of ~ 5. ~ for; on (to take ~ on smb. for smb.) 6. in ~ for (she did it in ~ for her father’s murder)
revenge II v. (esp. BE) (d ; refl.) to ~ on, upon (she avenged her father’s murder by ~ing herself on his murderer)
revenue n. ["income"] 1. to generate, produce, raise, yield ~ 2. to collect ~ 3. government ; tax ~ 4. smb.’s annual ; yearly ; monthly ; weekly ~ 5. oil ~s 6. falling; rising ~; rising ~ USAGE NOTE: The UK Inland Revenue (now incorporated into HM Revenue & Customs) corresponds to the US Internal Revenue Service.
reverberate v. (P ; intr.) the cheers ~d through the arena ~d through the cheers ; the news ~d around the world
revere v. 1. (D ; tr.) to ~ as (to ~ smb. as a saint) 2. (D ; tr.) to ~ for (to ~ smb. for their saintliness)
reverence n. 1. to feel ~ 2. to show ~ 3. deep, profound ~ 4. ~ for; to feel ~ for smb.) 5. in ~ (to hold smb. in ~)
reverie n. 1. to indulge in ~ 2. to be lost, sunk in ~ 3. (misc.) to fall into a ~ ; to wake from a ~ reversal n. 1. to experience; suffer a ~ 2. a complete; minor ~ 3. a role ~ 4. a ~, in, of; on (a ~ of/in roles) 5. (misc.) a ~ of fortune (AE) = a ~ of ~s (BE)
reverse n. ["setback"] 1. to suffer, sustain a ~ 2. a serious; slight; tactical ~ 3. financial ~s (reverse gear)
4. to put a transmission/car into ~ 5. to change into, go into, shift (AE) into, throw into ~ 6. in ~ ["reversing mechanism"] 7. a/ an (automatic) ribbon ~ (on a typewriter)

**reversion** n. ~ to (to undergo a) ~ to (an earlier state) (see also reversion to type at type I n.)

**revert** v. (d; intr.) to ~ to (her property ~ed to the ~ to (undergo (a) ~ to an earlier state)

**review** I n. ["renewed study"] 1. to do a ~ 2. a comprehensive ~ ["military ceremony"] 3. to hold a ~ (of troops) 4. to pass in ~ ["critical evaluation"] 5. to do, write a ~ (as of a book/play/concert) 6. to conduct a ~ 7. to get, receive; have a ~ 8. a complimentary, favorable, glowing, positive, rave; critical; negative, unfavorable ~ (the play got/had rave ~s from the critics = the critics gave the play rave ~s) 9. a book ~ 10. (legal) judicial ~ 11. (an) independent; peer ~ 12. a ~ concludes; shows (a comprehensive ~ of the system showed the need for its reform) 13. under ~ (the entire matter is under ~; we’re keeping the matter under (constant) ~)

**review II** v. (AE) (D; intr., tr.) ("to study again") to ~ for (to ~ for an exam)

**revise** n. (BE) see review II 2. (D; tr.) to ~ from; to ~ to 3. (misc.) to ~ downward; upward

**revision** n. ["renewed study"] (BE) 1. to do ~ (he had to do some ~ for the examination; he had some ~ to do for the examination) ["revised version"] 2. to do a ~ (we had to do a complete/major ~ of the manuscript) ["change"] 3. to make a ~ 4. to need, require; undergo a (a) ~ 5. a ~ in, to (they made several ~s in/to their plans, which may still have to undergo further extensive ~)

**revival** n. a ~ in; of (there are signs of a ~ in/of faith healing)

**revolt I** n. 1. to foment, incite, stir up; cause, lead to, produce a ~ 2. to organize a ~ 3. to carry out a ~ 4. to crush, defeat, quash, quell, put down, stifle a ~ 5. an armed; open; peasant ~ 6. a ~ breaks out, erupts; fails; spreads; succeeds 7. a ~ against 8. in ~ (to rise in open ~ against intolerable conditions)

**revolt II** v. (D; intr.) to ~ against, at (to ~ against intolerable conditions)

**revolting** adj. 1. ~ to (such obscene language is ~ to us) 2. ~ to inf. (it’s ~ to hear them use such obscene language) 3. ~ that + clause (it’s ~ that they use such obscene language)

**revolution** n. ["complete change"] 1. to foment, incite, stir up a ~ 2. to organize a ~ 3. to carry out, conduct, fight a ~ 4. to crush, defeat, put down a ~ 5. a cultural; industrial; palace; political; sexual; social ~ 6. a ~ breaks out, erupts; fails; spreads; succeeds 7. a ~ against 8. in ~ (to rise in ~ against intolerable conditions) 9. a ~ in (a ~ in hair styles) ["complete orbital turn (as of the Earth around the Sun)"] 10. to make a ~ 11. a ~ about, around, round (the Moon’s rotation ~ around the Earth and the Earth’s ~ around the Sun)

**revolve** v. (D; intr.) to ~ about, around, round (the Moon rotates ~s around the Earth and the Earth ~s around the Sun)

**revolver** n. see pistol 1–5, 7

**revue** n. to produce, put on, stage a ~

**revulsion** n. 1. to express; feel ~ 2. deep, utmost, utter ~ 3. a feeling of ~ 4. ~ against, at, towards 5. in ~ (we drew back in ~ at hearing them use such obscene language)

**reward I** n. 1. to offer, post; pay a ~ to claim; deserve; get; receive; reap; a ~ 3. an ample, handsome; just; tangible; well-deserved ~ 4. a ~ for 5. as a ~ (she got a bonus as a ~ for her outstanding work) 6. (misc.) virtue is its own ~ (proverb)

**reward II** v. 1. to ~ amply, handsomely 2. (D; tr.) to ~ by; for; with (she was ~ed with a bonus for her outstanding work)

**rewarding** adj. 1. financially; very ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (I find it very ~ to work with deprived children) 3. chronic ~

**ribald** n. ["argument"] (slang) (AE) 1. to get into a ~ 2. a ~ about

**rhyme** I n. 1. to compose, write a ~ 2. a nursery, Mother Goose (AE) ~ 3. (poetry) a feminine; masculine ~ 4. an eye; internal ~ 5. a ~ about (a nursery ~ about three mice) 6. a ~ for (what is a ~ for singe?) 7. in ~ (poetry in ~) 8. (misc.) without ~ or reason ("with no apparent reason") (see also rhyme scheme at scheme I n.)

**rhyme II** v. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ with (this word ~s with that word = this word and that word ~ (with each other); to ~ one word with another)

**rhythm** n. 1. to beat (out) a ~ 2. (a) dance; frenzied; pulsating; steady; undulating ~ 3. to a ~ (to dance to the ~ of drums) 4. a sense of ~ (see also rhythm section at section)

**rib** I n. 1. to nudge; poke smb. in the ~s (see also a nudge in the ribs at nudge I n.) 2. a broken, fractured; false; floating ~ 3. (misc.) to break, fracture a ~

**rib** II v. (colloq.) (D; tr.) to ~ about; for (they ~bed me about my new hair color)

**ribbing** n. ["teasing"] to get, take a ~

**ribbon** n. ["of a typewriter"] 1. to change a ~ 2. a typewriter ~ 3. the ~ reverses (automatically) ["misc."] 4. a blue ~ ("a first prize"); to cut to ~s ("to destroy completely")

**rice** n. 1. to mill, winnow ~ 2. brown; enriched; polished; quick-cooking; wild ~ 3. a bowl; grain of ~
riddle I
1. to pose a ~ 2. to solve a ~ 3. a ~ to

ridiculous adj.
1. absolutely, completely, down-

rice v. (d ; intr.) to ~ off

rid I adj. to be; get ~ of (the town has gotten ~ of its rats and is now ~ of rats = now that the rats have been gotten ~ of, the town is ~ of rats)

ridance n. "act of getting rid of smt." good ~! (good ~ to bad rubbish! ; they're gone ~ and good ~, if you ask me!)

riddle II n. 1. to pose a ~ 2. to solve a ~ 3. a ~ to (the whole business was a ~ to me) 4. (misc.) to speak in ~s; "a ~ wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma" – Winston Churchill, 1939

riddle II v. (d ; refl., tr.) to ~ of (to ~ the town of rats)

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right II adv. 1. to bear, go, turn ~ 2. ~ away ; now 3. to ~ (I'll see you ~ if you do ~ by me) ; go ~ back ; go ~ home after dinner ; ~ in front of us ; ~ on, man! (slang) ; ~ the way through/round/along etc. (BE; CE has: all the way through/round/along/along etc.)

right III adj. 1. absolutely, completely, dead (col-

right I n. 1. ["large vehicle"] (esp. AE, Australian English) 1. to drive a ~ ["equipment"] 2. an oil-drilling ~

right II adv. 1. to bear, go, turn ~ 2. ~ away ; now 3. to do smt. ~ 4. (misc.) to do ~ by smb.; to see smb. ~ (I'll see you ~ if you do ~ by me) ; go ~ back ; go ~ home after dinner ; ~ in front of us ; ~ on, man! (slang) ; ~ the way through/round/along etc. (BE; CE has: all the way through/round/along/along etc.)

right I n. 1. that which is due] 1. to assert, claim reserve a ~ (all ~ reserved) 2. to demand one's ~ 3. to achieve, gain, get a ~ (to achieve full civil ~) 4. to enjoy, exercise, have a ~ 5. to forfeit, lose; give up, relinquish, renounce, sign away, waive a ~ 6. to defend, protect, safeguard, uphold smb.'s ~ 7. to give, grant a ~ (to) 8. to deny (smb.) a ~ 9. to violate smb.'s ~ 10. a divine; exclusive, sole; inalienable; inherent; legal; natural ~ 11. animal; civil; constitutional; political; reproductive; states'; voting ~ 12. children's; consumers'; gay; human; individual; patients'; squatters'; veterans'; women's ~ 13. film; grazing; mineral; property; publishing; translation ~s 14. conjugal; visiting, visitation ~s 15. the ~ of assembly; asylum; free speech 16. a ~ to (the ~ to privacy; the ~ to a free press; everyone has the ~ to a fair trial; the ~ to life) 17. the ~ to + inf. (the ~ to choose; the ~ to vote; the ~ to protest; you have the ~ to remain silent; we reserve the ~ to exercise our option within 90 days) 18. within one's ~ (she was within her ~ to remain silent) 19. (misc.) a

right II n. 1. to cause a ~ 2. to heal a ~ 3. an ideological ~ 4. a ~ among, between

right I adj. 1. absolutely, completely, dead (col-

rider n. ["large vehicle"] (esp. AE, Australian English) 1. to drive a ~ ["equipment"] 2. an oil-drilling ~

ricochet v. 1. to pedal ; pull a ~ 2. to ride

ride II v. (d ; intr.) to ~ of (to ~ through the documents in the drawers)

ride I n. 1. to load; reload a ~ 2. to aim, point; level a ~ 3. to fire a ~ 4. to handle, operate a ~ 5. to assemble; disassemble a ~ 6. an air; assault; automatic; high-powered; hunting; recoiless; semiautomatic – 7. a ~ fires, goes off ; jams; misfires

ride back (d ; intr.) to ~ from (he rode back from...
bill of ∼s; to read the accused her/his ∼s ["right side"] 20. to keep to the ~ 21. on the ∼; to the ~ ["conservative group"] 22. the extreme, far, radical ∼; right-leaning ∼ (a right-leaning think tank) 23. the religious ∼ ["punch delivered with the right hand"] 24. to deliver, throw a ∼ 25. a hard, stiff ∼ 26. a ∼ to (a ∼ to the jaw) ["turn to the right"] 27. (colloq.) to hang (slang), make, take a ∼ 28. to make a sharp ∼ ["misch"] 29. in the ∼ ["in accordance with the truth, accepted standards"] (she was in the ∼ when she refused = she was in the ∼ to refuse); she has a promising career in her own ∼; as of (BE), by ∼ ["properly"]; by ∼ of conquest; ∼ and wrong; by ∼s ["ideally"]; two wrongs don't make a ∼; to know ∼ from wrong; the ∼s and wrongs (I'm not interested in the ∼s and wrongs of the case: let's forget the whole thing!); you have every ∼ to feel hard done by right-of-way 1. (D.; tr.) to ∼ for (∼ to call by ringing) rise I v. 1. to cause, foment, incite, instigate, spark (AE), spark off (BE), stir up, touch off a ∼ 2. to crust, put down, quell a ∼ 3. a communal; food; race 4. a ∼ breaks out, erupts, flares up 5. ∼s swept the country. 6. a ∼ subsides 7. (misc.) to run ∼ ["to act wildly"] riot act I n. ["stern warning"] to read the ∼ to smb. = to read smb. the riot act ripeness 1. to crack down on, put down, quell a ∼ 2. communal ∼ 3. sporadic; widespread ∼ 4. ∼ breaks out, erupts, flares up; spreads 5. ∼ ceases; dies down, subsides 6. a flare-up, outbreak of ∼ rip II v. 1. (d.; intr.) to ∼ into (∼ to attack) (colloq.) (the politician ∼ped into her opponent) 2. (misc.) an explosion ∼ped through the laboratory; she ∼ped her skirt on a nail = her skirt ∼ped on a nail; to ∼ smb. ∼ to pieces/apart (∼ also fig.) (the politician ∼ped her opponent apart) ripple n. to pull the ∼ rise I n. ["origin"] 1. to give ~ to ∼ an angry reaction"] 2. to get a ∼ out of smb. ["pay increase"] (BE) 3. an across-the-board pay, wage ∼ 4. ∼ in (wages) (AE has raise) ["increase"] 5. a sharp, steep; sudden ∼ 6. a ∼ in (a sudden sharp ∼ in prices) 7. on the ∼ (prices are on the ∼) 8. a meteoric ∼ ["move upwards"] 9. a dramatic, sharp; steady; sudden ∼ 10. a ∼ during, throughout; from; to (a steady ∼ from the bottom to the top; during Napoleon's ∼ to power) 11. (misc.) The Rise of the Dutch Republic ∼ J.L. Motley, 1855/6 rise II v. 1. ("to ascend") to ∼ sharply, steeply; suddenly 2. (D.; intr.) ("to ascend") to ∼ above (to ∼ above last year's level) 3. (D.; intr.) ("to ascend") to ∼ by (prices rose (by) ten percent) 4. (D.; intr.) ("to revolt") to ∼ against (they rose ∼ against tyranny) 5. (D.; intr.) ("to ascend") to ∼ from, out of (smoke rose from the chimney; after many years he rose out of poverty) 6. (d.; intr.) ("to be resurrected") to ∼ from (to ∼ from the dead; to ∼ from the ashes) 7. (D.; intr.) ("to ascend") to ∼ into (the smoke rose into the air) 8. (D.; intr.) ("to ascend") to ∼ off (to ∼ off the ground) 9. (D.; intr.) ("to ascend") to ∼ over (the sun rose over the city) 10. (D.; intr.) ("to ascend") to ∼ through (to ∼ through the ranks) 11. (d.; intr.) ("to ascend") to ∼ to (to ∼ to the surface; to ∼ to one's feet) 12. (d.; intr.) ("to be equal") to ∼ to (to ∼ to the challenge; can you ∼ rink n. 1. an ice-hockey; ice-skating; roller-skating ∼ 2. at a ∼ ring I n. to give smt. a ∼ (I gave my hair a good (in the water) ring II n. (D.; tr.) to ∼ from, out of; in; with (∼ the soap out of your hair; I ∼d my hair in the water)}
riser

to the occasion?) 13. (E) he rose (out of poverty) to become a member of the House of Lords 14. (misc.) he rose (in order) to greet me

riser n. an early; late ~

rise up v. (D; intr.) to ~ against (they rose up against tyranny)

risk I n. 1. to assume, incur, run, take a ~ (to run the ~ of being outvoted) 2. to face a ~ 3. to entail, involve a ~ 4. to outweigh a ~ (the advantages outweigh the ~s) 5. to minimize; reduce a ~ 6. a grave, great, high ~ 7. a low, slight, small ~ 8. a calculated ~ (to take a calculated ~)

risk II n.

1. to administer, perform a ~
2. a pagan; religious; solemn ~ 3. funeral; initiation; marriage ~s
4. fertility ~s (see also factor at factor)

rite I n. 1. to administer, perform a ~ 2. a pagan; religious; solemn ~ 3. funeral; initiation; marriage ~s

rite II n.

1. to establish, put up, set up a ~ 2. to block, cordon off a ~ 3. block, cordon off a ~ 4. to cross a ~ 5. a macadam; metalled (BE); paved, surfaced; smooth (also fig.); straight; wide ~ 6. a connecting; main, trunk (BE); ring (BE); toll ~ 7. a service; slip (BE) ~ 8. a back, country; busy; congested; deserted, lonely; good; long; minor; mountain; narrow; secondary; side; through; whizzy (BE; colloq.); winding ~ (the sign said “No Through Road”) 9. a bumpy; dirt (AE); gravel, unpaved; icy; impassable; rocky (also fig.); rough (also fig.); unmetalled (BE) ~ 10. intersecting; merging ~s 11. the right; wrong ~ (they took the wrong ~; we were on the right ~) 12. a ~ goes, leads, runs (in a certain direction) 13. a ~ curves, winds; forks; zigzags 14. a ~ from; to (the ~ to town) 15. across; along; over a ~ 16. down; up a ~ 17. in, on; off a ~ (there were a lot of cars on the ~) 18. (also fig.) on the ~ (on the ~ to recovery) 19. (misc.) the bottom/end/middle/top of the ~ (also fig.) is it the end of the ~ for heavy industry ?; a party with moderate middle-of-the-road policies); to take a ~ (they took the wrong ~); one for the ~ (“a final drink”); follow this ~ for two miles; the car holds the ~ well; a stretch of (the) ~; the ~ is clear (also fig.); some drivers hog the ~ (see also high road) USAGE NOTE: Between towns there are typically roads or highways rather than streets. Within towns there are both roads and streets, and both Road and Street are used in names: in London, Caversham Road runs parallel to Islip Street; to live in (BE)/on Constantine Road. Both road and street can include the pedestrian walkways beside them or refer to only the part for vehicles: don’t ride your bicycle on the sidewalk: ride it in the ~; walk along/up/down the ~ until you come to the corner; a paved/gravel ~. When either road or street is possible in CE, AE may prefer street; BE, road: go across the street (esp. AE)/road (esp. BE) and you’ll see it.

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roadside n. by, on the ~

roadster n. (obsol.) to drive a ~

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roam v. (P; intr.) to ~ around town

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road II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ at 2. (D; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with laughter)

riveted adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ on, to (all eyes were ~ on the door/speaker; she stood ~ to the spot)

road n. 1. to pave; resurface; surface a ~ 2. to widen a ~ 3. to block, cordon off a ~ 4. to cross a ~ 5. a macadam; metalled (BE); paved, surfaced; smooth (also fig.); straight; wide ~ 6. a connecting; main, trunk (BE); ring (BE); toll ~ 7. a service; slip (BE) ~ 8. a back, country; busy; congested; deserted, lonely; good; long; minor; mountain; narrow; secondary; side; through; whizzy (BE; colloq.); winding ~ (the sign said “No Through Road”) 9. a bumpy; dirt (AE); gravel, unpaved; icy; impassable; rocky (also fig.); rough (also fig.); unmetalled (BE) ~ 10. intersecting; merging ~s 11. the right; wrong ~ (they took the wrong ~; we were on the right ~) 12. a ~ goes, leads, runs (in a certain direction) 13. a ~ curves, winds; forks; zigzags 14. a ~ from; to (the ~ to town) 15. across; along; over a ~ 16. down; up a ~ 17. in, on; off a ~ (there were a lot of cars on the ~) 18. (also fig.) on the ~ (on the ~ to recovery) 19. (misc.) the bottom/end/middle/top of the ~ (also fig.) is it the end of the ~ for heavy industry ?; a party with moderate middle-of-the-road policies); to take a ~ (they took the wrong ~); one for the ~ (“a final drink”); follow this ~ for two miles; the car holds the ~ well; a stretch of (the) ~; the ~ is clear (also fig.); some drivers hog the ~ (see also high road) USAGE NOTE: Between towns there are typically roads or highways rather than streets. Within towns there are both roads and streets, and both Road and Street are used in names: in London, Caversham Road runs parallel to Islip Street; to live in (BE)/on Constantine Road. Both road and street can include the pedestrian walkways beside them or refer to only the part for vehicles: don’t ride your bicycle on the sidewalk: ride it in the ~; walk along/up/down the ~ until you come to the corner; a paved/gravel ~. When either road or street is possible in CE, AE may prefer street; BE, road: go across the street (esp. AE)/road (esp. BE) and you’ll see it.

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roast n. 1. to cook, do, make a ~ to 2. to have a ~ (we had a ~ for dinner) 3. a chuck: eye (AE): lamb: pork: pot: rib: veal

rob v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ of (the bandits ςbed the passengers of their money) 2. (misc.) to ςmb. blind

robbery n. 1. to commit (a) ς 2. armed; bank; daylight (BE); highway ς (fig.) ("overcharging") (it’s highway ς to charge that much!) 3. a ~ takes place (the police got an anonymous tip-off that the ~ would take place at night)

robbed adj. ς in (the judges were ς in red = they were red-robbed judgs)

robot n. an industrial ~

rock I n. ["stone"] 1. to throw a ~ at (see Usage Note) 2. juggled; rugged ς 3. falling ς 4. solid ς 5. (misc.) as hard/solid as a ~ USAGE NOTE: In BE, a rock is typically too big to be thrown. Thus, to throw a rock at smb. is esp. AE (CE has to throw a stone at smb.). However, the figurative expression to throw rocks at smb. ("to criticize smb.") is CE.

rock II n. ["type of music"] hard: punk ς; rock-and-roll, rock-’n’-roll

rock III n. (D; tr.) to ~ in (he ~ed smt. up into a ball) 3. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ to (the ball ~ed across the field, through the tunnel, and out the other side; you can’t expect me to just ~ over and play dead) 7. (P; intr., tr.) the ball ~ed across the field, through the tunnel, and out the other side; you can’t expect me to just ~ over and play dead

roll v. 1. (A) ~ the ball to me; or: ~ me the ball 2. (C) ~ a cigarette for me; or: ~ me a cigarette 3. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ down (the children ~ed down the hill; we ~ed the barrels down the incline) 4. (d; intr.) to ~ in (to ~ in the mud) 5. (d; intr.) to ~ off (the football ~ed off the field; new cars ~ed off the assembly line) 6. (d; intr.) to ~ with ("to lessen the impact by moving in the same direction") (he ~ed with the punch) 7. (P; intr., tr.) the ball ~ed across the field, through the tunnel, and out the other side; you can’t expect me to just ~ over and play dead

rollaway, rollaway bed n. (AE) to fold up; open up a ~

roll up v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ in (he ~ed smt. up in a blanket = he ~ed up smt. in a blanket) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ into (he ~ed up smt. into a ball = he ~ed smt. up into a ball) 3. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ to (the ball ~ed up to me) 4. to ~ tightly

romance n. 1. to find ~ (are we ever too old to find love and ~?) 2. a blossoming; shipboard; wartime; whirlwind ~

romanticize v. (D; intr.) to ~ about

romp v. 1. (d; intr.) ("to deal with easily") to ~ through (she ~ed through the test) 2. (D; intr.) ("to play") to ~ to ~ with (to ~ with the children) 3. (misc.) our team ~ed home first ("our team won easily")

romp around, romp about v. (D; intr.) ("to play") to ~ with the children

roof n. 1. to install a ~ 2. a corrugated (iron); gabled; shingled; slate; thatched; tiled; tin ς 3. a ~ leaks 4. on a ~ (Fiddler on the Roof – musical by Bock, Harnick, and Stein, 1964) 5. (misc.) to raise the ~ ("to complain vociferously") to hit the ~ (colloq.) ("to lose one’s temper") (mom will really hit the ~ if we get back late !) to have a ~ over one’s head ("to have shelter")

room I n. ["of a building"] 1. to rent a ~ from 2. to let (BE), rent, rent out a ~ to 3. to book (BE), reserve a ~ 4. a back ~; bathroom; bedroom; boxroom (BE); dining; drawing, front (BE); reception (BE); sitting; family (AE); game, recreation; guest; rumpus (AE); spare; utility ~; workroom (see also fitting room at fitting II: living room) 5. a banquet; board; common (BE); reading ~; showroom; waiting ~ 6. a baggage (AE); lumber (BE); storage ~ 7. an adjoining ~; the next ~ 8. a changing (BE); dressing; locker ς 9. a double; single ς 10. (in a hospital) a delivery; emergency (AE); hospital; operating (esp. AE; BE prefers ~ operating theatre/theatre-ς); private; recovery; semi-private ~ 11. a ladies’

roll II n. ["list of names"] 1. to call, take the ~ 2. an electoral ~; honor ~ (AE; BE has roll of honour) ["small cake or bread"] 3. to bake ~s 4. a bread (BE); hamburger; jelly (AE), Swiss (BE); kaiser (esp. US); poppyseed; sweet ~ 5. on a ~ (ham on a ~) 6. (misc.) ~s and butter; coffee and ~s ["act of rolling"] 7. on a ~ (from success to success) (colloq.) (with three Oscars in succession, Kylie Sweetheart seems to be on something of a ~!)

roll II v. 1. (A) ~ the ball to me; or: ~ me the ball 2. (C) ~ a cigarette for me; or: ~ me a cigarette 3. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ down (the children ~ed down the hill; we ~ed the barrels down the incline) 4. (d; intr.) to ~ in (to ~ in the mud) 5. (d; intr.) to ~ off (the football ~ed off the field; new cars ~ed off the assembly line) 6. (d; intr.) to ~ with ("to lessen the impact by moving in the same direction") (he ~ed with the punch) 7. (P; intr., tr.) the ball ~ed across the field, through the tunnel, and out the other side; you can’t expect me to just ~ over and play dead
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route II v. (P; tr.) they ~d the shipment around the war zone; to ~ a memorandum to the appropriate people
routine n. 1. to change; vary; establish; get stuck in, settle into a ~ 2. (a) daily, ordinary; domestic; dull ~ 3. a dance ~
rove v. (P; intr.) they ~d around the lobby; we ~d through the mall (see also roving reporter at reporter)
row I /rou/ n. ["arrangement in a straight line"] 1. an even, straight ~ 2. a back; front ~ 3. in a ~ 4. (misc.) the third year in a ~: ~s and ~s (there were ~s and ~s of corn in the field) ~ on ~ (there was ~ on ~ of corn in the field); "In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, ~ on ~" – John McRae, "In Flanders Fields," 1915) ["misc"] 5. death ~ ("cell block where prisoners await execution") (on death ~); skid ~ (AE) ("area in a city where destitute people congregate") (on skid ~); her hair was (arranged) in cornrows
row II n. 1. to go for a ~, have a ~ 2. a ~ across (let's go for a ~ across the lake) 3. a ~ on (let's go for a ~ on the lake)
row III v. 1. (P; intr., tr.) we ~d across the lake; we ~ed on the lake 2. (misc.) to change; vary; establish; get stuck
routine
row IV n. ["rubber overshoes"] 1. a heap, pile of ~ 2. (misc.) to reduce smt. to ~
rubdown n. to give smb. a ~
Rubicon n. to cross the ~ ("to commit oneself irrevocably")
rub off v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ on, onto (the paint ~bed off on my shirt) 2. (colloq.) (D; intr.) to ~ on, onto ("to affect") (we hoped that some of these cultural activities would ~ on our children)
rub up v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ against ("to touch") (don't let the wire ~ against the pipe) 2. (colloq.) (D; intr.) to ~ against ("to have contact with") (she used to ~ against many famous movie stars) 3. (misc.) to ~ the wrong way (they never got on because they kept ~bing each other up the wrong way) (BE; esp. AE is to rub the wrong way)
ruck n. (esp. BE) ["mass of undistinguished people"] 1. the common ~ 2. above; out of the ~
ruckus n. (esp. AE) to cause, create, kick up, make, raise, stir up a ~
ructions n. (BE) to cause, create ~
rude adj. 1. ~ about 2. ~ of (that was ~ of him) 3. ~ to 4. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of him to talk during the concert = he was ~ to talk during the concert)
rudeness n. 1. to display, show ~ 2. ~
rug n. 1. to braid; weave a ~ 2. to clean; shampoo; vacuum a ~ 3. a scatter, throw (AE) ~ 4. a hooked; oriental; Persian; rag ~ 5. a prayer ~ (see also to sweep under the rug at sweep)
rugby n. 1. to play ~ the game of ~ 3. (misc.) a ~ ball; field (AE), pitch (BE); game, match; international; player
ruin I n. 1. to cause, spell ~ to face; fall into ~ 3. complete, utter ~ 4. financial ~ (to face financial ~) 5. (misc.) on the brink of ~; on the road to ~; the credit crunch threatened the economic system with complete financial ~; alcohol proved (to be) his ~ (see also ruins)
ruin II v. to ~ completely, utterly (the credit crunch threatened to ~ the financial system completely)
ruins n. 1. ancient; charred, smoking ~ 2. a heap, pile of ~ 3. (misc.) to sift through the ~; to lie in ~ (to sift through the smoking ~ of the bombed building)
rule I n. ["regulation"] ["principle"] 1. to establish, lay down, make (the) ~ 2. to formulate, set down a ~ 3. to adopt a ~ 4. to apply, enforce a ~ 5. to bend, relax, stretch; waive a ~ 6. to rescind, revoke a ~ 7. to abide by, comply with, obey, observe a ~ 8. to break, violate a ~ 9. a binding; cardinal; firm, hard-and-fast, inflexible, ironclad, strict ~ 10. an unwritten ~ 11. a general; ground ~ 12. an exclusionary (AE); gag; parliamentary ~ 13. (ling.) a deletion; grammatical; rewrite; substitution ~ 14. a ~ against (a ~ against smoking at staff conferences) 15. a ~ for (is there one ~ for the rich and another ~ for the poor ?) 16. a ~ to + inf. (it's their ~ to not smoke at staff conferences) 17. a ~ that + clause (they established a ~ that no one was to
rule II  v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ against (the judge ~d against the plaintiff) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ in favor of (the judge ~d in favor of the defendant) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ on (to ~ on a question) 4. (D; intr.) to ~ over (to ~ over a country) 5. (L; can be subj.) the court ~d that the witness ~be should be ~ disqualified; they ~d that he was incompetent to stand trial 6. (M) the judge ~d him incompetent to stand trial 7. (N; used with an adjective) the judge ~d him incompetent to stand trial 8. (misc.) the judge ~d him out of order

rule out  v. (D; tr.) to ~ after the police can’t ~ her out completely as a suspect in the case

ruled  n. [“person who rules”] 1. to put a ~ into power 2. to overthrow, unseat a ~ 3. an absolute, authoritarian, despotic, dictatorial, tyrannical; strong; weak ~ 4. a colonial; military ~ 5. (misc.) a tyrannical ~ who came to power but was unseated by those who had put him into power

ruling  n. 1. to give, hand down (AE), make a ~ (the court handed down a ~) 2. a fair, just ~ 3. an unfair, unjust ~ 4. a court; official ~ 5. a ~ about, on (the court handed down a ~ on the company’s violation of the law) 6. a ~ that + clause (the court handed down a ~ that the company had violated the law)

rumblings  n. [“rumors”] ~ about; of (~ of discontent were heard)

ruminate  v. (D; instr.) (“to reflect”) to ~ about, on, over

rummage  v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ for (he was ~ging in his pockets for change) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ through (to ~ through old clothes/crowded drawers; he was ~ging through his pockets for change)

rumor, rumour  n. 1. to circulate, spread a ~ 2. to confirm; trace, track down a ~ 3. to deny; dispel, put paid to (BE), quash, scotch, silence, spike, squash a ~ 4. a malicious; persistent; vicious; widespread; wild ~ 5. a baseless, unconfirmed, unfounded; idle, vague ~ 6. ~s circulate, fly, go around, spread 7. a ~ that + clause (have you heard the ~ that he intends to resign?) 8. a ~ (have you heard the ~s about his intention to resign?) 9. amid ~s (he is ~ to be intending to resign) 2. ~ that + clause (it is ~ that he intends to resign)

rumored  adj. (cannot stand alone) 1. ~ to + inf. (he is ~ to be intending to resign) 2. ~ that + clause (it is ~ that he intends to resign)

rumous  adj. (cannot stand alone) 1. ~ to + inf. (he is ~ to be intending to resign) 2. ~ that + clause (it is ~ that he intends to resign)

ruminate  v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ about (the judge ~d against the plaintiff) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ in favor of (the judge ~d in favor of the defendant) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ on (to ~ on a question) 4. (D; intr.) to ~ over (to ~ over a country) 5. (L; can be subj.) the court ~d that the witness ~be should be ~ disqualified; they ~d that he was incompetent to stand trial 6. (M) the judge ~d him incompetent to stand trial 7. (N; used with an adjective) the judge ~d him incompetent to stand trial 8. (misc.) the judge ~d him out of order

rumor out  v. (D; tr.) to ~ as (the police can’t ~ her out completely as a suspect in the case)

ruler  n. [“person who rules”] 1. to put a ~ into power 2. to overthrow, unseat a ~ 3. an absolute, authoritarian, despotic, dictatorial, tyrannical; strong; weak ~ 4. a colonial; military ~ 5. (misc.) a tyrannical ~ who came to power but was unseated by those who had put him into power

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rumorous  adj. (cannot stand alone) 1. ~ to + inf. (he is ~ to be intending to resign) 2. ~ that + clause (it is ~ that he intends to resign)
run afoul

1. (d; intr.) to ~ to (to ~ to the bottom of the hill; she ran down to her basement room) 3. (misc.) she ran down from her attic room

run foul v. see run afoul

run 1. n. on the bottom, lowest; highest, top ~ (of a ladder)

run-in n. ['clash'] to have a ~ with smb.

run low n. (D; intr.) to ~ on (to ~ on fuel)

runner n. ['one who runs'] 1. a distance, long-distance; fast ~ (a fast ~ runs fast) ['unraveled stitches in a stocking'] (AE) 2. see run I n. 12

runner-up n. a ~ to

running n. ['competition'] 1. in the ~ 2. out of the ~ ['racing'] 3. cross-country ~

run off v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ to (she ran off to California) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ with (he ran off with his firm's money and with his boss's wife)

run out v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ into (to ~ into the street) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ on ("to abandon") (he ran out on his family)

run over v. (d; intr.) to ~ to (she ran over to her friend's place; I'll ~ you over to the station) run short v. (d; intr.) to ~ of (they never ~ of money)

run-up n. (BE) ['preparatory period'] a ~ to (during / in the ~ to the election)

run up v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ against ("to encounter") (to ~ against strong competition; to ~ against difficulties) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ to ("to approach quickly") (she ran up to me) 3. (D; intr.) ("to ascend quickly") (she ran up to her attic room)

runway n. 1. to clear a ~ (for an emergency landing) 2. to overshoot a ~ 3. on a ~ (the plane was still on the ~)

ruse n. 1. a clever, successful; subtle; unsuccessful ~ 2. a ~ fails; succeeds 3. a ~ to + inf. (it was a ~ to get their money)

rush I n. 1. to make a ~ (to make a ~ for the door) (see also bum's rush) 2. to beat the ~ (let's leave early and beat the ~) 3. a gold ~ 4. a headlong; mad; sudden ~ 5. a ~ for (there was a sudden ~ for tickets to the concert) 6. a ~ to + inf. (there was a sudden ~ to buy tickets for the concert) 7. in a ~ (everyone was in a ~ to buy tickets for the concert) 8. (misc.) I felt a ~ of dizziness after I drank the punch; a ~ to judgment

rush II v. 1. to ~ headlong, pell-mell 2. (d; intr.) to ~ at ("to attack") 3. (D; intr.) to ~ into (to ~ headlong into a business deal) 4. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ to (to ~ to the office; to ~ to smb.'s assistance; to ~ smb. to the hospital) 5. (P; intr., tr.) they were ~ing across the street; they ~ed over to the other side of the street; I had to ~ home; she ~ed down/up to her room 6. (misc.) she ~ed (in order) to catch the train

rush around v. (P; intr.) they are always ~ing around from one place to another

rush away v. (D; intr.) to ~ from (we had to ~ (home) from the party)
rush off v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ to (they ~ed off to the
theater; she ~ed off to her room) 2. (E) she ~ed off
(in order) to catch the train
rut n. ["groove, furrow"] 1. a deep ~ (in a road) ["dreary
routine"] 2. to get into a ~. 3. in a ~. 4. out of a ~ (she
got into a ~ at work, felt she had been in a ~ long
enough, and got out of her ~ by changing jobs)
ruthless adj. ~ in (he is ~ in his methods)
rye n. 1. winter ~. 2. a sheaf of ~. 3. (misc.) a ham
sandwich on ~ (bread)
sabbath n. 1. to keep, observe the ~ 2. to break, desecrate, violate the ~ 3. on the ~
sabbatical n. 1. to give, grant a ~ 2. to get; have; take a ~ 3. (to be, go) on (a) ~ (she was on (a) ~)
saber, sabre n. 1. to draw one’s ~ 2. to brandish a ~ 3. (misc.) saber-rattling (“threatening to wage war”)
sabotage n. 1. to commit ~ 2. an act of ~
sack n. ["bag"] 1. a mail ~ 2. a ~ bursts; contains, holds ["sackful"] 3. a ~ of (bought a ~ of potatoes) ["bed"] (colloq.) (AE) 4. to hit the ~ ("to go to bed") ["discussional"] (colloq.) 5. to get the ~ 6. to give smb. the ~
sackcloth n. in ~ and ashes (“in deep repentance”)
sacrament n. 1. to administer a ~ 2. to receive a ~ in ~ and ashes (“in deep repentance”)
saddle I 1. to draw one’s ~ 2. to brandish a saber, sabre
saddle II v. 1. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ along (to ~ along the coast)
adj. 7. the ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to speak like that)
safety n. 1. absolutely, completely, very ~ 2. ~ for (it is ~ for children) 3. ~ from (~ from attack) 4. ~ to + inf. (it is not ~ to drive without putting on seat belts; it’s ~ to say that their party will win) 5. (misc.) better ~ than sorry (“prevention is better than cure”); ~ and sound
sale I n. 1. to open; unlock a ~ 2. to close; lock a ~ 3. to break open, crack a ~ 4. a wall ~
safe II 1. to open; unlock a ~ 2. to close; lock a ~
safeguard I n. 1. an adequate; built-in ~ 2. a ~ against (here’s our latest built-in ~ against theft)
safeguard II v. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ against, from (to ~ one’s property from theft)
safe-keeping n. in ~
safety factor n. a built-in ~
sail I v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for Europe) 5. (D; intr.) to ~ for; under (the fat man ~ged against the door and the floor ~ged under the weight of him)
sail II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ into (the ship ~ed into port) 7. (colloq.) (d; intr.) to ~ into (“to attack”) (the opposing candidates ~ed into each other) 8. (d; intr.) to ~ through (to ~ through the straits) 9. (colloq.) (d; intr.) to ~ through (“to cope with easily”) (she just ~ed through her finals !) 10. (d; intr.) to ~ up (to ~ up a river) 11. (P; intr.) to ~ across the ocean; to ~ towards the coast; to ~ east 12. (misc.) to go ~ing
sad sack n. (slang) (AE) ["inept person"] a hopeless ~
safari n. 1. to organize a ~ 2. to go on (a) ~ 3. a ~ to
safe I adj. 1. absolutely, completely, very ~ 2. ~ for (it is ~ for children) 3. ~ from (~ from attack) 4. ~ to + inf. (it is not ~ to drive without putting on seat belts; it’s ~ to say that their party will win) 5. (misc.) better ~ than sorry (“prevention is better than cure”); ~ and sound
safe II n. 1. to open; unlock a ~ 2. to close; lock a ~ 3. to break open, crack a ~ 4. a wall ~
safe-conduct n. to issue a ~
safe-guard I n. 1. an adequate; built-in ~ 2. a ~ against (here’s our latest built-in ~ against theft)
safe-keeping n. in ~

sad adj. 1. very ~ 2. ~ about, at (we felt ~ about being alone) 3. ~ to + inf. (we felt ~ to be alone; she’ll be ~ to leave here) 4. ~ that + clause (we felt ~ that we were alone) (see also sad to relate at relate; sad sack; sad to say at say)
saden v. (R) it ~ed us to be alone; it ~ed us that we were alone
saddened adj. 1. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to speak like that)
sag v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ to (to ~ to one side) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ against; under (the fat man ~ged against the door and the floor ~ged under the weight of him)
saga n. a ~ about, of
sagacity n. the ~ to + inf. (she had the ~ to diversify her investments)
said adj. 1. ~ to + inf. (she is ~ to be very wise) 2. ~ that + clause (it is ~ that she is very wise) (see also say)
sail I n. 1. to hoist, raise the ~s 2. to let out the ~s 3. to ~ for; to reduce; slacken 4. to trim ("adjusting") the ~s 5. to lower, strike the ~s 6. (misc.) to set ~ for; from ("to leave for by ship, boat"); to go for a ~
sail II v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ along (to ~ along the coast) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ around, round (to ~ around the world) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ down (to ~ down a river) 4. (d; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for Europe) 5. (d; intr.) to ~ from; to (to ~ from New York to Liverpool) 6. (d; intr.) to ~ into (the ship ~ed into port) 7. (colloq.) (d; intr.) to ~ into ("to attack") (the opposing candidates ~ed into each other) 8. (d; intr.) to ~ through (to ~ through the straits) 9. (colloq.) (d; intr.) to ~ through ("to cope with easily") (she just ~ed through her finals !) 10. (d; intr.) to ~ up (to ~ up a river) 11. (P; intr.) to ~ across the ocean; to ~ towards the coast; to ~ east 12. (misc.) to go ~ing
sailing n. plain, plane, smooth ~ (“unimpeded progress”)
saint n. a patron ~ (see also the patience of a saint at patience)
sake n. 1. for smb.’s ~ (do it for my ~) 2. for old times’ ~ 3. for the ~ of (for the ~ of argument) 4. for pity’s ~ 5. for argument’s ~. (misc.) it’s worth doing for its own ~; for God’s/Christ’s/’s goodness’ / heaven’s/Pete’s/pity’s ~ (used as expressions of exasperation or urgency) (for heaven’s ~, could/ will you hurry up?!) (see also sakes)
sakes n. (AE) (colloq.) [’sake]’ for God/Christ/ goodness/heaven ~ (“for God’s/Christ’s/Pete’s/ goodness’/heaven’s/pity’s sake”) (for heaven ~, could/will you hurry up?!) sallad n. 1. to make, prepare ; toss a ~ 2. to garnish ; sales n. 1. to boost ~ 2. brisk ~ 3. gross ; high-street ~ (AE) (colloq.) ; storewide ~ 4. ~ drop off, slump ; level off ; sakes n. (AE) ; going-out-of-business ; jumble (BE), yard (BE) ; clearance ; closeout ; fire ; garage (AE), yard (BE) of ~ 5. a spoonful of ~. (misc.) ~ and pepper ; to take smt. with a grain/pinch of ~ (“to regard smt. with skepticism”); the ~ of the earth (“the very best”); to be worth one’s ~ (“to be worthy of respect”) (see also saltcellar at cellar; saltshaker at shaker; salts) salvation n. 1. to bring ; preach ~ 2. to attain, find; seek ~ 3. ~ from 4. ~ by, through (preaching from sin through faith) salve n. 1. to apply, rub in, rub on (a) ~ 2. ~ for; to (it was a ~ to my wounded feelings) salvo n. 1. to fire a ~ 2. an opening ~ 3. (med.) to analyze ; collect, take a ~ 4. (med.) a dribble, drool of ~ 5. a ~ for ; to (to ~ records from a fire) same pron., adj., adv. it’s all the ~ to me (“it makes no difference to me”); go or stay: it’s all the ~ to me! = it’s all the ~ to me whether you go or stay! ; we tried our best but we failed all/just the ~ (“but we failed nevertheless”); a puma and a cougar are one and the ~ animal = a puma and a cougar are exactly the ~ animal = a puma and a cougar are the exact ~ animal (colloq.) = a puma is the ~ animal as a cougar; that puma is the ~ one (that) I saw yesterday – at least it looks exactly the ~ size as the one I saw yesterday – at least it looks the ~ as the one that I saw yesterday ! = that puma is the ~ in size as the one I saw yesterday = that’s the same-size puma (that/as) I saw yesterday – at least it looks exactly the ~ size as the one I saw yesterday! sampler n. (mil.) 1. to form a ~ 2. a ~ juts out (into enemy lines) salmon n. 1. to dribble, drool ~ 2. ~ dribbles, drools 3. a dribble, drool of ~ salary n. 1. to pay a ~ 2. to command, draw, get, receive ; earn a ~ 3. (colloq.) to pull down (AE), pull in (BE) a ~ 4. to boost, increase, raise ~ries 5. to fire ; give a ~ (the president was fired ~) 6. to conduct, have, ~; to (to ~ records from a file) samples n. [’sample]’ 1. to distribute, hand out (free) ~ 2. (med.) to give, leave, provide a ~ 3. (med.) to analyze; collect, take a ~ 4. (med.) a blood ; urine ~ (we’d like to take a blood ~ from

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you that we’ll analyze later) 3. a floor; free ~ (“selected segment”) (statistics) 6. to select, take a ~ 7. a random; representative ~
sampler n. ["needlework"] to work a ~
sampling n. (a) random ~
sanction I n. ["approval"] 1. to give ~ to (no one gave ~ to his smoking marijuana) 2. to receive ~ 3. legal ~ (see also ~ctions)
sanction II v. 1. to ~ officially; tacitly 2. (K) no one ~ed his smoking marijuana
~ctions n. ["coercive measures"] 1. to apply, impose ~ to clamp ~ on 3. to lift ~ 4. economic, trade; military ~ 5. ~ against, on; for (the U.N. imposed economic ~ against/on the dictatorship for violating human rights)
sanctuary n. 1. to give, grant, offer, provide (a) ~ 2. to ask for, request, seek; find, receive ~ 3. to deny, refuse smt. ~ 4. a bird; wilderness ~ 5. (a) ~ for 6. (a) ~ from (they sought a ~ from persecution for themselves and their children)
sanctum n. an inner ~
sand n. 1. to scatter, spread, sprinkle, strew ~ 2. coarse; fine ~ 3. a grain of ~ 4. a pile of ~ (see also sandbox at box I n.; sand dune at dune; sandpit at pit I n.)
sandals n. 1. beach ~ 2. a pair of ~
sandwich I n. 1. to fix (esp. AE), make, prepare a ~ from, of, out of, with (to make a ~ out of leftovers with a lot in it) 2. to make smt. into a ~ (to make leftovers into a ~) 3. to eat, grab, have a ~ (there’s just time to grab a ~ before the meeting) 4. a cheese; club (AE); corned-beef; doorstep (BE); double-decker; grilled-cheese (AE), toasted-cheese (BE); ham; open, open-face; tomato-and-lettuce, lettuce-and-tomato; tuna ~
sandwich II v. (d; tr.) to ~ (in) between (to ~ in a meeting between a staff conference and lunch)
sanitation n. environmental ~
sanity n. 1. to keep, maintain, preserve, retain one’s ~ 2. to lose one’s ~
sarcasm n. 1. biting, devastating, keen, piercing, scathing, withering; mild; thinly veiled ~ an edge, hint of ~ (there was a hint of ~ in her remarks) 3. ~ about 4. (misc.) dripping with ~ (her remarks were dripping with ~)
sardines n. 1. canned (AE), tinned (BE); fresh ~ 2. a can (AE), tin (BE) of ~ 3. (misc.) to pack in like ~
sashay v. (colloq.) (AE) 1. (P; intr.) (“to stroll”) she ~d down to the beach and then ~ed along it 2. (misc.) to come; go ~ing (she went ~ing along the beach)
satellite n. 1. to launch; orbit a ~ 2. an artificial (earth) communications; orbiting; spy; weather ~ 3. by ~ (an event telecast by ~) 4. from a ~ (pictures sent to earth from an orbiting ~)
satire n. 1. (a) biting, scathing ~ 2. political ~ 3. a ~ on
satisfaction n. ["act of satisfying"] ["state of being satisfied"] 1. to afford, give ~ to 2. to express; feel ~ 3. to find, take ~ in 4. deep, great, profound ~ 5. quiet ~ 6. ~ that + clause (they felt ~ that a fair compromise had been reached) 7. ~ about, at, over, with (they felt ~ with the compromise that had been reached) 8. to smb.’s ~ (the work was done to my (complete) ~) ["compensation for a wrong or injury"] 9. to demand; seek ~ 10. to get, receive; have ~ 11. ~ for (to receive ~ for an insult)
satisfactory adj. 1. completely; highly, very ~ 2. ~ for (her qualifications are not ~ for our needs) 3. ~ in (they were not ~ in their job performance) 4. ~ to (not ~ to anyone concerned)
satisfied adj. 1. completely, fully, perfectly, thoroughly ~ 2. with (we are ~ with the good results) 3. ~ to + inf. (she is not ~ to spend her days doing nothing) 4. ~ that + clause (we are ~ that all requirements have been met)
satisfy v. 1. to ~ completely, thoroughly 2. (D; tr.) to ~ on (can you ~ me on just one more point?) 3. (L; refl.) we ~died ourselves that all requirements had been met
satisfying adj. 1. completely, deeply, totally, very ~ 2. emotionally; intellectually ~ 3. ~ to + inf. (she does not find it ~ to spend her days doing nothing) 4. ~ that + clause (we find it ~ that at last all requirements have been met)
SATS n. ["Scholastic Aptitude Tests"] (US) 1. (for admission to US universities) to take the ~ ["Standard Assessment Tasks"] (GB) 2. (given to school children since 1991 as part of the national curriculum) to do the ~
saturate v. (D; tr.) to ~ in; with sauce n. in; with (a) rich; savory, spicy; sweet; thick ~
saunter v. 1. (P; intr.) she ~ed down to the beach and then ~ed along it 2. (misc.) to come; go ~ing (she went ~ing along the beach)
sausage n. 1. liver ~ (CE; AE has liverwurst) 2. beef; garlic; pork ~ 3. a link; piece, slice of ~
savagery n. 1. to demonstrate, display, exhibit, show ~ 2. extreme; great; sheer; uncompromised 3. an act; degree, level; outburst of ~ 4. ~ to, towards 5. with ~ (the police behaved with great ~ towards the demonstrators) 6. ~ to + inf. (it was sheer ~ for/on the part of ~ the police to behave like that towards the demonstrators!)
save I n. ["action that prevents an opponent from scoring"] 1. to make a ~ 2. a brilliant, spectacular ~
save II v. 1. (C) ~ a place for me; or: ~ me a place 2. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ for (they are ~ing for a new car; to ~ money for a new car; to ~ for a rainy day) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ valuable records from destruction; the knight ~d the maiden from a dragon; it will ~ you from having to make a second trip) 4. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ on (during the mild winter we ~d (lots of money) on fuel) 5. (J; esp. BE) it will ~ you having to make a second trip 6. (O) it will ~ you the trouble of making a second trip; the computer will ~ (us) a lot of time; buying it here
will ~ (you) a lot of money 7. (misc.) to ~ money towards a new car; to scrimp and ~

save up v. (D; intr.) to ~ for (they are ~ing up for a new car; to ~ up money for a new car; to ~ up for a rainy day)

saving n. to make a ~ (on) (during the mild winter we made huge ~ on fuel bills) (see also savings)

savings n. 1. to make ~ (on) (during the mild winter we made huge ~ on fuel bills) 2. to set aside ~ 3. to deposit; invest one’s ~ 4. to withdraw one’s ~ (from a bank) 5. to dip into; squander one’s ~

savings bond n. (AE) 1. to issue a ~ 2. to cash (in), redeem a ~ 3. to roll over a ~

savings certificate n. 1. to issue a ~ 2. to cash (in), redeem a ~ 3. (AE) to roll over a ~

savor, savour v. (lit.) (d; intr.) to ~ of (“to suggest”) savor, savour

say I n. 1. (B) (“to utter”) she said a few words to

v.

1. to issue a ~ 2. to cash (in), redeem a ~ 3. (AE) to roll over a ~

savings certificate n. 1. to issue a ~ 2. to cash (in), redeem a ~ 3. (AE) to roll over a ~

savor, savour v. (lit.) (d; intr.) to ~ of (“to suggest”) savor, savour

say II n. 1. to set (“put an edge on”) a ~ 2. a band; buzz (AE), circular (BE), carpenter’s; chain; coping; hand; musical; power; two-handed ~

say II v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ through (they ~ed through the cable and then they ~ed through it again = they ~ed through the cable and then they ~ed it through again) 2. (misc.) to ~ smt. up into little pieces

say III n. (“saying”) 1. a common, old, popular, wise ~ 2. a ~ goes, runs 3. a ~ that (there is an old ~ (to the effect) that haste makes waste)

say I n. “[decision]” 1. to have the final ~ “[opportunity to speak]” 2. to have one’s ~ “[role]” 3. to have a ~ in

say II v. 1. (B) (“to utter”) she said a few words to us 2. (d; tr.) (“to state”) to ~ about, of (what did they ~ about our offer?) 3. (d; tr.) to ~ for (“to say in justification of”) (what do you have to ~ for yourself?) 4. (d; tr.) to ~ to (”to respond to”) (what do you ~ to the charges?) 5. (colloq.) (E) (“to state”) the instructions ~ to take one tablet every morning 6. (L; to) (“to state”) they said (to us) that they would be late; the instructions ~ that I should take one tablet every morning; people ~ that she is very wise 7. (Q; to) (“to state”) she did not ~ to (us) when our next meeting would be; the instructions ~ how many tablets to take and when to take them 8. (misc.) “Hello!” she said (to me) = she said “Hello!” (to me); to ~ smt. in jest; to ~ smt. under one’s breath; ~ no more; ~ it all; needless to ~ (after that she got very angry and ~ needless to ~ I didn’t see her again); would it be fair/true to ~ that her anger ended your friendship?; what a thing to ~?; it goes without ~ing that we will help (see also saying) USAGE NOTE: It is correct to use “You’re wrong, I regret to say” or “You’re wrong, I’m sorry to say” or “You’re wrong. I’m afraid.” But it’s incorrect to use “?You’re wrong, I’m afraid to say,” even though “??I’m afraid to say,” an incorrect blend of “I’m afraid” with “I’m sorry to say,” is very common nowadays and is found even in writing.

saying n. 1. a common, old, popular, wise ~ 2. a ~ goes, runs 3. a ~ that (there is an old ~ (to the effect) that haste makes waste)

say-so n. (colloq.) “[statement]” on smb.’s ~ (I believed it was true on her ~)

scab n. a ~ falls off; forms

scabies n. to catch, get ~

scaffolding n. 1. to erect, put up ~ to remove, take down ~ 3. comes down; goes up; stays up 4. on the ~ (is there anyone working on the ~ you put up yesterday?)

scald v. (D; tr.) to ~ with (he was ~ed with boiling water)

scale I n. “[series of notes arranged in a certain sequence]” (mus.) 1. to play; sing a ~ 2. a chromatic; diatonic; major; minor; natural ~ “[system of classifying in a series of steps]” 3. a sliding; social ~ 4. a pay, salary, wage; union ~ “[relative size]” 5. an enormous, grand, large; full; moderate; monumental; small ~ 6. on a certain ~ (everything was planned on a monumental ~; on a ~ of one to ten; on a ~ of one inch to ten miles) 7. (misc.) drawn to ~; a small-scale problem ~ a problem that is small in ~ = a problem on a small ~

scale II n. “[weighing machine]” (AE) 1. a bathroom; kitchen; spring; table ~ 2. on a ~ (to weigh smt. on a ~) (see also scales)

scale down v. (D; tr.) to ~ to (they ~d down production to decreased demand = they ~d production down to decreased demand)

scales n. “[weighing machine]” 1. bathroom; kitchen; spring; table ~ 2. a pair, set of ~ on ~ (to weigh smt. on ~) 4. (misc.) to tip the ~ at 150 pounds “[decisive influence]” 5. to tip the ~ (“to have a decisive influence”) (the event tipped the ~ in their favor)

scallions n. (esp. AE; BE often prefers spring onions or salad onions) a bunch of ~

scalp n. a dry; itchy; oily ~

scammer v. (P; intr.) to ~ across the field

scan n. “[radiographic image]” 1. to do, take, perform; interpret, read a ~ (of) 2. to get, have, undergo a ~ (of) 3. to go for a ~ 4. (in, on) a bone; brain; CAT; CT; heart; liver; lung; MRI; PET; ultrasound ~ 5. a ~ indicates, reveals, shows

scandal n. 1. to cause, create a ~ 2. to cover up, hush up; expose, uncover a ~ 3. a juicy, sensational ~ 4. an open; political; public ~ 5. a ~ breaks, erupts; brews; dies down (a juicy ~ is brewing) 6. a breath, hint, suggestion of ~; series of ~s 7. a ~ about, over (we were shocked at the ~ about the mayor taking bribes) 8. a ~ that ~ clause (it’s a ~ that the mayor has taken bribes)

scandalize v. (R) it ~s us that the mayor had taken bribes; we were ~d to hear that the mayor had taken bribes

scandalized adj. 1. ~ at (we were ~ at the news that the mayor had taken bribes) 2. ~ to + inf. (we were ~d to hear that the mayor had taken bribes)

scandalous adj. 1. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ for the mayor to
have taken bribes) 2. ~ that + clause (it is ~ that the mayor has taken bribes)
s**canner n.** a CAT, CT; code; heart; liver; lung; MRI; PET; test; ultrasound ~
s**c apegoat n.** 1. to make a ~ of smb. 2. a convenient; obvious ~ 3. a ~ for (I turned out to be a convenient ~ for their incompetence) 4. (misc.) to make smb. a ~ (they made me a ~ for their incompetence)
s**car n.** 1. to leave a ~ 2. to bear, carry, have a ~ 3. an emotional, psychological; hideous, ugly; identifying; noticeable, prominent; permanent ~ (she had to bear the emotional ~s left by her unhappy childhood) 4. a ~ on (she has a ~ on her arm) 5. a ~ forms; grows fainter
s**c arcity n.** 1. to cause, lead to a ~ 2. a severe ~ (the drought has led to a severe ~ of grain) (see also scarcity value at value)
s**c are I n.** (colloq.) 1. to give smb. a ~; to put, throw a ~ into smb. 2. to get, have a ~ 3. a nasty; sudden ~ 4. a bomb ~ (see also scare story at story I n.; scare tactics at tactics)
s**c are II v.** (colloq.) 1. to ~ into (to ~ smb. into doing smt.) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ out of (she ~d me out of doing it; she ~d me out of my wits) 3. (N; used with an adjective) to ~ smb. stiff 4. (R) it ~d us that no one answered the doorbell 5. (misc.) to ~ smb. (half) to death = to ~ the life out of smb.
scared adj. (colloq.) 1. ~, (half) to death, out of one’s wits 2. ~ at, by, of (~ at the very thought; ~ of the dark; they are ~d of saying anything) 3. ~ to + inf. (they are ~ to say anything) 4. ~ that + clause (we were ~ that the roof would collapse)
s**c are up v.** (colloq.) (AE) to ~ for; from (to ~ a meal from leftovers)
s**c arf n.** 1. to knit a ~ 2. to wear a ~ (around one’s neck) 3. to tie, wrap a ~ (around smb.’s / one’s head) 4. a knitted; silk; woolen ~
s**c ar tissue ~ forms
sc**atter v.** (P; intr.; tr.) they ~ed through the woods; the pamphlets were ~ed around the neighborhood; the wind ~ed leaves on the ground = the ground was ~ed with leaves by the wind; the groups are ~ed throughout the various states; the rioters ~ed in all directions
s**c avenge v.** 1. (D; intr.) to ~ for (they were ~ging for spare parts from wrecked cars) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ from (they were ~ging spare parts from wrecked cars)
sc**enario n.** ["film outline"] 1. to write a ~ 2. a film ~ ["potential situation"] 3. a doomsday; likely ~ 4. a worst-case ~ (in the worst-case ~ we lose all our money)
s**c ence n.** ["division of a play"] 1. to play; rehearse a ~ 2. to steal ("dominate") a ~ 3. the ~ shifts 4. (in) a love ~ 5. a change of ~ [display of anger, feelings] 6. to make a ~ 7. an awkward, painful, ugly ~ (ugly ~s between parents and children) ["location"] 8. to arrive / come on the ~ ("to appear"); to leave, vanish from the ~ ("to disappear") 9. at, on a ~ amid, among ~s (she was at the ~ of the crime; she interviewed the victims amid ~s of carnage) 10. on the national ~ ["spectacle, picture"] 11. to depict a ~ 12. a beautiful; idyllic; touching ~ 13. a funny; ridiculous ~ 14. an ever-changing; familiar ~ 15. a disgraceful, shameful; distressing; gruesome; revolting; tragic ~ ["misc"] 16. behind the ~s ("in secret"); a change of ~ (usu. fig.); to set the ~ ("to describe a situation") ("to prepare for the occurrence of smt.")
s**c enery n.** ["stage props"] 1. to set up ~ 2. to move, shift ~ 3. to dismantle ~; stage ~ ["landscape"] 5. beautiful, glorious, majestic, picturesque; wild ~ 6. amid; through ~ (we picnicked amid glorious mountain ~s) 7. (misc.) (usu. fig.) a change of ~
sc**ent n.** ["track, trail"] 1. to have; follow; pick up a (the) ~ (the dogs picked up the ~) 2. to leave a ~ 3. a cold; false; hot ~ 4. (misc.) to throw smb. off the ~ ["intuition"] 5. a ~ for (a ~ for news) ["odor"] 6. to perceive; recognize an ~ 7. a delicate; faint; lingering; pungent; strong ~ 8. a ~ permeates smt. 9. a ~ of (the delicate ~ of lavender permeated the entire room) ["sense of smell"] 10. a keen ~ ["perfume"] (see perfume)
sceptical see skeptical
scepticism see skepticism
s**chedule I n.** 1. to draw up, make out, make up, plan, prepare, set up, work out a ~ 2. to follow, stick to a ~ 3. to issue a ~ 4. a fixed; flexible; full; heavy; rigid; rotating ~ 5. (esp. AE) an airline; bus; train ~ (CE has timetable) 6. a production ~ 7. a ~ for 8. according to, on; ahead of; behind ~ (our work is coming along according to/on ~; the trains are running behind ~) 9. in a ~ (is there anything left to do in your ~?) 10. to be on smb.’s ~ (what’s on your ~tomorrow / for tomorrow~?)
s**chedule II v.** 1. (D; tr.) to ~ for (we will ~ her for surgery next week) 2. (H) we’re ~d to arrive at one o’clock; can you ~ her to speak in the afternoon?; we will ~ her to have surgery next week
s**ch e me I n.** 1. to come up with, conceive, concoct, cook up, devise, think up a ~ 2. to cobble together, work out a ~ 3. to outline, sketch out a ~ 4. to announce, unveil a ~ 5. to present, propose a ~ 6. to accept, approve a ~ 7. to carry out, go ahead with, implement a ~ 8. to put a ~ into effect / operation 9. to abandon, drop, scrub; shelve a ~ 10. to reject, turn down a ~ 11. to foil, thwart a ~ 12. a clever; complicated, elaborate; detailed; grandiose ~ 13. a diabolical; fantastic; get-rich-quick; grandiose; harebrained; ill-conceived; impracticable; impractical; unrealistic; nefarious; preposterous, wild-eyed ~ 14. a ~ calls for (smt.) (the ~ called for massive investment) 15. ~ materialize; succeed, work; go ahead 16. ~s fail 17. a ~ for (she concocted a harebrained ~ for getting publicity) 18. a ~ to + inf. (she concocted a harebrained ~ to get publicity) 19. (misc.) in the overall ~ of things; what rhyme ~ does the poet use? USAGE NOTE:
In CE, a *scheme* can be dishonest or crafty; this connotation is probably encountered more frequently in AE than in BE, where *scheme* can be similar in connotation to *plan*. So in AE a *scheme* is more likely to be *harebrained* than *clever*; but in BE it can be either.

**scheme II** v. (derog.) 1. (D; intr.) to ~ against; for 2. (E) they are ~ing to take over the government

**schism n.** 1. to cause, create a ~ 2. a ~ between

**scholar** n. 1. an eminent; productive ~ 2. a ~ in residence 3. (coloq.) a ~ of (a ~ of early French literature)

**scholarship** n. ["systematized knowledge, research"]

1. to foster, promote ~ 2. productive; scientific; solid, sound, thorough ~ ["aid to a student, researcher, writer"] 3. to establish, found a ~ 4. to award, grant a ~ 5. to apply for a ~ 6. to get, receive, win a ~ (she won a ~ to a leading university) 7. to have, hold a ~ 8. a ~ for (to receive a ~ for language study) 9. a ~ to (she won a ~ to Oxford) 10. a ~ to + inf. (she ~ed to (she went to Oxford on a ~)

**school I** n. ["educational institution"] ["education given by a school"] 1. to direct; operate, run a ~ 2. to accredit a ~ 3. to attend, go to (a ~) (they go to a good ~) 4. to start ~ 5. to enter (a ~) 6. to finish, graduate from (AE), leave (BE) ~ (she left ~ and went to university) 7. to drop out of, leave, quit (esp. AE) ~ 8. (by level) an elementary, grade (AE), grammar (AE), primary; first (BE); infant (BE); junior (BE); nursery ~ 9. (by level) a junior high (AE); middle; prep (BE) ~ 10. (by level) a comprehensive (BE), high (esp. AE), secondary; grammar (BE); prep (AE), public (BE) ("private secondary"); secondary modern (BE; now rare) ~ 11. (by level) a graduate, postgraduate (esp. BE); undergraduate ~ 12. (by subject) an art; ballet; beauty; business; dancing; divinity; drama, theater; driving; fencing; military; naval; riding; secretarial; technical; trade, vocational ~ 13. (by type) a boarding; church; consolidated; correspondence; progressive; public (AE), state (BE); day; evening; finishing; magnet; night; parochial; preparatory; private; reform (AE; now rare); religious; special; summer; Sunday ~ 14. (at a university; see also *faculty*) 1) a business; dental; divinity; engineering; law; medical; nursing (US; CE has *school of nursing*); professional ~ 15. at, in (a ~) (she works at/in a ~; their son is still at ~; AE also has: their son is still in ~) 16. a ~ for (a ~ for gifted children) 17. (misc.) to be kept after ~; late for ~; (AE) ~ lets out (at three o’clock); (BE) ~ breaks up for the holidays ["group of people holding similar views"] 18. an avant-garde ~ of artists; a radical ~ of economists 19. a ~ of opinion, thought 20. (misc.) of the old ~ ("adhering to established traditions") ["misc."] 21. the ~ of hard knocks ("life with all its difficulties")

**USAGE NOTES:** (1) One says *to attend school* and to *go to school*, but with a modifier an article must be included – *to attend a good school*, *to go to a good school*, *they go to the school of their choice*. Note that one can say *they go to school in California*, *where they go to a very good school indeed!* (see the *Usage Notes* for

**college; university** (2) In England the phrase *high school* is used chiefly in the names of state secondary schools that are or have been selective (i.e. grammar schools): *she went to Slough High School for Girls*. Elsewhere, *high school* is typically more or less synonymous with *secondary school*: *she went to high school before she went to college.*

**school II** v. 1. to ~ thoroughly 2. (D; tr.) to ~ in (to ~ smb. in the martial arts) 3. (H) they were ~ed to obey instantaneously

**schooled adj.** in (well ~ in the martial arts)

**schooling** n. 1. to receive one’s ~ 2. formal ~ 3. ~ in (receive ~ in the martial arts)

**schoolwork** n. to do one’s ~

**science** n. 1. to advance, foster, promote ~ 2. an exact; hard; inexact; pure; soft ~ 3. applied; basic; popular ~ 4. computer, information; library; linguistic ~ 5. agricultural; medical; nursing; veterinary ~ 6. military; naval; space ~ 7. behavioral; natural; physical; political; social ~ 8. the life ~

**scientist** n. 1. a nuclear; political; rocket (coloq.); social ~ 2. a ~ discovers (smt.) 3. a group, team of ~s (a team of nuclear ~s have discovered a new subatomic particle)

**scissors** n. 1. to use ~ 2. to grind, sharpen ~ 3. ban- ["utensil for scooping"]

**scope** 1. to broaden, widen the ~ of smt. 2. a ~

**scoff v.** (D; intr.) to ~ at

**scoff v.** (D; tr.) to ~ severely 2. (D; tr.) to ~ about, for (they ~ed me for being late)

**scoffing** n. 1. to give smb. a (good) ~ 2. to get, receive a ~

**scoop I** n. ["utensil for scooping"] 1. a coal; flour; grain; ice-cream ~ ["hot news item"] (coloq.) 2. to get the latest ~

**scoop II** v. (d; tr.) to ~ from, off, out of (she ~ed the ice cream from the plate)

**scoop up** v. (D; tr.) to ~ from, off (she ~ed up the ice cream from the plate = she ~ed the ice cream up from/off the plate)

**scoot** v. (P; intr.) the boys ~ed out of the room

**scooter n.** to ride a ~ (see also *motor scooter*)

**scope** n. 1. to broaden, widen the ~ of smt. 2. a broad; narrow ~ 3. beyond, outside the ~ of smt. 4. within the ~ of smt. 5. (misc.) this project will give your talent full ~ to express itself

**score I** n. ["tally"] (usu. sports) 1. to keep ~ 2. a close; even; lopsided ~ 3. (AE) (usu. baseball) a box ~ 4. a ~ stands (the ~ stood five to three (AE) = the ~ stood five to three (AE) = the ~ stood at five to three; how does the ~ stand?) 5. by a ~ (we won by
a lopsided ~) ["points"] (sports, tests) 6. (esp. AE) to run up a ~ 7. a lopsided ~ (our team ran up a lopsided ~) ~ 8. a high ; low ; perfect ~ (the judges gave her a perfect ~; the test ~s ranged from very low to very high) ["grievance"]["matter"] 9. to pay off, settle a ~ 10. an old ~ (they had some old ~s to settle) 11. a ~ between (there are some old ~s between them) ["musical composition"] 12. to play ; write a ~ ["copy of a musical composition"] 13. a film ; full ; orchestra ; piano ; vocal ~ ["matter"] 14. on a certain ~ (we are even on that ~) ["facts of a situation"] (colloq.) 15. to know the ~

score II v. 1. (D ; intr., tr.) ("to make a score") to ~ against (to ~ against a team ; they ~d five points against the visiting team) 2. (D ; intr., tr.) ("to make a score") to ~ for (she ~d ten points for her team ; who ~d for their team ?) 3. (d ; intr., tr.) ("to write music") to ~ for (to ~ for full orchestra) 4. (colloq.) (BE) (d ; intr.) to ~ off ("to beat in an argument") (it’s difficult to ~ off him in an argument) 5. (colloq.) (D ; intr.) ("to achieve success") to ~ with (I really ~d with the boss ; I ~d with a pretty girl at the party last night) 6. (P) ("to get a certain score") in/ on the proficiency tests they ~d badly / low/20% / high/well/80% /in the top 10/among the top 10

scoreboard n. an electronic ~

scorer n. (sports) a high ; low ; top ~ (who was the game’s highest/top ~ ?)

scorn II v. 1. to express ; feel ~ 2. to heap, pour ~ on

score II n. a mad, wild ~ 2. a ~ for (a wild ~ for scramble I

scorer an electronic ~ scoreboard

score II n. to play ; write a ~

scored for their team ?) 3. (d ; intr., tr.) ("to write

scramble I n. a film ; full ; orchestra ; piano ; vocal ~ ["matter"]

scramble II v. 1. (C) ~ a couple of eggs for me ; or: ~ me a couple of eggs (see also scrambled egg(s) at egg) 2. (d ; intr.) to ~ for, over (AE) (to ~ for government subsidies) 3. (P ; intr.) the hikers were ~ling down the mountain ; the children ~d through the forest ; the passengers ~d aboard

scrap I n. ["waste metal"] to sell (smt.) for ~ (see also scrap metal at metal)

scrap II n. (colloq.) ["fight"] to put up a (good) ~

scrap III v. (colloq.) (D ; intr.) ("to fight") to ~ over scrapbook n. to keep a ~

scrape II v. 1. (D ; intr., tr.) ("to achieve success") to ~ with (I really ~d with the boss ; I ~d with a pretty girl at the party last night) 6. (P) ("to get a certain score") in/ on the proficiency tests they ~d badly / low/20% / high/well/80% /in the top 10/among the top 10

scrap II n. (misc.) to bow and ~ ("to be obsequious") (see also to scrape acquaintance with at acquaintance)

scrape along v. (D ; intr.) to ~ on ; with (to ~ on a small salary)

scrape through v. (D ; intr.) to ~ to (we somehow ~d through to triumph)

scratch I n. ["injury produced by scratching"] 1. (to come through a fight) without a ~ 2. a deep ; slight ; superficial ~ (she had only a slight ~ on her arm) ["beginning"] 3. from ~ ["prescribed level"] 4. up to ~

scratch II v. 1. (d ; intr.) to ~ at (the cat was ~ing at the door with its claws) 2. (d ; tr.) to ~ off (he ~d the paint off the wall) 3. (D ; tr.) to ~ on (I ~ed my hand on a nail)

scrawl n. ["bad handwriting"] 1. to decipher a ~ 2. an illegible ; incomprehensible ~ (to write in an illegible ~)

scream II v. 1. to ~ with pain) 6. (E) she ~ed at / (to ~ with pain) 6. (E) she ~ed at / for/to the children to stop making noise 7. (L ; to) she ~ed (at/to us) that the house was on fire ; "Stop making noise!" she ~ed (at/to the children) 8. (N ; used with a reflexive pronoun and an adjective) (she ~ed herself hoarse) (see also scream at the top of one’s lungs at lung)

screed I n. 1. to give, let out a ~ 2. a bloodcurdling ; ear-piercing, loud ; high-pitched, shrill ~ (he let out a loud ~ of terror)

screed II v. 1. to ~ hysterically ; to ~ in agony 2. (B) she ~ed a few words to the children 3. (D ; intr.) to ~ at; for (she ~ed at the children for making noise) 4. (d ; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for help) 5. (D ; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with pain) 6. (E) she ~ed at/for/to the children to stop making noise 7. (L ; to) she ~ed (at/to us) that the house was on fire ; "Stop making noise!" she ~ed (at/to the children) 8. (N ; used with a reflexive pronoun and an adjective) (she ~ed herself hoarse) (see also scream at the top of one’s lungs at lung)

screed I n. 1. to give, let out a ~ (to let out a ~ of delight) 2. a bloodcurdling ; ear-piercing, loud ; high-pitched, shrill ~ (he let out a loud ~ of terror)

screed II v. 1. (D ; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with delight) 2. (misc.) to ~ to a halt/stop = to come ~ing to a halt/stop
computer; television, TV ~. a smoke ~ (often fig.) (to ~lay down/put up/throw up/use~ a smoke ~ of obscuration to conceal the truth) 4. the big, silver ~ (in the movies) 5. the small ~ (TV) 6. a blank ~. a ~ between 8. on a ~ (there was no picture on the TV ~) 9. (misc.) to clear a ~ (as on a computer); actors who are on-screen enemies but off-screen friends

**screen II** v. 1. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ for (to ~ for cancer) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ from (they ~ed the bed from the rest of the ward)

**screening** n. 1. to do a ~. (a) mass ~ 3. a ~ for

**screen off** v. (D; tr.) to ~ from (they ~ed off the bed from the rest of the ward = they ~ed the bed off from the rest of the ward)

**screen test** v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ for cancer) 2. (P; tr.) to ~ from, out of (I ~d a figure from/out of the stone)

**sculptured adj.** see **sculpture** II

**sculpture I** n. 1. to create, do, produce a ~ 2. to cast a ~ 3. an abstract ~ 4. modern ~ 5. a piece of ~

**sculpture II** v. (D; intr.) to ~ about, over; with

**scribble** v. 1. (A) she ~d a note to me; or: she ~d me a note 2. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ with (to ~ with a pencil)

**scrip** n. (.misc.) to ~ and save

**script I** n. 1. the eastern ~ (of the U.S.A.) 2. along; down; on; up the (eastern) ~

**script II** n. 1. cuneiform; phonetic ~ (transcribed in phonetic ~) 2. a film ~ 3. a smoke ~ (under constant ~; to come under ~)

**scum** v. (P; intr.) the clouds ~ded across the sky

**scuffle I** n. 1. to get into a ~ (with) 2. to have a ~ (with) 3. an angry; loud ~ 4. a ~ breaks out 5. a ~ about, over 6. a ~ between; with 7. in a ~ (several people were involved in the ~ between the gangs that broke out over smt. insignificant)

**scuffle II** v. (D; intr.) to ~ about, over; with

**scrimp** 1. (D; intr.) (to be frugal) to ~ on (to ~ on food) 2. (misc.) to ~ and save

**scribbled** adj. in; out of (~ in stone; ~ from stone)

**scurry** v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for cover) 2. (P; intr.) to ~ along the street 3. (misc.) we ~ed (in order) to find cover

**sea I** n. 1. to sail the ~s 2. a calm, smooth; choppy, heavy, high, raging, rough, stormy, turbulent ~ 3. the deep; open ~ 4. at ~ (buried at ~) 5. (esp. BE) by the ~ (a holiday by the ~) 6. (misc.) (at) the bottom of the ~; to drift out to ~; to go to ~ ("to become a sailor"); to put out to ~; (all) at ~ ("bewildered")

**seal II** v. 1. to conduct, do, make a ~ 2. to abandon, call off a ~ 3. a careful, exhaustive, painstaking, systematic, thorough ~ 4. a fruitless ~ 5. a body, strip; door-to-door, house-to-house ~ 6. a literature ~ 7. a computer; online ~ (to do a computer ~) 8. a
~ for (the ~ for truth) 9. in ~ of 10. (misc.) (legal) unwarranted ~ and seizure

search II v. 1. to ~ carefully, painstakingly, systematically, thoroughly 2. to ~ all over, everywhere, high and low 3. (D; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for a lost child) 4. (D; intr.) to ~ through (she ~d through her purse for the keys and then ~d through it again)

searching n. online ~

searchlight n. 1. to direct, focus, shine a ~ 2. ~s play in ~

search v. 1. to be ~ 2. to remain ~ 3. at; in; on (he was ~ at the steering wheel, she was ~ in the passenger seat, and the children were ~ on stools at home)

seat n. 1. the ~ of ~ (for the ~ for truth) 9. in ~ of 10. (misc.) (legal) unwarranted ~ and seizure

seat n. 1. to direct, focus, shine a ~ 2. ~s play in ~

season II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ with (we will ~ the salad)

season n. 1. to direct, focus, shine a ~ 2. ~s play in ~

season adj. in, into (that day is ~ into my memory)

season n. 1. to direct, focus, shine a ~ 2. ~s play in ~

season III v. 1. to be ~ 2. to remain ~ 3. at; in; on (he was ~ at the steering wheel, she was ~ in the passenger seat, and the children were ~ on stools at home)

seasoned adj. highly; lightly ~

seat n. 1. the ~ of ~ (for the ~ for truth) 9. in ~ of 10. (misc.) (legal) unwarranted ~ and seizure

seat n. 1. the ~ of ~ (for the ~ for truth) 9. in ~ of 10. (misc.) (legal) unwarranted ~ and seizure

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seat n. 1. the ~ of ~ (for the ~ for truth) 9. in ~ of 10. (misc.) (legal) unwarranted ~ and seizure

seat n. 1. to buckle, do up, fasten; put on a ~ 2. to un buckle, undo, unfasten; take off a ~ 3. to adjust a ~ 4. to wear a ~

seated adj. 1. to be ~ 2. to remain ~ 3. ~ at; in; on (he was ~ at the steering wheel, she was ~ in the passenger seat, and the children were ~ on stools at home)

second fiddle n. "[inferior]") 1. ~ to (~ to none) ["placing after the first"] 2. to come (in), finish, place ~ (in a race) 3. the ~ to inf. (she was the ~ to arrive and among the last to leave)

second adj. 1. of a person or thing of secondary value; less important; inferior; in a lower ~ (2.2) ; upper (2.1) ~ 9. a ~ in (to get an upper ~ in English) (see also seconds)

second best adj., adv., n. 1. to come off ~ 2. to settle for ~

second-class adv. to travel ~

second best adj., adv., n. 1. to come off ~ 2. to settle for ~

second十二条 n. ["one who ranks after the first"] 1. a close ~ ["assistant"] 2. a ~ to smb. 3. (misc.) ~ away! in (wrestling); ~s out! (in boxing) ["second gear"] 4. to put (a vehicle) into ~ 5. in ~ (the car’s ~ in ~; don’t start in ~) ["vote of endorsement"] 6. (do I hear) a ~ to (the motion?) ["undergraduate second-class honours degree at a British university"] 7. to get a ~ 8. a lower (2.2); upper (2.1) ~ 9. a ~ in (to get an upper ~ in English) (see also seconds)

second十二条 n. "[sixtieth part of a minute"] ["short time"] 1. a split ~ 2. for a ~ (I’m stepping out into the corridor for a ~) 3. in ~ (she’ll be here in a ~) 4. (misc.) wait a ~; just a ~; it will take a ~; it all happened in a fraction of a ~!; “If you can fill the unforgiving minute With sixty seconds’ worth of distance run...” ~ Rudyard Kipling (1865–1936), "If...");

secede v. (D; intr.) to ~ from (a township cannot ~ from a county; there was a Civil War when the Confederacy tried to ~ from the USA)

secession n. ~ from (the Confederacy’s attempted ~ from the USA)

seclude v. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ from

seclusion n. in ~

second I adv. ["inferior"] 1. to (~ to none) ["placing after the first"] 2. to come (in), finish, place ~ (in a race) 3. the ~ to inf. (she was the ~ to arrive and among the last to leave)

secret adj., n. 1. strictly ~ 2. most; top ~ to keep smt. (~ from smb.) 4. in ~ (they got engaged in ~ and kept meeting in ~)

secret II n. 1. to make a ~ of smt.; to make no ~ of smt. (they made no ~ of the fact that they were
engaged = they made no ~ of their engagement
2. to guard, keep a ~ (can you keep the project a ~ from everyone else?) 3. to betray, blurt out, divulge, reveal a ~ 4. to ferret out, uncover, unearth a ~ 5. a dark, deep, guilty, ugly ~ 6. a closely guarded; military; open; state; trade ~ 7. a ~ that + clause (it was no ~ that they were engaged = it was an open ~ that they were engaged)

secretary n. ["administrative assistant"] 1. a corresponding; executive; personal; press; recording; social ~ 2. a private ~ (AE; BE has personal assistant) 3. a ~ of, to ["company officer"] (BE) 4. a company ~ ["cabinet official supervising a government department"] 5. (GB) the Defence; Foreign; Home Secretary (etc.) 6. (US) the Secretary of Labor; Secretary of State ["misc"] 7. the Secretary General (the Secretary General of the U.N.; the Secretary General of the Communist Party)

secretion n. 1. an internal ~ 2. a ~ from
secretive adj. ~ (about (very ~ about one’s plans)
sect n. 1. a political; religious ~ 2. to join a ~ 3. a ~ ("system of social insurance") 8. (on) social ~ USAGE NOTE: In GB, social security refers to the whole system of public welfare provision. In the US, social security refers to the federal program that provides old-age, survivors’, and disability benefits.

sedation n. under ~
sedative n. 1. to administer, give; prescribe a ~ to take a ~ 3. a heavy, strong; light, mild ~
sediment n. to deposit ~
sedition n. 1. to foment, incite, stir up ~ 2. an act of ~

see v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ about, after ("to take care of") (to ~ about an important matter) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ as ("to visualize") ("to consider acceptable") (I can’t ~ them as members of our organization; can you ~ him as Hamlet?) 3. (d; tr.) ("to find attractive") to ~ in (what does she ~ in him?) 4. (d; tr.) to ~ of ("to encounter") (we haven’t seen much of you recently; you haven’t seen the last of them) 5. (d; intr.) to ~ through ("to comprehend what’s wrong with") (she saw through their crooked scheme immediately – she saw through it without difficulty) 6. (d; tr.) to ~ through ("to assist, guide") (my friends saw me through my period of grief; I’m grateful because when I was grieving my friends saw me through!; the supporters of the bill saw it through Congress) 7. (d; tr.) ("to accompany") to ~ to (she saw him to the door) 8. (d; intr.) to ~ to ("to attend to") (I had to ~ to the arrangements; he saw to it that the same mistake was not repeated; ~ to it that you get there on time!) 9. (d; tr.) to ~ (through) to ("to be sufficient for") (this money will have to ~ us through to the end of the month – I hope it will be enough to ~ us through!) 10. (I) we saw him enter the building = he was seen to enter the building 11. (J) we saw him entering the building = he was seen entering the building; somehow I can’t ~ them becoming members of our organization; can you ~ him playing Hamlet? 12. (L) ("to perceive") they saw that further resistance was hopeless 13. (L) ("to make certain") ~ that you get there on time! 14. (N; used with a past participle) ("to watch") we saw the play performed in New York 15. (Q) ("to perceive") I could not ~ how the trick was done = I could not ~ to it that you get there on time! 16. (P; tr.) ("to accompany") I’ll ~ you home / out / I’ll ~ myself out 17. (P; intr.) ("to look") to ~ over the fence; to ~ into the room; to ~ through the window 18. (misc.) they are ~ing each other regularly ("they are dating each other"); I ~ by/from/in the newspapers that… (see also go see at go ~ v.; let’s see at let’s; live to see the day at live ~ v.; wait and see at wait ~ v.; see one’s way (clear) at way)

seed n. 1. to plant, sow, spread ~ 2. ~ germinate, sprout; grow 3. (misc.) to go to ~ ("to be neglected and become useless")
seed II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ with (to ~ a field with rye) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ in (to ~ rye in a field) 3. (misc.) (tennis) to be ~d third; the third-seeded player made it to the final! 

seeding n. cloud ~ 

seek v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ help from smb.) 2. (E) smb. sought to help her 

seeker n. an asylum; status ~

seem v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ like (she ~s like a reasonable person) 2. (E) she ~s to be well; she ~ to be a fool; they ~ to like me; they ~ not to like him = they don’t ~ to like him; the door ~s not to open easily = the door doesn’t ~ to open easily; I ~ not to be able to open the door = I don’t ~ to be able to open the door = I can’t ~ to open the door 3. (L; to) it ~s (to me) that they will not come = it doesn’t ~ (to me) that they’ll come 4. (S) to ~ foolish; sad; well (she ~s well/foolish); to ~ a fool; it ~d a waste of time; I don’t ~ to be able to open the door 5. (misc.) it ~s as if they will win, it ~s as though they will win, it ~s like they will win (colloq.); so it ~s, so it would ~; it ~s not

seen adj. ["regarded"] 1. ~ as (a new tax cut was ~ as necessary) 2. to + inf. (a new tax cut was ~ to be necessary)

seep v. (P; intr.) the water ~ed into the basement; the rain ~ed through the ceiling

seesaw v. (d; intr.) ("to alternate") to ~ between (the lead ~ed between the two teams)

seethe v. (D; intr.) to ~ at, with (to ~ with rage at an insult)

segregate v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ according to, by (the pupils were ~d by age) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ one group from another = to ~ groups from each other) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ people into different groups)

segregation n. 1. to maintain, practice ~ 2. racial; religious; social ~ 3. ~ according to, by (~ by age)

seize v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ by (~d me by the arm = he seized my arm) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ on, upon (I ~d upon a chance remark that was also ~d upon by the media) (see also seize hold of at hold I n.)

seized adj. ~ with (an acute illness)

seizure n. ["convulsion, paroxysm"] 1. to have a ~ 2. a cardiac, heart; epileptic; uncontrollable ~ ["act of seizing"] 3. (legal) unwarranted search and ~

select v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ as (we ~ed her as our candidate) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ for (who was ~ed for the assignment?) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ from among (we ~ed her from among many candidates) 4. (H) we ~ed her to be our candidate

selection n. ["choice"] 1. to make a ~ 2. natural; sexual ~ (to defend intelligent design against natural ~; natural ~ leading to the survival of the fittest) 3. a wide ~ 4. a ~ as (her ~ as party candidate was not popular) 5. a ~ for (her ~ for the assignment) ["selected piece of music"] 6. to play a ~ 7. a musical ~

sell n. 1. smb.’s immost, inner; real, true ~ 2. one’s former, old; usual; whole ~ (she performed like her old ~) 3. (formal) one’s better ~ (her plea re-called me to my better ~ and I repented)

self-assurance see self-confidence

self-confidence n. 1. to acquire, gain; display, ex-ude, radiate, show; have ~ to 2. to instill ~ 3. to boost, increase; restore smb.’s ~ 4. to shake, undermine smb.’s ~ 5. to lose one’s ~ 6. the ~ to + inf. (she doesn’t have the ~ to run for public office)

self-conscious adj. ~ about

self-consciousness n. 1. to display ~ (in) 2. ~ about

self-control n. 1. to display, exhibit, show; exercise, maintain; practice ~ 2. to lose one’s ~ 3. admirable, commendable, complete, great, total ~ 4. ~ by, in (they showed great ~ in not responding to the provocation)

self-defense, self-defence n. 1. in ~ (to kill smb. in ~) 2. the art of ~ 3. (misc.) the main art of ~ ("boxing")

self-denial n. to exercise, practice ~

self-determination n. 1. to give, grant ~ 2. to achieve, realize; enjoy ~ 3. national ~

self-discipline n. 1. to display, exhibit; exercise; have ~ 2. admirable; great, tremendous ~ 3. ~ breaks down, gives way 4. the ~ to + inf. (who has the ~ to write a dictionary?)

self-evident adj. 1. ~ from; to ~; ~ that + clause (from the vote so far, it is ~ to us all that she will be elected)

self-examination n. 1. to do a ~ 2. a frank, honest ~

self-flattery n. to indulge in ~

self-fulfilment, self-fulfillment n. to achieve; seek ~ (by; in) (to seek ~ by working = to seek ~ in work)

self-government n. 1. to grant ~ 2. to enjoy ~

self-image n. 1. to bolster, improve; change one’s ~ 2. a good, positive; negative, poor ~

self-interest n. 1. enlightened ~ 2. in smb.’s own ~ (it’s in your own ~ to sign the contract) 3. ~ dictates (~ alone would dictate that you should sign the contract)

selfish adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of them to do that)

self-management n. workers’ ~ (of industry)

self-medication n. to resort to ~

self-pity n. 1. to exhibit; feel ~ 2. to give way to, indulge in; wallow in ~

self-portrait n. to do, paint a ~

self-respect n. 1. to keep, preserve; lose; regain one’s ~ 2. a lack; loss of ~

self-restraint n. 1. to display, exercise, maintain, practice, show ~ 2. to cast off, fling off, lose, shake off (all) ~ 3. admirable, commendable, complete, great, total ~ 4. ~ by, in (they showed great ~ in not responding to the provocation)

self-rule n. 1. to grant ~ 2. to enjoy ~

self-sufficiency n. 1. to achieve, attain ~ 2. economic ~ 3. ~ in

self-sufficient adj. ~ in

sell I n. (colloq.) ["method of selling"] a hard; soft ~
sell II v. 1. to ~ cheap, cheaply; dear; retail; wholesale 2. (A) we sold our old car to him; or: we sold him our old car 3. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ at, for (it normally ~ at twelve pounds but yesterday it sold for ten pounds; we sold the car to them for three thousand dollars) 4. (D; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ smb. into slavery) 5. (colloq.) (d; tr.) to ~ on (“to convince of”) (to ~ smb. on an idea) 6. (misc.) to ~ as is (“to sell with no guarantee of quality”); to ~ at a reasonable price; to ~ at/from a profit; to ~ at a loss; to ~ by the dozen; to ~ in bulk; to ~ like hot cakes (“to be sold very quickly in large quantities”); to ~ smb. down the river (“to betray and ruin smb.”)

sell back v. (D; tr.) to ~ to
seller n. a best ~ (this book was a best ~)

sell off 1. (D; tr.) to ~ for 2. (D; tr.) to ~ to (we sold it off for scrap to the highest bidder)
semantics n. general; generative ~
semester n. (esp. US) the fall; spring; summer ~

send v. 1. to attend; graduate from a ~ 2. a seminary
1. to conduct, give, hold a ~ 2. to attend a ~

send around, send round v. 1. (D; tr.) (“to circulate”) to ~ to (the director sent a memo around to the staff) 2. (H) (“to dispatch”) I sent a car around to pick you up = I sent around a car to pick you up
send away v. (d; intr.) to ~ for; (to the children sent away box tops to the magazine for prizes = the children sent box tops away to the magazine for prizes)
send back v. (A) she sent the money back to me, she sent back the money to me; or: she sent me back the money

send down v. 1. (BE) (D; tr.) (“to expel”) to ~ from (he was sent down from Oxford) 2. (esp. BE) (D; tr.) (“to sentence to prison”) to ~ for (he was sent down for five years) 3. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ to (for to ~ for pizza; they sent him down for beer)

send in v. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ for; to (the children sent in box tops to the magazine for prizes = the children sent box tops in to the magazine for prizes)
send-off n. to give smb. a (big) ~ (they gave her quite a ~)

send off v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ to (we sent the children off to Europe) 2. (the children sent off box tops to the magazine for prizes = the children sent box tops off to the magazine for prizes)

send on v. (D; tr.) to ~ to (they sent the package on to my new address = they sent on the package to my new address)

send out v. 1. (B) they sent out invitations to many people = they sent invitations out to many people 2. (d; tr.) to ~ as (they were sent out as our representatives) 3. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ for (she sent out for some beer; she sent me out for some beer) 4. (d; tr.) to ~ on (the young reporter was sent out on her first assignment) 5. (H) she sent me out to buy some beer

send up v. 1. (esp. AE) (D; tr.) (“to sentence to prison”) to ~ for (he was sent up for five years) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ to (they sent tea up to my room)

senior I adj. 1. ~ in (~ in rank) 2. to ~ to (he is ~ to me by three years)

senior II n. 1. by (he is my ~ by three years) 2. (AE) a college; graduating; high-school ~

senility n. according to, by ~ to promote according to ~
sensation n. ["excitement"] 1. to cause, create a ~ 2. a great ~ (her appearance created a great ~) 3. an overnight ~ ["feeling"] 4. to feel; have a ~ 5. to lose a ~ (he lost all ~ in his foot) 6. a pleasant ~ (she sent me for some beer) 7. (d; tr.) to ~ into (the coach sent some new players into the game) 8. (d; tr.) to ~ out of (the teacher sent the unruly pupils out of the room) 9. (d; tr.) to ~ for (to ~ parents sent her to camp) 10. (H) she sent me to buy some beer 11. (J) the explosion sent things flying = we sent him packing ("we dismissed him summarily")

sense II n. ["judgment"] 1. to display, have, show ~ 2. common, good, horse (colloq.); innate ~ (see also common sense) 3. a grain of ~ 4. the ~ to + inf. (they don’t have the ~ to admit defeat) 5. (misc.) to bring people to their ~; to come to one’s ~; to take leave of one’s ~s ["logic"] 6. to make ~ (her choice makes ~; it makes ~ to file an application; can you make any ~ out of this?) 7. to talk ~ for; to ~ for smb. 9. ~ in (there is no ~ in losing your temper) 10. (misc.) that makes no ~ (to me) ["reaction to stimuli"] 11. to sharpen the ~ to 12. to dull the ~s 13. an acute; intuitive; keen ~ (she has a very acute ~ of smell) 14. the five ~s (of sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch) 15. a sixth ~ ["intuition"] ["feeling"] 16. (to have) a false ~ (of security) (the swindler lulled her into a false ~ of security) 17. a ~ of relief (he felt an immediate indescribable ~ of slavery) 18. a ~ of security (he felt an immediate indescribable ~ of security)
1. cloyingly, mawkishly

sense II

sentimentality n. 1. cloying, maudlin, mawkish ~ 2. ~ about (her mawkish ~ about the sweet little puppy)
sentimentalize v. 1. to ~ cloyingly, mawkishly 2. (D; intr.) to ~ about, over (she ~d mawkishly about the sweet little puppy)
sentiment n. 1. to ~ cloyingly, mawkishly 2. to ~ on ("to deliver to") (to ~ a summons on smb.)
serve II

sense II

serve I

sentence II

sensible adj. 1. highly, very ~ 2. ~ about (very ~ about charges of corruption); 3. ~ to (~ to charges of corruption; ~ to criticism; ~ to the feelings of others)
sensitivity n. 1. to display, show ~ 2. great ~ 3. ~ to (to display great ~ to criticism)
sensitize v. (D; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ smb. to suffering)
service I n. 1. a buck (AE); color; drill; first; top; flight (BE); gunnery; master; platoon; recruiting; staff; technical ~ 2. a ~ major; (BE) a company ~ major 3. (misc.) here are your orders Sergeant Smith!: to make smb. a ~, to promote smb. to the rank of ~; to hold, the rank of ~
servant n. 1. a civil, public; domestic; personal ~ 2. a faithful, loyal, trusted ~ 3. a ~ of, to (formal)
sentiment adj. 1. cloying, mawkishly ~ 2. to become, get, wax (formal) ~ 3. ~ about, over (she waxed mawkishly ~ about the sweet little puppy)
sense n. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ from (she was ~d from her family; she and her husband ~d (from each other) and later got divorced; to be ~d from the service; the little girl got ~d (from her parents) 2. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ by; into (the children were ~d by age into two groups)
sentiment n. 1. to demonstrate, display, have a ~ of beauty; a ~ of occasion; a ~ of timing (see also sense of humor)
senseless n. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ for; to (the judge ~d sentence I

sentimental adj. 1. cloyingly, mawkishly ~ 2. to become, get, wax (formal) ~ 3. ~ about, over (she waxed mawkishly ~ about the sweet little puppy)
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sensitize v. (D; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ smb. to suffering)
sensor n. to activate, set off, trip a ~
sentence I n. ["judgment of a court"] 1. to give, impose; pass, pronounce (a) ~ (on) 2. to carry out, execute a ~ 3. to get, receive; serve (out) a ~ 4. to commute; reduce, remit; suspend; vacate a ~ (her ~ was reduced to five years) 5. a harsh, heavy, severe, stiff ~ 6. a light ~ 7. a death; custodial, jail, prison; life ~ (to give smb. a life ~ for murder) 8. severe, stiff ~ 6. a light ~ 7. a death; custodial, jail, prison; life ~ (to give smb. a life ~ for murder) 9. under ~ (misc.) to get off with a light ~ 10. (misc.) to get off with a light ~
serve I

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to (I hate to ~ to her – she always returns the ball to my backhand, too!) 6. (D; intr.) (‘to be in service’) to ~ under (he ~d directly under a general) 7. (d; tr.) (‘to be in service’) to ~ with (I ~d with Monty at El Alamein) 8. (d; tr.) to ~ with (‘to deliver to’) (to ~ smb. with a summons; they ~d the meat with vegetables and a salad) 9. (E) (‘to have an effect’) it ~d to calm everyone’s nerves 10. (N; used with an adjective) they ~d the meat cold 11. (misc.) it ~s him right (‘he got what he deserved’)

server n. an online ~

service n. [‘work done for others’] 1. to do, offer, perform, provide, render a ~ 2. custom (AE); meritorious; outstanding; public; yeoman (‘loyal’) ~ 3. professional; social (BE) ~s (a fee for professional ~s) 4. ~ to (she received an award for meritorious ~ to the community) 5. (misc.) to press smb. into ~; goods and ~s (‘facility that satisfies a need’) 6. to introduce; maintain; offer; provide; restore (a) ~ 7. to cut, suspend; terminate (a) ~ 8. an ambulance; counseling; emergency; (national) health (UK); (public) health; health-care; health-visitor (BE); visiting-nurse (AE); social ~ 9. an answering-cliping (AE); press-cutting (BE); news, wire; online ~ 10. (a) bus; ferry; limousine; rail (BE); train (AE); shuttle ~ 11. a dating; employ-ment (esp. AE); placement ~ 12. (a) diaper (AE); janitorial (AE); laundry; repair ~ 13. (a) delivery; door-to-door; towing ~ 14. customer; maid ~ (see also room service) 15. express; postal; telephone ~ [‘operation, use’] 16. to go into ~ 17. to see ~ (this equipment has seen plenty of ~) 18. in; out of ~ (the bus was not in ~) 19. (misc.) to put smb. into ~; to take smb. out of ~ [‘disposal’] 20. to be at smb.’s ~ [‘help, benefit’] 21. to be of ~ (to) [‘soulmen ceremony’] 22. to attend a ~; hold a ~; to hold ~s; officiate at a ~ 23. a burial; funeral; marriage; memorial ~ (to hold a funeral ~ for smb.) 24. a church; syna-gogue; ecumenical; graveside; prayer; religious ~ 25. an evening; mid-day; noontime (esp. AE); morning; sunrise ~ (they hold sunrise ~s once a week) [‘set of utensils’] 26. a coffee; dinner; tea ~ 27. a ~ for [‘administrative division of government; government service’] 28. the civil; consular; diplo-matic; foreign; intelligence; secret ~ (to enter, join; leave; resign from the civil ~) 29. human ~s (‘social services’) [‘game among which one serves’] (tennis) 30. to hold; lose one’s ~ 31. to break; return smb.’s ~ [‘duty in the armed services’] 32. to see ~ (she saw ~ during the Second World War) 33. national (BE); selective (AE) ~ (see also military service) 34. active; inactive ~ 35. in the ~ (s) [‘position as a servant’] (esp. BE) 36. domestic ~ 37. to be in ~ 38. to go into ~ 39. as (to go into ~ as a housekeeper; he recalled his years in ~ as a valet) [‘scheduled routes, flights’] 40. to introduce; offer, provide ~ 41. to suspend ~ 42. (a) daily; regular ~ 43. ~ between; from; to (regular ~ between two cities; that airline provides daily ~ from New York to London) [‘manner of dealing with customers’] 44. fast; fine; ~ (see also lip service)

serviette n. (BE) 1. to fold a ~ 2. to tuck a ~ (under one’s chin) 3. a cocktail; dinner; paper ~

serving n. [‘portion’] a generous, large, liberal; second; small ~ (of)

servitude n. 1. involuntary; penal ~ 2. in ~ to

session n. 1. to hold a ~ 2. a briefing; debriefing ~ 3. a bull (AE; colloq.), rap (colloq.); jam ~ 4. a counseling; emergency; joint; legislative; plenary; psychotherapy, therapy; secret; special ~ (when will the plenary ~ take place?) 5. a practice; working ~ 6. a summer; winter ~ 7. a ~ on (to hold a special ~ on problems of air pollution) 8. in ~ (in secret ~; the court was in ~)

set I adj. [‘opposed’] 1. (cannot stand alone) ~ against (her parents were dead ~ against the marriage) [‘ready’] 2. ~ for (we are ~ for the big celebration) 3. ~ to + inf. (we are ~ to begin) [‘in favor of’] 4. ~ on (they were ~ on going) 5. (misc.) to get ~ for; (before a race): get ready, get ~, go! (BE fig. has ready, steady, go!; AE also has on your marks, get ~, go!)

set II n. [‘collection of things used together’] 1. to complete, make up a ~ 2. to break, break up a ~ 3. a carving; chemistry; chess; tea ~ (how many pieces does a chess ~ comprise/contain? = how many pieces make up/constitute a chess ~? = how many pieces are there in a chess ~?) 4. a complete; incomplete ~ [‘group of six or more games’] (tennis) 5. to play a ~ 6. to lose; win a ~ (he won the first ~ and went on to take the match in straight ~s; 6–4, 6–3, 6–0) [‘apparatus’] 7. a radio; television, TV ~ [‘clique’] 8. the fast (old-fashioned); international; jet; smart (old-fashioned) ~ (to belong to the jet ~) [‘stage, film scenery’] 9. to dismantle, strike a ~ (the whole cast gathered on the ~ before it was dismantled) [‘misch’] 10. to make a dead ~ at smb. (‘to attack smb.’); (‘to attempt to win smb.’s favor’)

set III v. 1. (BE) (C) [‘to assign’] the teacher set several problems for the pupils; or: the teacher set the pupils several problems 2. (d; tr.) (‘to place’) ~ to ~ against (to ~ a ladder against a wall) 3. (d; tr.) (‘to pit’) ~ to ~ against (to ~ brother against brother) 4. (D; tr.) (‘to arrange’) to ~ for ~ (to ~ the stage for smt.; ~ to a trap for smb.; ~ to a date for a wedding) 5. (d; tr.) (‘to incite’) ~ to ~ (to ~ dogs on a trespasser) 6. (D; tr.) (‘to put’) ~ to ~ (to ~ a price on an article) 7. (d; tr.) (‘to adapt’) ~ to ~ (to ~ a poem to music) 8. (d; intr.) ~ upon (‘to attack’) (the wolves set upon the sheep) 9. (BE) (H) (‘to assign as a task’) she set them to write reports; I set myself to study these problems 10. (J) (‘to compel’) that set me thinking 11. (N; used with an adjective) to ~ smb. free 12. (P; tr.) (‘to place’) she set the lamp on the table 13. (misc.) that set me to thinking; ~ to ~. apart (certain traits ~ them apart); ~ to store by smb./smt. (‘to rely on smb./
set out
1. (D; intr.) ("to leave") to ~ for; from (to ~ v.)

set forth
v.
set down
v.
set about
to lie; sit on a ~ settee I

setting
1. (E) ("to begin") he set about to

setback
n.
1. to experience, have, receive, suffer (D; tr.) to ~ for (to ~ money for one's

set aside
v.
set apart
v. (D; tr.) to ~ from (certain traits ~ them apart from the others)

set down v. (BE) (L) ("to establish") it was set down that taxes are due in March; where is that set down on paper?

set forth v. see set out 2

set off v. 1. (D; intr.) ("to start") to ~ for, on (to ~ for home; to ~ on a trip) 2. (misc.) to ~ in search of smt. = to ~ (in order) to find smt.

set out v. 1. (D; intr.) ("to leave") to ~ for; from (to ~ for town) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ on ("to begin") to ~ on a new career) 3. (E) ("to resolve") he has set out to get revenge. 4. (misc.) to ~ in search of smt. = to ~ (in order) to find smt.

settee I n. to lie; sit on a ~

setting n. ['settableware'] 1. a place ~ (for) ["frame in which a gem is set"] 2. to fashion a ~ for ["surroundings"] 3. a natural; perfect; unlikely ~ (Central Park provided an unlikely ~ for the play) ["arrangement of stage props"] 4. a stage ~ ["point at which a measuring device is set"] 5. to adjust, change, switch the ~ (of a thermostat) 6. to lower; raise the ~

settle v. 1. to ~ peacefully (to ~ a dispute peacefully) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ for ("to be content with") (they had to ~ for a very modest house with no garage) 3. (d; intr.) ("to decide") to ~ on (have you ~d on a place for your vacation?) 4. (D; intr.; tr.) ("to adjust accounts; to adjust") to ~ with (to ~ with one’s creditors; we have ~d our accounts with our creditors) 5. (misc.) to ~ (a case) out of court; to ~ oneself (comfortably) in an armchair; to ~ on the land; to ~ into a routine; she ~d a large portion of her holdings on her children

settle back v. (D; intr., refl.) to ~ in, into (she ~d (herself) back comfortably into her armchair = she ~d comfortably back into her armchair)

settled adj. to get ~

settle down v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ into, to (to ~ into a routine; to ~ to family life) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ with (she ~d down for the evening with a good book) 3. (E) to ~ to study 4. (misc.) to ~ for the night

settlement n. 1. to agree (BE), agree on, agree to, come to, hammer out, make, negotiate, reach a ~ (on) 2. to mediate a ~ 3. a fair, reasonable; tentative ~ 4. a divorce; lump-sum; marriage; out-of-court wages ~ 5. in ~ of (the payment was accepted in full ~ of all her debts)

set up v. 1. (d; refl., tr.) ("to establish") to ~ as (she set herself up as a real-estate agent) 2. (BE) (d; refl.) ("to claim to be") to ~ as (she ~s herself up as an expert on Chinese art) 3. (D; intr., refl., tr.) ("to establish") to ~ in (to set (oneself) up in business and then set smb. else up in business, too)

several determiner, pronoun 1. of (~ of them) 2. (misc.) ~ more (~ more students; ~ more of the students whom we had discussed earlier) USAGE NOTE: The use of the preposition of is necessary when a pronoun follows. When a noun follows, the use of of the limits the meaning – we saw several students; we saw several of the students whom we had discussed earlier.

sew v. 1. to ~ tightly; together (to ~ two edges together tightly) 2. (C) she ~d a dress for me; or: she ~d me a dress 3. (P) to ~ a button on/onto a shirt with a needle and thread

sewage n. 1. to treat ~ 2. raw, untreated ~

sewer n. a sanitary; storm ~

sex n. ["sexual relations"] 1. to have ~ (with smb.) 2. good, great ~ 3. casual; consensual ~ 4. extra-marital; marital; premarital ~ 5. safe; unsafe ~ (to practice safe ~) 6. illicit; kinky (slang); perverse ~ 7. anal; oral; 8. explicit ~ (pictures of explicit ~ were cut from the film) ["division of organisms into male and female"] 9. the female; male ~ 10. a member of the opposite ~ 11. between the ~s (equality between the ~s) 12. (misc.) the equality of the ~-es; are women really ~ the fair/ the weaker~ ~?

sex organs n. female; male ~

sexuality n. female; human; male ~

shack n. a dilapidated, run-down; jerry-built ~

shackles v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ to (the prisoner was ~d to the bars; the prisoner was ~d to another prisoner = the prisoners were ~d to each other) 2. (misc.) the prisoners were ~d together

shackles n. to cast off, throw off one’s ~

shack up v. (slang.) (D; intr.) to ~ with (he ~d up with his girlfriend)

shade I n. ["gradation of color, hue"] 1. a delicate, pale, pastel, soft ~ 2. a dark; light ~ (see also shades ["window cover"] [AE; BE has blinds]) 3. to draw; pull down; raise the ~s (see also window shade) ["shaded place"] 4. in the ~ ["misc."] 5. a lamppshade; people of all ~s of opinion USAGE NOTE: Remember that to draw the shades is either to open them or to close them!

shade II n. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ by, with; from (I must ~ my head from the sun by wearing a hat) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ into (the colors ~ into each other)

shades n. in ~ (this fabric comes in several ~)

shadow n. 1. to cast, produce, throw a ~ (the setting sun cast long ~s) 2. ~s deepen, fall 3. (misc.)
a (mere) ~ of one’s former self; to walk in smb.’s ~ (“to be subservient to smb.”); into the ~s; out of the ~s (a strange figure stepped out of the ~s and then stepped back into them again); under a ~ (“under suspicion”); to be afraid of one’s (own) ~ (“to fear everything”); beyond a (CE)/the (AE) ~ of a doubt, beyond a ~ of doubt (BE) (see also eye shadow)

shaft n. 1. to bore, sink a ~ 2. a cardan (BE), drive (AE) ~ 3. an air; elevator (AE), lift (BE); mine ~

shake I v. ["act of shaking"] 1. to give smb. or smt. a ~ (she gave the rug a good ~) ["opportunity"] (colloq.) (AE) 2. a fair ~ (she got a fair ~)

shake II v. 1. to ~ hard, vigorously; violently 2. (D; tr.) to ~ (to ~ clay into a jug) 4. (D; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with fear) 5. (N; used with an adjective) the dog shook itself dry 6. (misc.) ~ well before using; let’s ~ (hands) on it (to show that we agree); he shook me by the hand = he shook my hand = he shook hands with me

shake down v. (D; tr.) to ~ from, out of (to ~ apples down from a tree)

shaken adj. badly, deeply; easily; visibly ~

shaker n. 1. a cocktail ~ 2. a pepper ~ (AE; BE)

shaddow n. 1. a cocktail ~ 2. a pepper ~ (AE; BE)

share I n. 1. to give smb. or smt. a ~ 2. to get, have a ~ ["shampoo liquid"] 3. to apply ~ 4. an anti-dandruff ~

share II n. ["form"] 1. to give ~ to 2. to assume a ~; to take ~; to take the ~ of (our plans are beginning to take ~; to take the ~ of a human being) ["good physical condition"] 3. to get (oneself) into ~ 4. to keep (oneself) in ~ 5. in ~ 6. out of ~ ["stated physical or analogous condition"] 7. excellent, fine, superb, tip-top; good ~ 8. bad poor ~ 9. in (certain) ~ (to be in bad ~; she was in superb ~ today – she ran a mile and didn’t get out of breath!; our house is in good ~; the roads are in terrible ~; the economy is in worse ~ than ever) 10. (misc.) she is in no ~ to drive

share up v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ as (the election ~d up as a major event) 2. (E) the election is ~ping up to be a major event

share I n. 1. to do one’s ~ 2. an equal; fair; full; large; major; minor ~ 3. the lion’s ~ 4. a ~ in, of (to have a ~ in/of the profits and get the lion’s ~ of the kudos) (see also shares)

share II v. 1. to ~ equally; fairly 2. (D; tr.) to ~ among (the thieves ~d the loot among themselves) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ in (to ~ in the profits) 4. (D; tr.) to ~ with (we ~d our food with them)

share out v. 1. to ~ equally; fairly 2. (D; tr.) to ~ among (the thieves ~d out the loot equally among themselves = the thieves ~d the loot out equally among themselves)

shares n. ["units of capital stock"] 1. to buy; sell ~ (on the stock market) 2. ordinary ~ (BE; AE has common stock) 3. preference ~ (BE; AE has preferred stock) 4. ~ close strong; weak 5. ~ open strong; weak 6. ~ are active; sluggish 7. ~ are firm, steady; rising; up ~ go up, rise; rally 9. ~ are depressed; down; falling 10. ~ collapse, crash, fall; go down; plummet; slump

sharing n. 1. profit ~ 2. revenue ~ (by the states)

shark n. 1. a man-eating ~ 2. (fig.) a loan ~

sharpen adj. 1. razor ~ (she has a razor-sharp mind)

shaping v. 1. to give ~ to 2. to assume a ~; to take the ~ of (our plans are beginning to take ~; to take the ~ of a human being) ["good physical condition"] 3. to get (oneself) into ~ 4. to keep (oneself) in ~ 5. in ~ 6. out of ~ ["stated physical or analogous condition"] 7. excellent, fine, superb, tip-top; good ~ 8. bad poor ~ 9. in (certain) ~ (to be in bad ~; she was in superb ~ today – she ran a mile and didn’t get out of breath!; our house is in good ~; the roads are in terrible ~; the economy is in worse ~ than ever) 10. (misc.) she is in no ~ to drive

shape I n. ["form"] 1. to give ~ to 2. to assume a ~; to take ~; to take the ~ of (our plans are beginning to take ~; to take the ~ of a human being) ["good physical condition"] 3. to get (oneself) into ~ 4. to keep (oneself) in ~ 5. in ~ 6. out of ~ ["stated physical or analogous condition"] 7. excellent, fine, superb, tip-top; good ~ 8. bad poor ~ 9. in (certain) ~ (to be in bad ~; she was in superb ~ today – she ran a mile and didn’t get out of breath!; our house is in good ~; the roads are in terrible ~; the economy is in worse ~ than ever) 10. (misc.) she is in no ~ to drive

shape II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ clay into a jug) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ from, out of (to ~ jug out of clay)

shapec up v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ as (the election ~d up as a major event) 2. (E) the election is ~ping up to be a major event

shear I n. 1. to do one’s ~ 2. an equal; fair; full; large; major; minor ~ 3. the lion’s ~ 4. a ~ in, of (to have a ~ in/of the profits and get the lion’s ~ of the kudos) (see also shares)

shear II v. 1. to ~ equally; fairly 2. (D; tr.) to ~ among (the thieves ~d the loot among themselves) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ in (to ~ in the profits) 4. (D; tr.) to ~ with (we ~d our food with them)

shear out v. 1. to ~ equally; fairly 2. (D; tr.) to ~ among (the thieves ~d out the loot equally among themselves = the thieves ~d the loot out equally among themselves)

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sharing n. 1. profit ~ 2. revenue ~ (by the states)

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sharp adj. 1. razor ~ (she has a razor-sharp mind)

shatter v. 1. to break into (the glass ~d into a thousand pieces)

shameful adj. 1. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of/for them to surrender) 2. ~ that + clause (it was ~ that they surrendered)

shameless adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of/for them to do that)

shampoo n. ["washing of the hair"] 1. to give smb. a ~ 2. to get, have a ~ ["shampoo liquid"] 3. to apply ~ 4. an anti-dandruff ~

shaped n. 1. a bicycle; garden, potting (BE; AE) ~ 2. a pair of ~ (see also secateurs)

shed n. 1. a bicycle; garden, potting (BE; tool ~ 2. in a ~ (put the tools back in the tool ~)
sheep n. 1. to raise, rear (BE) ~ 2. to shear ~ 3. ~ baa, bleat, go baa a~ 4. ~ graze ~ 5. a flock, herd of ~ 6. the meat of the ~ is mutton 7. a young ~ is a lamb; its meat is lamb 8. a female ~ is a ewe 9. a male ~ is a ram 10. (misc.) ~ are tended by a shepherd; to round up stray ~
sheet n. ['piece of bed linen'] 1. a bed; cotton; flannel; percale; silk ~ 2. a double; king-sized; queen-sized; single; twin ~ 3. a fitted; flat ~ 4. (misc.) to change the ~s to put on clean/fresh ~s (I put on fresh ~s and struggled between them) ["financial statement"] ["record"] 5. a balance ~ 6. (BE) a wages ~ ["diagram"] 7. a flow ~ ["piece of paper"] 8. a blanket ~ ["newspaper"] (coloqu.) (now esp. AE) 9. a scandal ~ ["statement"] 10. a charge ~ ("a statement of charges brought against an accused person") ["part"] (now esp. AE) 11. a cookie ~ (BE has biscuit tin)
shelf n. 1. to put up a ~ 2. adjustable; built-in shelves 3. a continental ~ 4. (misc.) on the ~ ("no longer in demand") (also fig.) she's still unmarried at 28 and beginning to feel she's on the ~; to stock shelves with supplies
shell n. ["projectile"] 1. to fire a ~ at 2. to fuse a ~ 3. to lob a ~ (the enemy’s artillery was lobbing ~s into our positions) 4. an armor-piercing; high-explosive; hollow-charge; incendiary; mortar; smoke ~ 5. ~s burst, explode ["outer cover"] 6. to come out of, emerge from one’s ~ 7. to go into, withdraw into one’s ~ (also fig.); talk to him or he'll just go into his ~ again
shellacking n. ["beating"] (coloqu.) (AE) 1. to give smb. a ~ 2. to get, take a ~
shelling n. constant, round-the-clock; heavy; light ~
shell out v. (coloqu.) ("to pay") 1. (B) they had to ~ money to their creditors 2. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ for (to ~ a lot for a new car) 3. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ on (to ~ a lot on household expenses) 4. (misc.) we had to ~ a lot of money (in order) to take this vacation!
shelter I n. 1. to afford, give, offer, provide ~ to seek; take ~ from 3. an air-raid, bomb, underground; fallout; homeless ~ (see also tax shelter) 4. in; under a ~ (we thought we were safe in the air-raid ~)
shelter II v. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ from
shelving n. 1. to put up ~ 2. adjustable; built-in ~
shepherd v. (P; tr.) to ~ children around the museum
sheriff n. a deputy ~
sherry n. a deputy ~
sherry n. ["liking"] (coloqu.) 1. to ~ on to ~ ("to shine smb.’s shoes") 2. to give smb. a ~, to give smb.’s shoes a ~ ("to shine smb.'s shoes")
shine I n. ["liking"] (coloqu.) 1. to ~ on to ~ ("to shine of shoes") 2. to give smb. a ~, to give smb.’s shoes a ~ ("to shine smb.'s shoes")
shingled n. ["roofing material"] (colloq.) (old-fashioned) 1. to give smb. a ~ 2. to sport a ~
shingle n. ["small sign Designating a professional office"] (coloqu.) (AE) to hang out one’s ~
shingles I n. ["building material on a roof"] to lay ~
shingles II n. ["herpes zoster"] (med.) to come down with, develop, get; have ~
ship I n. 1. to build; refit a ~ 2. (D; intr.) to ~ from (when it is sinking) 3. (P) to ~ on (the lights on this part of the field and esp. along the hedges and under the trees)
ship II n. 1. to bark; action ~ one’s ~s 2. on smb.’s ~ (he got a bad scrape on his ~)
shine II v. 1. to ~ brightly 2. (D; intr.) ("to give light") to ~ on (the hot sun was ~ing directly on our heads) 3. (P) ("to direct") to ~ on (the lights on this part of the field and esp. along the hedges and under the trees)
shiner n. ["black eye"] (coloqu.) (old-fashioned) 1. to give smb. a ~ 2. to sport a ~
shingle II n. ["small sign Designating a professional office"] (coloqu.) (AE) to hang out one’s ~
shingle I n. ["building material on a roof"] to lay ~
shingles II n. ["building material on a roof"] to lay ~
ship I n. 1. to build; refit a ~ 2. to christen; commission; launch a ~ 3. to board, get on, get on board; take (a) ~ 4. to disembark from, get off a ~ 5. to berth, dock; command; navigate; pilot, sail, steer a ~ 6. to scuttle; sink; torpedo a ~ 7. to abandon ~ (when it is sinking) 8. to jump ~ ("to desert from a ship’s crew") 9. to raise a sunken ~ 10. to load; unload a ~ 11. a battleship; capital; naval; supply; troop ~; warship 12. a cargo; cruise; hospital; merchant; passenger ~ 13. an oceangoing; sailing ~; steamship 14. an airship; rocket ~; spaceship; starship 15. a ~ heaves; leaks; pitches; rolls; sinks 16. a ~ comes into harbor; docks; goes, sails 17. a ~ for; from; to (we took a ~ from New York to Southampton) 18. by ~ (to travel by ~ from New York to Southampton) 19. in; on a ~ (to cross the ocean in a ~ and sleep on the ~) 20. the bow; stern 21. (misc.) to run a tight ~ ("to operate efficiently") USAGE NOTE: The terms rocket ship and spaceship are now used chiefly in science fiction. The terms spacecraft and space vehicle are now used for the real thing. However, the term spaceship is sometimes used for "space shuttle". The term starship is used in science fiction for a spaceship capable of interstellar travel; in particular, the Starship Enterprise in the television program Star Trek.
ship II v. 1. (A) they have ~ped the merchandise
to us; or: they have ~ped us the merchandise 2. (P; tr.) to ~ cargo through the Panama Canal; to ~ goods to South America from New York

**shipboard** n. on ~

**ship off** v. (D; tr.) to ~ to (they ~ped their children off to their favorite summer camp = they ~ped off their children to their favorite summer camp)

**ship out** v. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ from; to (they ~ped the goods out from New York to London = they ~ped the goods from New York out to London; we ~ped out from Philadelphia)

**shipping** n. merchant ~

**shipyard** n. a naval ~

**shiver** I n. 1. to feel a ~ 2. (misc.) a ~ of excitement went up and down my spine at the performance – it went up and down my spine at the performance – it went up and down my spine at the performance – it went up and down my spine at the performance – it went up and down my spine at the performance – it went up and down my spine at the performance (esp. BE) 2. (to go on) a tiger ~

**shoestring** n. (colloq.) ['limited funds'] on a ~ (to operate a business on a ~)

**sho日渐** v. (colloq.) (D; tr.) ('to chase') to ~ away from, out of (~ the cat out of the room)

**shoo** v. (colloq.) (D; tr.) ('to chase') to ~ away from, out of (~ the cat out of the room)

**shoot** I v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ at (they shot at us so we ~ed everybody (to learn) that she had been arrested 5. (misc.) their campaign ~ed us out of our complacency

**shocked** adj. 1. deeply, greatly; easily ~ 2. ~ at, by (everybody was ~ at her arrest) 3. ~ to + inf. (everybody was ~ to learn that she had been arrested) 4. ~ that + clause (everyone was ~ that she had been arrested)

**shocking** adj. 1. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ to learn that she had been arrested) 2. ~ that + clause (it was ~ that she ~had been/should have been~ arrested)

**shoelace** n. 1. to tie; undo, untie a ~ to knot a ~ (he knotted a ~ that had come undone) 3. a pair of ~s

**skip** n. no one should ~ doing their duty

**shirk** v. (G) no one should ~ doing their duty

**shirt** n. (G) no one should ~ doing their duty

**shirt-sleeves** n. (see also

**shiver** II I n. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ at (she ~ed at the v. 1. to feel a ~ 2. (misc.) a ~ of excitement

**shivers** n. (colloq.) 1. to get; have the ~ (misc.) it gave her the ~ to think she'd have to get up soon

**shivering** n. (colloq.) 1. to get; have the ~ (misc.) it gave her the ~ to think she'd have to get up soon

**shock** I n. 1. to keep (BE), run  ; manage, [

**shock-out** n. to have a ~ (with)

**shock up** v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ into (to ~ into the sky)

**shock of ~s** n. 1. to keep (BE), run; manage, operate a ~ 2. an antique ~; bookshop; butcher (AE), butcher's (BE); chemist's (BE; AE has drugstore); duty-free; gift; green-grocer's; high-street (BE); novelty; pastry ~; pawnshop; pet; stationer's (BE; AE has stationery shop/store) ~; sweetshop (BE; AE has candy store); charity (BE), thrift (AE); toy ~ (see also workshop) 3. a draper's ~ (BE; AE has dry-goods store) 4. at, in (she works in a ~) ['workshop'] 5. a barbershop
shop II
v. 1. (D: intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for food) 2. v. shop II 1. (D; tr.) to ~ by (to ~ trousers (by) two
v.
shortage
n. 1. (we called William Will) for ~ 2. in ~
shopper
a Christmas ; comparison ; window ~
n.
short I 1. ~ in (~ in stature) 2. ~ of, on (colloq.)
shorefront
(AE) along, on the ~
short haul
n. (esp. AE) see short run (see also short- haul flight at flight I)
short-list
v. (D; tr.) to ~ for (several applicants were ~ed for the job)
short run
n. ["short-range outlook"] in, over the ~
shorts
n. 1. Bermuda ; boxer ~ 2. a pair of ~
short shrift
n. ["short work"] 1. (AE) to make ~ of (~ to deal with quickly") 2. to give smb. ~ (~ to deal
with smb. summarily") 3. to get ~ from smb. (~ to be treated summarily by smb.")
shortsighted
adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of them not to provide for their old age)
short term
see short run
short way
n. 1. we took the ~ (home) 2. a ~ from; to
(it’s just a ~ from our house to the station)
shot
n. ["act of shooting"] 1. to fire, take a ~ at (she took a ~ at him with a gun or perhaps with a bow
and arrow) 2. a random; warning ~ (to send a warning ~ across the bow of a ship) 3. a gunshot;
pistol; rifle ~ 4. a ~ from (fire a ~ from a rifle) 5. a ~ in (he got a ~ in the leg) 6. a ~ into (fire a ~ into
the air) ["marksmen"] 7. a bad; crack, good ~ ["throw, kick of the ball to score points"] 8. (esp.
basketball) to make, sink; miss; take a ~ to take a ~ at the basket) 9. (basketball) a dunk, stuff; foul;
jump; lay-up ~ 10. (tennis) a cross-court; drop; passing ~ 11. (ice hockey) a penalty ~ 12. a ~ from
(hes a ~ from the back of the court) ! ["metal ball used in the shot put"] 13. to put the ~ ["injection"] 14. to
give smb. a ~ 15. to get; have a ~ 16. a booster; flu ~ ["critical remark"] 17. a cheap; parting ~ ["attempt"]
(colloq.) 18. to get; have a ~ at (the boxer never got a ~ at the title) ["chance"] (colloq.) (AE) 19. a ~
that + clause (it’s a five to one ~ that she’ll find out) ["misc"] 20. to call the ~s ("to direct matters"); a ~
in the arm ("a stimulus"); a ~ in the dark ("a wild guess") (see also potshot)
shotgun
n. a sawed-off (AE), sawn-off (BE) ~ (see also gun 1, 2, 4, 5, 6)
should
v. (F) she ~ help, shouldn’t she ? ; ~ she ~ ? / 
"she ~ ?" ; "yes, she ~" / "no, she shouldn’t t"
shoulder
I
n. 1. to shrug one’s ~s 2. to square, straighten one’s ~s 3. broad, square ~s 4. a dislocated ~ 5. (misc.) ~
to ~ (to work ~ to ~) ("to work closely together") ; to put one’s ~ to the wheel ("to work
very hard"); to rub ~s with ("to associate with"); to tap smb. on the ~ ; straight from the ~ ("in a
direct manner"); we parked our car on the ~ (AE)/hard ~ (BE) of the road; she is head and ~s above
any of the other candidates (see also cold shoulder)
shoulder II
v. (d; intr.) to ~ through (she ~ed her way through the crowd)
shout
I
n. 1. to give a ~ 2. a jubilant; loud; piercing; triumphant ~ 3. a ~ rang out, went up
shout II v. 1. to ~ jubilantly; loudly; triumphantly
2. (B) she ~ed a few words to me 3. (D; intr.) to ~ at (don’t ~ at me) 4. (d; intr.) to ~ for, with (she ~ed for/with joy) 5. (E; at; to) she ~ed at/to us to call the police 6. (L; at; to) she ~ed (at/to us) that we should call the police = “call the police!” she ~ed (at/to us) 7. (misc.) he ~ed himself hoarse
shove I n. to give smb. a ~
shove II v. (P) ~ the suitcases under the bed; she ~ed her way through the crowd and up to the front
shovel I n. a snow; steam ~
shovel II v. (P; tr.) they ~ed the snow to the side; I ~ed the coal into the bin
show I n. (“performance”)/[“program”] 1. to direct; do, produce, put on, stage; promote; sponsor a ~ (I saw him in a stage ~) 2. to attend, catch (colloq.), go to, see, take in a ~ 3. a chat (BE), talk; quiz; sketch; TV ~ (to sponsor a TV ~; I saw her on one of the funniest-ever TV sketch ~s) 4. a one-man, one-woman; talent; variety ~ 5. a floor; peep ~ 6. a horse; ice ~ 7. a Punch-and-Judy; puppet; sound-and-light ~ (see also air show) [“display, exhibition”] 8. to hold, organize, produce, put on, stage; promote; sponsor a ~ to attend, go to, see, take in a ~ 10. an antique; art; auto (AE), motor (BE); fashion; flower ~ [“misc.”] 11. for ~ (to “design to make an impression”); bad ~! (“very bad!”); good ~! (“very good!”); to put on a ~ (“to pretend”); to steal the ~ (“to draw the most attention”); to stop the ~ (“to receive too much applause, attention for the show to continue”) (he sang a show-stopping song on stage last night; that song of his was a real show-stopper!); a ~ of strength; who’s running the ~? (“who’s in charge here?”); to get the ~ on the road (slang) (“to get things going”)
show II v. 1. (A) (“to display”) ~ the book to me; or: show me the book 2. (d; tr.) (“to guide”) ~ to around, over, round (esp. BE), through; in; out; up (she ~ed me through the museum; Lord Fauntleroy asked his butler to ~ me in and to ~ me out afterwards) 3. (d; tr.) to ~ for (“to have as a result of”) (what can we ~ for our efforts?) 4. (d; tr.) (“to guide”) ~ to ~ to (I ~ed her to her seat; to ~ smb. to the door) (see also show smb. the door at door) 5. (J) (“to display”) the photograph ~ed them conversing 6. (L; may have an object) (“to demonstrate”) the research ~ed (~us/to us~) that our theory was correct 7. (M) (“to demonstrate”) she ~ed herself to be an excellent worker; history ~ed her to have been a prophet 8. (Q; usu. has an object) (“to demonstrate”) can you ~ me how to operate the copying machine? 9. (misc.) ~ to ~ advantage (“to show in the best light”); to ~ oneself in public; don’t worry; the stain on your shirt hardly ~
showdown n. 1. to come to, have; force a ~ (if it comes to a ~, the boss will support her rather than me) 2. a ~ between; over; with (we had a ~ with the boss over the change in plans)
shower I n. [“bath using an overhead spray, showerbath”] 1. to have (BE), take a ~ [“short period of rain”]/[brief downpour] 2. a heavy; light ~ 3. April; intermittent; passing; scattered ~ 4. a meteor; rain; snow; thunder ~; intermittent; scattered ~ 5. a sun ~ (esp. AE) [“rain that falls while the sun is shining”] [“party to which the guests are expected to bring gifts”] 6. to make a ~ for smb. 7. a baby; bridal ~ [“misc.”] 8. a ~ of arrows (rained down on our soldiers)
shower II v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ on, upon (to ~ gifts on smb.) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ with (to ~ smb. with gifts)
showing n. [“performance”] 1. to make a ~ 2. a disappointing; good; poor ~ (he made a poor ~ in the debate) 3. a private ~ (attend a private ~ of the film at the director’s house) 4. on a certain ~ (on its current ~ in the polls, the Conservative Radical Party may defeat the Radical Conservative Party)
show off v. 1. (B) they ~ed off their new car to all the neighbors = they ~ed their new car off to all the neighbors 2. (D; intr.) to ~ (to she was ~ing off to everyone)
show up v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ as (the incident ~ed him up as a charlatan) 2. (s) he ~ed up drunk
shrapnel n. to catch a piece of ~ in (the leg)
shreds n. 1. to cut, rip, tear smt. to ~ 2. (misc.) her clothing was in ~
shrewd adj. 1. ~ at, in 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of/ for her to buy real estate when the market was depressed)
shrewdness n. 1. to display ~ 2. ~ at, in (she showed great/real ~ in buying real estate when the market was depressed) 3. the ~ to + inf. (she had the ~ to buy real estate when the market was depressed)
shriek I n. 1. to give, let out a ~ 2. a loud ~
shriek II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ at 2. (D; intr.) to ~ in, with (to ~ with laughter) 3. (H; at) they ~ed at us to stop = “stop!” they ~ed (at us)
shrine n. 1. to consecrate; create, establish a ~ 2. with a ~ of the shoulders) 3. a holy, sacred ~ 4. a ~ at 5. a ~ to (pray at a ~ to the Virgin)
shrink v. (d; intr.) to ~ from (to ~ from responsibility; “The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, ~ from the service of his country” – Thomas Paine, The American Crisis, December 19, 1776)
shrouded adj. ~ in (~ in mystery)
shrubbery, shrubs n. 1. to prune; trim ~ 2. ornamental ~
shrug I n. 1. to give a ~ (of the shoulders) 2. with a ~ (of the shoulders)
shrug II v. (D; intr.) 1. to ~ at (~ to express indifference to”) she ~ed at the suggestion) 2. (misc.) she ~ed her shoulders at the suggestion
shudder I n. 1. to send a ~ (through the audience) 2. to give a ~ 3. a ~ passed, ran (through the audience) 4. (misc.) the news sent a ~ through our competitors; the shock sent a ~ down my spine (see also shudders)
shudder II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ at (to ~ at the thought of going back to work) 2. (E) I ~ to think what lies ahead! 3. (misc.) the car ~ed to a stop
shudders n. 1. to give smb. the ~ (her weird appearance gave me the ~) 2. to get the ~ (I get the ~ whenever I think about our narrow escape)
shuffle v. (P; intr.) they ~d idly along the street ; n. (slang) (BE) shufty
shuttle I n.
shutter n. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ from (the trains were ~ed from the station) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ onto, to (to ~ a train onto a siding)
shut off v. (D; tr.) to ~ at (to ~ at the thought of having a ~)
shudder II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ from (they shut their eyes to poverty) 3. (N; used with an adjective) she shut the door tight
shut off v. (D; refl.; tr.) to ~ from (they shut themselves off from their neighbors)
shutter I n. ["shield in a camera"] 1. to release the ~ ["window cover"] 2. to close ; open the ~s
shuttle II n. ["vehicle used on an established route"] 1. to take a ~ 2. a space ~ between
shuttle II v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ between (these ships ~ between the two ports) 2. (P; tr.) to ~ tourists to the terminal
shy I adj. ["wary"] ["nervous"] 1. painfully ~ 2. ~ about, of (BE) 3. with (he was very ~ with girls) ["lacking"] (esp. AE) 4. ~ of (we are still a little ~ of our quota)
shy II v. (D; intr.) to ~ at (the horse shied at the noise)
shy away v. (d; intr.) to ~ from (they shied away from contact with their neighbors)
sic v. (D; tr.) ("to urge to attack") to ~ on (to ~ a dog on smb.)
sick adj. 1. ~ at (~ at heart ; ~ at the prospect of leaving home) 2. ~ of (we are ~ of the red tape) 3. (misc.) ~ to one’s stomach (AE; BE has just sick); worried ~ ; to be ~ and tired of smt. ; to be taken ~ ; to make smb. ~ ("to disgust smb."); to be off ~ (and not at work) (see also call in sick at call in)
sicken v. 1. (BE) (d; intr.) to ~ for; of (they ~ed of the endless parties ; she’s ~ing for the flu) 2. (R) it ~ed me to watch them bicker constantly
sickening adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ to watch them bicker constantly)
sickness n. 1. altitude, mountain ; car; decompres-sion; morning; motion; travel; radiation; sea; sleeping ~ 2. in ~ (and in health)
sick parade n. (BE) see sick call at call I n.
side I n. ["right or left part"] 1. the left, left-hand; right, right-hand ~ 2. the credit; debit ~(of a ledger) 3. on a ~ (on the sunny ~ of the street) ["faction, party"] 4. to take smb.’s ~ to ~ (to support a faction”) 5. the losing ; right; winning; wrong ~ 6. on smb.’s ~ (of a dispute) ["Which Side Are You On?” ~ Florence Reece, labor-union song, 1930s] ["direction"] 7. the opposite ~ 8. from a certain ~ (from the other ~ ; from all ~s) 9. (to turn) to one ~ ["surface"]["part"] 10. a far; near; reverse ~ 11. the east; north; south; west ~ 12. on a ~ (on the other ~ ; on the north ~ of the town square) ["aspect"] 13. the bright; dark, gloomy; funny, humorous; practical ~ (of things); the seamy ~ of life 14. a ~ to (there are two ~s to every question) 15. (misc.) to study all ~s of a problem ["area near a person"] 16. at, by smb.’s ~ (she sat at my ~) ["shore, bank"] 17. on a ~ (on the other ~ of the river) [misc.] 18. from ~ to ~; from all ~s; to be on the safe ~; I have a pain in my left ~, which is why I sleep on my right ~; the B ~ ("the less important side or part"); the flip ~ (colloq.) (the car runs well – the flip ~ is that it costs a lot); to tutor smb. on the ~ ("to tutor smb. part-time"); we split our ~s laughing ("we laughed long and hard"); time is on our ~ ("time is working for us"); on smb.’s ~ (of the family); he’s a bit on the short ~ (see also bit on the side at bit I n.; the Usage Note for team)
side II v. (d; intr.) to ~ against; with (to ~ with the union (and) against the bosses)
sideline n. 1. a ~ for; in; of; to (a ~ of doing B&B can develop into a lucrative ~ for people in villages; people in villages can develop a lucrative ~ in (doing) B&B) 2. as a ~ (he’s developing B&B as a lucrative ~ to his primary job as a teacher)
sidelines n. on the ~ ("out of action")
sidestroke n. to do, swim the ~
siding n. ["material attached to the outside of a build-ing"] (AE; CE has cladding) 1. to install ~ 2. aluminum ~ ["short stretch of railway track"] 3. a railway ~ 4. on a ~
side up v. (d; intr.) to ~ to (she ~d up to me)
siege n. 1. to conduct a ~ of; to lay ~ to 2. to lift, raise a ~ 3. a state of (~ in a state of ~) 4. at, during a ~ (he was killed at the ~ of Leningrad) 5. under ~ (a city under ~)
siesta n. to have, take a ~
sieve n. to pass smt. through a ~ (see also a memory like a sieve at memory)
sift v. 1. to ~ carefully 2. (d; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ fact from fiction) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ through (to ~ through the debris)
sigh I n. 1. to breathe, heave a ~ (of relief) 2. to give, let out a ~ 3. an audible; deep; profound; inaudible ~ 4. a ~ of contentment; a ~ of relief
sigh II v. 1. to ~ audibly; contentedly; deeply; inaudibly 2. to ~ in, with relief
sight n. ["view"] 1. to catch; keep ~ of to lose ~ of 3. at (the) ~ (to faint at the (very/merest) ~ of blood; to fall in love at first ~) 4. by ~ (to know smb. by ~) 5. in, into, within ~ (the ship was no longer in ~; we fired our torpedoes when the ship came into (plain) ~) 6. on ~ (to shoot looters on ~) 7. out of ~ 8. an awe-inspiring; beautiful; interesting; magnificent, marvelous, wonderful; memorable; pleasant; spectacular; thrilling ~ 9. a comical, funny ~ 10. a familiar ~ 11. a miserable; pitiful; sorry ~ 12. a disturbing; horrendous
sighting a confirmed; radar; telescopic; unmistakable.

signal I n. to flash, give, send, see also line of sight at line I n.; sights
sign I n. ["indication"] 1. to display, give, show a ~ (he showed ~ of advanced emphysema; they showed no ~ of life; the volcano had shown no ~ of erupting) 2. a clear, obvious, sure, telltale, unmistakable ~ 3. an encouraging ~ 4. a danger; warning ~ (see also stop sign) 5. vital ~ ("basic indications of life") (to check/take a patient’s vital ~s) 6. a ~ that + clause (there had been no ~ that the volcano would erupt) ["mark, symbol"] 7. minus; plus ~ 8. a dollar; pound ~ 9. a call ~ ("identifying letters of a radio station") ["marker"] ["placard"] 10. to erect; put up; set up ~ 11. a for rent (AE), to let (BE); for sale; no smoking; no trespassing; road, traffic; warning ~ (follow the road ~s; they put up a for-sale ~) 12. a ~ forbids; says; warns (the police put up a warning ~ saying that the road was closed) 13. (esp. AE) a ~ that + clause (the police put up a ~ that the road was closed) ["misco"] 14. to make the ~ of the cross; these new attitudes are a ~ of the times (see also high sign)
sign II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ for (she had to ~ for the letter) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ with (the player ~ed with the team yesterday) 3. (misc.) to ~ on the dotted line 4. (L; to) ("to communicate in sign language") she ~ed (to us) that the road was still closed
signal n. ["sign","message"] 1. to flash, give, send, send out, transmit; put on; use a ~ 2. to get, pick up, receive a ~ 3. to unscramble a ~ 4. a clear, unmistakable ~ 5. a danger, distress; rearranged; warning ~ 6. a smoke ~ (American Indians used to send up smoke ~s) 7. a turn ~ (AE; BE has indicator) 8. (AE) a traffic ~ 9. a storm ~ 10. a ~ from; to 11. a ~ to + inf. (the ~ to attack) 12. a ~ that + clause (the troops received the ~ that the attack was to begin) 13. at, on a ~ (the raid began at a given ~) 14. (misc.) she made a ~ for us to leave; (Am. football) to call the ~s (also fig.) ["electrical impulses"] 15. a radar; radio; shortwave ~ 16. a strong; weak ~ ["misco"] 17. to give out the wrong ~s ("to give the wrong impression"); to send mixed ~s ("to be vague about one’s intentions")
signal II v. 1. to ~ frantically; wildly 2. (B) they ~ed their position to us 3. (d; intr.) to ~ for (~ for help) 4. (E; to) she ~ed to us to come closer 5. (H) she ~ed us to come closer. 6. (L; to; may have an object) the radio operator ~ed (to us)/~ed (us) that the ship was in distress; she ~ed (to us) that we should come closer 7. (Q; to) she ~ed (to us) how close we should come 8. (misc.) she ~ed for us to come closer
signatory n. a ~ to (~ries to the treaty)
signature n. 1. to affix; scrawl; write one’s ~ to, put one’s ~ on, to 3. to bear a ~ (the treaty bore the president’s ~) 4. to notarize; witness a ~ 5. to forge smb.’s ~
significance n. 1. to acquire; have ~ for, to attach ~ to 3. deep, great; statistical ~ 4. to be of ~ for, to significant adj. 1. ~ for, to 2. to + inf. (it is ~ to note that our ambassador was not invited) 3. ~ that + clause (it is highly/very ~ that our ambassador was not invited)
signify v. 1. (L; to) their statements ~ (to us) that no action will be taken 2. (misc.) she ~ed her assent with a nod; all those in favor, ~ by saying “aye”
sign on v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ as (to ~ as a seaman) 2. (D; intr.) (BE) to ~ for (to ~ for the dole)
sign out v. (D; tr.) to ~ from (we ~ed out three books from the library = we ~ed three books out from/ of the library)
sign over v. (B) she ~ed over the property to her children = she ~ed the property over to her children
sign up v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ as (to ~ as a volunteer) 2. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ for (she ~ed up for an evening course; to sign smb. up for a course) 3. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ with (they ~ed up with the volunteers) 4. (E) they ~ed up to serve as volunteers 5. (H) they ~ed us up to serve as volunteers
silence n. 1. to impose ~ 2. to keep, maintain, observe ~ to 3. break (the) ~ 4. (an) absolute, complete, perfect, pindrop (South Asian English), total, utter ~ 5. a deep, profound, long; respected, reverent ~ 6. (an) awkward; pained; shocked; stoney; stunned ~ 7. a dead; eerie; hushed; ominous ~ 8. ~ descends; reigns 9. in ~ (we were received in ~) 10. (misc.) radio ~; a conspiracy of ~; a vow of ~; a wall of ~; a deafening ~
silent adj. 1. absolutely, completely, totally, utterly ~ 2. to become, fall ~ 3. to keep, remain ~ 4. ~ about
silhouette n. in ~ (I saw it only in ~)
silhouetted adj. ~ against, on (~ against a light background)
silk n. ["fine fabric"] 1. to spin ~ 2. fine ~ 3. artificial, synthetic; natural; pure; raw ~ 4. (misc.) as smooth as ~ ["misco"] (BE) 5. to ~ ("to become a King’s Counsel or Queen’s Counsel")
silkworm n. 1. to keep (BE), raise (esp. AE), rear (BE) ~s 2. ~ spin cocoons
silly adj. 1. ~ about 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of her to say that ~ saying that was a ~ thing for her to do) 3. (misc.) to make smb. look ~
silver n. pure, sterling ~
similar adj. 1. distinctly, strikingly ~ 2. ~ in (~ in outlook) 3. ~ to (this specimen is ~ to that one)
similarity n. 1. to bear, have (a) ~ 2. a distinct, striking ~ 3. a ~ among, between; in; to (~ in outlook)
simmer v. (D; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with excitement)
simple adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ to do the job = it was ~ doing the job = it was a ~ job to do = the job was ~ to do)
simultaneous adj. ~ with
sin I n. 1. to commit a ~ 2. to expiate a ~ 3. to absolve smb. of ~ 4. to forgive smb.'s ~ 5. a cardinal; deadly; inexpiable; mortal; unforgivable, unparдонable; venial ~ 6. original ~ 7. a ~ against 8. a ~ to + inf. (it's a ~ to tell a lie) 9. a ~ that + clause (it's a ~ that her talents are being wasted!) 10. (misc.) (obso.l.) to live in ~ "(to live together without being married")
sin II v. (D; intr.) to ~ against
since adv., conjunction, prep. 1. ever ~ 2. long ~
sincere adj. 1. ~ about (she was ~ about her promise to retire) 2. ~ in (~ in one's beliefs)
sincerity n. 1. to demonstrate, show ~ 2. ~ in (she shows great ~ in her beliefs) 3. (misc.) to doubt smb.'s ~ in all ~
sinful adj. 1. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ to lie) 2. ~ that + clause (it's absolutely/positively ~ that her talents are being wasted!)
sing v. 1. (C; more rarely A) ~ a song for/to us; or: ~ us a song 2. (D; intr.) ~ ~ in (she was like a ~ to us)
while
single adj. ~ about
single out v. 1. (D; tr.) ~ a song for / (to ~ a committee) 5. (d; intr.) to ~ through (we had to ~ through the whole boring speech) 6. (misc.) to ~ astride a horse; to ~ beside a lake; to ~ tight "(to refrain from taking action"); to ~ for an examination (BE) = to ~ an examination (BE) "(to take an examination"); to ~ on the bench ("to be a judge"); to be ~ tingly pretty "(to be well off and without problems"") USAGE NOTE: You sit on smt. like a stool or short grass but you sit in smt. like an armchair or long grass.
sit down v. 1. ~ quietly, still; upright 2. (D; intr.) "(to be seated") to ~ around/round, at (to ~ around a table; to ~ at a desk; to ~ at a piano) 3. (d; intr.) "(to pose") to ~ for (to ~ for ¬a portrait/an artist=) 4. (d; intr.) to ~ on "(to be a member of") (to ~ on a committee) 5. (d; intr.) to ~ through (we had to ~ through the whole boring speech) 6. (misc.) to ~ astride a horse; to ~ beside a lake; to ~ tight "(to refrain from taking action"); to ~ ~ from another car; the ~ ~ a baby to sleep
sit along v. (D; intr.) to ~ with (~ with me)
singer n. a blues; folk; jazz; lead; lieder; opera; pop ~
single-minded adj. ~ about
sit in n. to conduct; hold; organize, stage a ~
sit on v. 1. (D; intr.) "(to attend") to ~ as (she sat in as our representative) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ for ("to replace") (she sat in for me while I was out of town) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ on ("to attend") (we sit in on a few meetings)
sitter n. a baby; house ~
sitting duck n. "easy target" a ~ for
situated adj. 1. conveniently ~ 2. ~ for (a hotel ~ conveniently for the Lake District)
situation n. 1. to comprehend, grasp, size up, take in, understand how ~ 2. to accept; face, face up to a ~ 3. to deal with, handle a ~ 4. a pleasant; stable ~ 5. an awkward; delicate; embarrassing; tense; ticklish, touchy; tricky ~ 6. a complex, complicated; involved ~ 7. a Catch-22, crisis, emergency; critical; desperate; grave; serious; hopeless, no-win (colloq.); life-and-death ~ 8. a fluid, unstable;
explosive; intolerable; unpleasant ~ 9. the current, present ~ 10. the economic; housing; political; social ~ 11. the international, world; local; national ~ 12. a ~ deteriorates; improves 13. in a certain ~ (in the present ~) 14. (misc.) to take stock of the ~ USAGE NOTE: Some people prefer the simple nouns crisis and emergency to such phrases as crisis situation and emergency situation. However, situation can be useful in such more complex cases as a Catch-22 situation, a no-win situation, a life-and-death situation, an I-won’t-compromise-unless-you-do situation.
sit-up n. [‘exercise’] to do ~s
sit up v. 1. to ~ straight 2. (D; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with a sick child) 3. (misc.) to ~ late; to ~ straight 4. to ~ and take notice
sit well v. (D; intr.) to ~ with (“to be accepted by”)
size n. 1. (often clothing) to take; wear (a) certain ~ 2. (P; intr.) we ~d across the lake; the skate II
ski n. 1. (P; intr.) we ~ed across the lake; the skate II
skating n. figure; ice; roller; speed ~
skater n.
skid v. 1. (P; intr.) they skied across the valley; I ~ed down the trail 2. (misc.) to go ~ing
skis n. a pair of ~s (see also ski)
skit v. 1. (P; intr.) they skied across the valley; I skied down the trail 2. (misc.) to go ~ing
skirt II v. 1. to ~ around (they ~ed around over the thin ice) 2. (misc.) to smell a ~ (esp. AE; colloq.) (“to sense trouble, to smell a rat”) ; to break the ~ of a thin ~ (“excessive sensitivity”); to get under smb.’s ~ (“to irritate smb.”); to break the ~
skirt I n. 1. an ice; roller ~ 2. a pair of ~s
skirt II n. 1. a blue, clear, cloudless, fair; starry ~ 2. a cloudy; dull, overcast, sullen; (BE) mackerel ~ 3. a ~ clears up; clouds up, clouds over 4. a patch of (blue) ~ 5. the ~ above, over 6. in the ~ (we could see birds in the ~ above us) 7. (misc.) as high as the ~ = skyhigh
skyline n. 1. to dominate the ~ (the cathedral spire dominates the ~) 2. an imposing; jagged ~
skyscraper n. a huge; tall, towering ~
skilled adj. 1. highly ~ 2. ~ at, in; with (~ at/in using a computer; ~ with one’s hands)
skillful, skilful adj. 1. very 2. ~ at, in; with (~ at/in using a computer; ~ with one’s hands)
slim n. 1. to demonstrate, dis-
slab \(n\). 1. a concrete; marble; mortuary; stone ~. 2. on a ~ (lying on a mortuary ~)

slack \(n\). ["part that hangs loose"] 1. to take up the ~ (of a rope) 2. (misc.) (slang) to cut smb. some ~ ("to give smb. some leeway, to give smb. a break")

slacks \(n\). 1. to have ~ on, to wear ~ 2. to put on ~ 3. to take off ~ 4. to button up; unbutter; unzip; zip up one’s ~ 5. baggy; long; tight ~ 6. a pair of ~

slam \(v\). (P; intr., tr.) she ~ed the books down on the table; they ~med right into me; he ~med the door in my face

slander \(n\). to spread ~

slang \(n\). 1. army; prison; (Cockney) rhyming; student; underworld ~ 2. ~ for ("scream" is ~ for "go away"; what is "shooting gallery" slang for?) 3. in ~ (what does "shooting gallery" mean in ~?)

slanted adj. ["biased"] 1. unfairly ~ 2. ~ against; in favor of, towards (the article was ~ against our viewpoint)

slap \(I\) \(n\). 1. to give smb. a ~ (in the face) 2. (misc.) ["record of past performance"] 1. a clean ~ (to start off with a clean ~) 2. (misc.) to wipe the ~ clean

slap \(II\) \(v\). 1. (d; intr.) to ~ down (to ~ down a hill) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ off (she ~d a small piece off the cake) 3. (d; tr.) to ~ in (to ~ smb. in the face) 4. (d; tr.) to ~ on (to ~ smb. on the wrist ("a gentle reprimand") 5. to ~ a preservation order on (BE) (they were going to demolish the old building but the government ~ped a preservation order on it)

slash \(v\). 1. unfairly ~ 2. ~ against; in favor of, towards (the article was ~ against our viewpoint)

sleep \(I\) \(n\). 1. to induce ~ 2. to get (enough) ~ 3. deep, heavy, profound, sound; fitful; light; restful ~ 4. (misc.) to fall into a deep ~; to go to ~; to walk in one’s ~; to put to ~ (also fig. to "kill") (the vet had to put our poor old dog to ~) 5. (fig.) to make unconscious”; to lose ~ over ("to worry a great deal about"); one’s beauty ~; to get/have a good night’s ~ (see also not get a wink of sleep at wink \(I\) \(n\).

sleep \(II\) \(v\). 1. to ~ fitfully; lightly; soundly, well. 2. (D; intr.) to ~ on ("to postpone for a day") (to ~ on a decision) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ through (I slept through the lecture) 4. (d; intr.) to ~ with ("to have sexual relations with") 5. (misc.) my foot went to ~; to ~ late; to ~ like a baby/log/top ("to sleep very soundly"); to ~ rough (BE) ("to sleep out of doors as through homelessness") (see also not sleep a wink at wink \(I\) \(n\).

sleeper \(n\). to roll up one’s ~s 2. long; short ~s (I always wear ~short ~s~/short-sleeved shirts~ during the summer) 3. in certain ~s (in the summer I always go around in short ~s~/in short-sleeved shirts~) 4. on a ~ (I got some dirt on my left ~) 5. (misc.) to have smt. up one’s ~ ("to have a secret trick") 6. to roll up one’s ~s and get down to work ("to get down to serious work") 7. to laugh up one’s ~ ("to laugh secretely") 8. (one’s) shirt sleeve(s) (in the summer I take off my jacket and go around in my shirt sleeves)

slice \(I\) \(n\). 1. to cut off a ~ (of) 2. to cut into ~s 3. a thick; thin ~ 4. (misc.) a ~ of life ("a realistic portrayal of life") (a somber slice-of-life drama that gives audiences a flavor of working-class life during the Great Depression)

slice \(II\) \(v\). 1. (C) ~ a piece of cake for me; or: ~ me a piece of cake 2. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ to (to ~ into the cake; she ~d the cake into several portions) 3. (d; tr.) to ~ from (she ~d a small piece off the cake (for me)) 4. (d; intr.) to ~ through (the icebreaker ~d through the ice) 5. (N; used with an adjective) she ~d the bread thin

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slide \(up\) \(v\). (D; tr.) ~ into (she ~d up the cake into several portions = she ~d the cake up into several portions)

slick \(n\). an oil ~

slide \(II\) \(n\). a hair ~ (BE; AE has barrette) (see also slides)

slide \(II\) \(v\). 1. (d; intr.) to ~ down (to ~ down a hill) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ from, out of (the glass slid from her hand) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ into (the car skidded and slid into a ditch) 4. (AE) (baseball) (D; intr.) to ~ into ("to occupy by sliding") (he slid into second base) 5. (N; used with an adjective) the door slid open but I slid it shut again 6. (P; intr., tr.) ~ across a frozen pond

slide \(rule\) \(n\). to operate, use a ~
slides

slight

slime

sling

slip

slides

slide

slither

slit

slip II

slouch

slope

slog

slur

slow I

slow II

smack

sludge

slumber

slump

slowdown

slumber

smoke

smudg

smoke II

smoke out

smoke out I

smokehouse
smack III v. (d; intr.) to ~ of ("to suggest") (to ~ of treason)

smallpox n. 1. to contract, develop, get; have ~ 2. to eradicate; immunize against, vaccinate against ~ 3. a case; epidemic; outbreak of ~

small talk n. to make ~ (at the party we made ~ about the weather; at office parties some people prefer to engage in shop talk but others prefer to make small ~)

smart I adj. ["impudent"] (colloq.) (esp. AE) 1. to get ~ with (don’t get ~ with me!) ["shrewd"] 2. to ~ + inf. (she was ~ to refuse = it was ~ of for her to refuse = refusing was a ~ thing for her to do)

smart II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ at, over (to ~ at an injustice) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ from (her eyes were ~ing from the smoke) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ under (to ~ under injustice)

smash v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ at (the dog ~ped at him; ~ to make ~ (at the party we made ~)) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ into (she ~ed into another car) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ through (to ~ through a fence) 3. (misc.) ~ed her fist down on the table

smatter n. to acquire, pick up a ~ of (they have picked up a ~ of the language)

smear I n. (med.) 1. to do, take a ~ 2. a Pap ~ (they did a Pap ~ on each patient)

smear II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ with (to ~ butter ~) 2. (P; tr.) to ~ butter ¬on / ~ over ~ bread; ~o tointment on one’s skin

smell II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ like; of (that flower ~s like a rose; ~ of fish) 2. (J) I could ~ that smt. was burning 3. (L) I could ~ that smt. was burning 4. ~s like a rose; ~ of fish) 2. (J) I could ~ where the coffee was 5. (s) the food ~s good

smile III n. 1. to crack a ~; flash a ~ (at) 2. to give smb. a ~ 3. to evoke; wear a ~ 4. to hide, repress a ~ 5. a beautiful, lovely, pretty; beguiling, intriguing; cheerful, happy; broad; dazzling; disarming; engaging; friendly; infectious; pleasant; radiant; ready; sunny; sweet ~ 6. a bitter; fixed; forced; sardonic; supercilious ~ 7. a hint, trace of a ~ (the merest hint of a ~ flashed across his handsome features) 8. with a ~ (to answer with a ~ on one’s face) 9. (misc.) they are all ~s at the good news

smile II v. 1. to ~ bitterly; broadly; cheerfully; coldly; sardonically; superciliously; sweetly 2. (D; intr.) to ~ at (the teacher ~ed at the well-behaved children) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ on ("to favor") (fortune ~d on us) 4. (misc.) to ~ from ear to ear; to ~ with pleasure/satisfaction; she ~d to herself at the thought of her successful trick

smirk v. (derog.) 1. (D; intr.) to ~ at 2. (D; intr.) to ~ with (she ~ed with satisfaction at their embarrassment)

smite v. (formal) (N; used with an adjective) God smote the heathen dead (see also smitten)

smithereens n. to blow, break, smash smt. into, to ~

smitten adj. ["affected"] (formal) 1. ~ by, with (~ by disease) ["infatuated"] (colloq.) 2. ~ by, with (he was totally ~ with her)

smoke n. ["gaseous products of burning"] 1. to belch, emit, give off ~ (chimneys belch ~) 2. to exhale; inhale ~ 3. heavy, thick; light ~ 4. acrid; black ~ 5. cigar; cigarette ~ 6. (as of cigarettes) active; passive ~ 7. ~s like a rose; ~ of fish) 2. ~d (at me) that she ~ped (at me) that she was totally ~ with her

smoke n. 1. to cut down on; give up, stop; start; take ~ 2. to ban, prohibit ~ 3. chain; habitual, heavy, inveterate; light; occasional; teenage ~

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smoking n. to cut down on; give up, stop; start; take ~ 2. to ban, prohibit ~ 3. chain; habitual, heavy, light; occasional; passive; teenage ~ 4. (misc.) no ~!

smolder, smoulder v. (d; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with discontent)

smooth adj. 1. to ~ (~ to the touch) 2. (misc.) as ~ silk/velvet

smother v. (D; tr.) to ~ with (we ~ed the flames with a heavy blanket)

smuggle v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ across (to ~ goods across a border) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ by, past, through (to ~ goods past customs) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ goods into a country) 4. (D; tr.) to ~ out of (to ~ stolen goods out of a country)

smuggling n. 1. to engage in ~ 2. arms; drug ~

smut n. a ~ peddler

snack I n. 1. to have a ~ 2. to fix, make ("prepare") a ~ 3. a between-meal(s); light; midnight; quick ~ 4. party ~

snack II n. 1. to have a ~ 2. to fix, make ("prepare") a ~ 3. a between-meal(s); light; midnight; quick ~ 4. party ~

snack II n. 1. to have a ~ 2. to fix, make ("prepare") a ~ 3. a between-meal(s); light; midnight; quick ~ 4. party ~

snack II n. 1. to have a ~ 2. to fix, make ("prepare") a ~ 3. a between-meal(s); light; midnight; quick ~ 4. party ~

snake II v. (D; intr.) to ~ at (the dog ~ped at him; to ~ at the bait) 2. (L; at) she ~ped (at me) that she ~d to herself at the thought of her successful trick
was too busy to help me = “I’m too busy to help you!” she ~ped (at me) 3. (misc.) to ~ to attention; to ~ out of a bad mood; the lid ~ped shut

snapback v. (L) when I asked her to help, she ~ped off (at me) 3. (misc.) to ~ to attention; to ~ out of a bad mood; the lid ~ped shut

snappy adv. (colloq.) to make it (~ “to hurry”)

snapshot n. to take a ~

snarl v. 1. (B) she ~ed a few words to me 2. (D; intr.) to ~ at (the dog ~ed at him) 3. (L) he ~ed that he would be late = “I’m going to be late!” he ~ed

snatch II 1. (d; intr.) to ~ at (she ~ed at the line)

snap back v. (P; intr., tr.) they ~ed into the theater ; they ~ed into the theater ; they ~ed off from the others) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ from, out of (he ~ed the purse from her hand)

sneak v. (P; intr., tr.) they ~ed into the theater; they ~ed their friends into the theater; to ~ around in the bushes (see also sneak a glance at glance 1 n.)

sneak away v. to sneak off

sneak off v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ from (she ~ed off from the others) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ to (he ~ed off to the football game) 3. (misc.) they ~ed off (in order) to see the football game

sneak up v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ behind (he. ~ed up behind them) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ on, to (he ~ed up to them)

sneaky adj. (colloq.) 1. ~ of (that was ~ of him) 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of/for him to do that = that was a ~ thing for him to do)

sneer v. (D; intr.) to ~ at

sneeze v. (colloq.) (d; intr.) to ~ at (~ “to consider lightly”) (their offer is not to be ~d at)

sneezing n. a fit of ~ = ~ fit

snicker v. (D; intr.) to ~ at

sniff I n. to get, have a ~

sniff II v. (D; intr.) to ~ at (the dog ~ed at her)

sniffles n. to have the ~

snigger v. (esp. BE) (D; intr.) to ~ about, at

snipe v. (D; intr.) to ~ at (the press keeps ~ing at her)

snit n. (colloq.) (AE) “[state of agitation]” in a ~

snitch v. (slang) (AE) (d; tr.) ("to inform against smb.”) to ~ on (she ~ed on him to his teacher)

snob n. 1. an intellectual ~ 2. (BE) an inverted ~

snook n. (colloq.) (BE) to cock a ~ at ("to thumb one’s nose at")

snore I n. a heavy, loud ~

snore II v. to ~ heavily, loudly

snow I n. 1. to have ~ (we had ~ yesterday) 2. deep; drifting; driving, heavy; falling; powdery; light; wet ~ 3. crisp; new-fallen ~ 4. ~ accumulates; falls; melts; sticks 5. a blanket; coating, dusting of ~ 6. across, through; in the ~ (to play in the ~) 7. (misc.) to clear away, remove, shovel ~; as white as ~ = snow-white; as pure as the driven ~ (see also fall of snow, snowfall at fall II n.; snowball; snowfall; flake of snow, snowflake at flake; snow flurry at flurry; snowstorm at storm I n. 3)

snow II v. to ~ hard, heavily; lightly (it began to ~ heavily)

snowball I n. to throw a ~ at

snowball II v. (D; intr.) ("to expand, mushroom”) to ~ from; into, to

snowfall n. a heavy; light ~

snowman n. to build, make a ~

snowshoes n. 1. a pair of ~ 2. (to walk) on ~

snowstorm n. see storm I 3

snub n. a deliberate; obvious ~

snuff n. 1. to take ~ 2. a pinch of ~ 3. (misc.) not up to ~ (“not up to an acceptable standard”)

snuggle v. (d; intr.) to ~ against (the children ~d against each other)

snuggle up v. (d; intr.) to ~ against; to (the children ~d up against each other; the little girl ~d up to her doll)

soak I n. to give; get; have a ~ (to give the laundry ~ in cold water – and make sure it gets a good long ~!)

soak II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ in (to ~ the launch in cold water; the launch ~ed in cool water) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ into (the water ~ed into the soil) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ through (the blood ~ed through the bandages)

soaked adj. 1. ~ to the skin 2. ~ through and through 3. thoroughly ~

soaking n. to give; get; have a ~ (to give the laundry ~ in cold water – and make sure it gets a good long thorough ~!)

soap n. 1. face; laundry; liquid; powdered; saddle; scented; toilet ~ 2. a bar, cake of ~ (see also flake of soap, soapflake at flake)

soar v. (d; intr.) to ~ into, to (the temperature ~ed into the eighties; the mercury ~ed to ninety; prices ~ed and then plummeted)

sob I n. 1. to give, let out a ~; be racked with ~ 2. to stifle a ~ 3. a bitter; choking ~ 4. ~s die down, subside

sob II v. 1. to ~ bitterly 2. (B) the child ~bed a few words to the teacher 3. (L; to) she ~bed (to her teacher) that she wanted to go home = “I want to go home!” she ~bed (to her teacher) 4. (misc.) to ~ oneself to sleep

sober adj. 1. cold, stone (AE) ~ 2. as ~ as a judge

soccer n. 1. to play ~ 2. the game of ~ 3. (misc.) a ~ ball; field (AE), pitch (BE); a ~ game (esp. AE), match (BE); player

socialism n. 1. to build; establish ~ 2. democratic; Fabian; Guild; left-wing; libertarian; moderate; scientific; state; utopian ~ 3. under ~ (to live under ~)

socialist n. 1. an avowed, self-styled ~ 2. a democratic; Fabian; Guild; left-wing; libertarian; moderate; scientific ~

socialize v. (D; intr.) to ~ with (she likes to ~ with her neighbors)

society n. [“group, association”] 1. to establish, found, set up; join a ~ 2. to disband, dissolve; leave,
resign from a ~ 3. a burial; historical; honor; humane; learned; literary; medical; musical; secret 4. a friendly (BE), mutual-aid (AE) 5. a building ~ (BE; AE has building and loan association) 6. a ~ for; of (she founded a ~ of scientists for peace in which we all were active) ["community"] 7. to polarize; unite a ~ 8. an advanced; affluent; civil; civilized; classless; consumer; primitive ~ 9. a multicultural; pluralistic ~ 10. a closed; open ~ 11. a matriarchal; patriarchal ~ 12. a capitalist; socialist ~ 13. the fabric, foundations, structure of ~ (your ideas threaten the very fabric of ~) 14. a section of ~ (every section of ~ is against your ideas!) ["class"] 15. high; polite ~ 16. in ~ (such words are not used in polite ~)

sociology n. 1. the ~ of (the ~ of knowledge/religion) 2. in ~ (a degree in ~)

sock I n. 1. to knit ~s 2. to darn, mend a ~ 3. ankle, sock II ~

software 1. to write (the) ~ (for) 2. to download

soft adj. n. to lie ; sit on a ~

sofa n. to commit, practice ~

some pronoun, determiner 1. ~ to + inf. (we have ~ to sell; we have ~ books to sell) 2. ~ of (~ of them) USAGE NOTE: The use of the preposition of is necessary when a pronoun follows. When a noun follows, the use of of the limits the meaning ~ we saw some people; we saw some of the people whom we had discussed earlier. (See also the Usage Note for something)

somebody pronoun ~ to + inf. (we have ~ to talk to) (see also the Usage Note for something)
someone see somebody

someplace (AE) see somewhere

somerault n. to do, execute, turn a ~

something n., pronoun 1. a certain, indefinable, indescribable, intangible ~ 2. to (she has ~ for you) 3. ~ to + inf. (we have ~ to say) 4. (misc.) to make ~ of oneself ("to have success in life"); ("slang") I don’t know if he wants to make ~ of it ("I don’t know if he wants to make an issue of it"); there is ~ unusual about them; she is ~ of a celebrity USAGE NOTE: The form some and its compounds are often used in affirmative statements, whereas any and its compounds are often used in neg. and interrogative contexts. Compare we have some books to sell – we don’t have any books to sell; we have something to say – do you have anything to say?; we have somebody to talk to – we don’t have anybody to talk to; we have somewhere to go – do you have anywhere to go? However, some and its compounds can also be used in neg. and esp. in interrogative contexts (as when an affirmative answer is expected) – don’t you have something to
say? would you like some brandy? do you have something to say? (Then say it!) ; if you don’t have something/anything relevant to say, then shut up! Moreover, in the meaning “no matter which/what/ who(m)/where…”; any and its compunds occur in affirmative statements – we will take any of these; they can say anything they want; we will talk to anyone; we will go anywhere.
somewhere adv. ~ to + inf. (we have ~ to go) (see also the Usage Note for something)
som n. 1. to adopt a ~ 2. to marry off a ~ 3. an older; only; younger ~ 4. an adopted; foster ~ 5. a son-in-law 6. a ~ to (he was like a ~ to them) 7. (misc.) a favorite ~ (AE; pol.); a prodigal ~ (fig.)
sonor n. to track by ~
song n. 1. to compose, write a ~ 2. as a ~ to [“concession”] 3. to get ~ 2. as a ~ to accomplishment n. 1. to display, show ~ (she showed her swan ~) 2. a ~ about 6. in a ~ 7. (misc.) the same old ~ (“the same story, complaint”); to burst into ~; for a ~ (“inexpensively”) (see also the lyrics of a song at lyrics; the words of/to a song at words)
sonnet n. 1. to compose, write a ~ 2. an Italian, Petrarchan; Shakespearean; Spenserian ~
soot n. (all) covered in, with ~
soreness n. 1. to cause ; reduce ~ 2. mild ; severe ~ 3. to alleviate smb.’s ~ 4. deep, great, inexpressible, keen, profound ~ 5. genuine, real; personal ~ 6. at, over (to feel deep ~ at the death of a friend) 7. in, with ~ 8. to smb.’s ~ (to my great ~ I never saw them again) 9. (misc.) an expression; feeling of ~ sorry adj. 1. dreadfully, terribly, very ~ 2. genuinely, really ~ 3. to feel ~ 4. ~ about (I’m ~ about your loss) 5. ~ for (she is ~ for him; we are ~ for being late; I feel ~ for you; I’m ~ for your loss (esp. AE)) 6. ~ to + inf. (I am ~ to (have to) inform you that your application has been rejected) 7. ~ + clause (we are ~ that we were late)
sort I n. 1. a bad ; curious ; good ~ (a curious ~ of (a) life) 2. of a ~ (of all ~s; of several ~s; a person of that ~ = that ~ person) 3. (misc.) ~ of thing (always going on about his enemies, his problems – (that) ~ of thing); to like all ~s of music; “was it satisfactory?”; “it was nothing of the ~ it was awful!”; to be out of ~s (“to be annoyed”) (see also sort of)
sort II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ by (to ~ merchandise by size) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ socks into various sizes) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ through (to ~ through old documents)
sortie n. 1. to carry out, make a ~ to fly a ~
sort of adv. (colloq.) [“more or less, rather”] I ~ expected it (to happen); it was ~ nice, actually
sos n. 1. to broadcast, send an ~ to receive an ~
soul n. 1. to save smb.’s ~ to bare; see someone’s ~ 3. an artistic; immortal; kindly; kindred; lost; poor; timid ~ 4. (misc.) body and ~ (I earn hardly enough to make ends meet and keep body and ~ together!); heart and ~ (I’ll support you heart and ~!)
sound I adj. [“healthy”] 1. ~ in, of (~ in mind and body) 2. (misc.) safe and ~ [“sturdy”] 3. structurally ~
sound II n. 1. to emit, make, produce, utter a ~ 2. to transmit (a) ~ 3. to articulate, enunciate, pronounce a ~ 4. to turn down; turn up the ~ (on a radio, TV set) 5. to carry ~ (air carries ~s) 6. a clear; consonant; faint; hollow; inarticulate; loud; muffled; rasping; soft; vowel ~ 7. a ~ turns (~ travels much slower than light) 8. a ~ dies away, dies down; rings out 9. a ~ at (~ at the ~ of the bell, they all assembled) 10. to a ~ (to the ~ of music)
sound III v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ for (the bell ~ed for dinner) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ like (~ is what our ~ great idea) 3. (BE) (S) that ~s a great idea 4. (s) their excuse ~ed reasonable 5. (misc.) it ~s as if/as though/like (colloq.) they don’t know what to do; how does that ~ to you? sound off v. (colloq.) (D; intr.) to ~ about, against (“to criticize”) ~ to ~ against an idea
sound out v. (D; tr.) (“to inquire”) to ~ about (I ~ed the experts out about the problem = I ~ed out the experts about the problem)
soup n. 1. to eat; make; serve ~ 2. clear; cold; hot; thick; warm ~ 3. cabbage; celery; chicken; mushroom; noodle; onion; pea; tomato; vegetable ~ 4. a bowl; cup; mug; spoonful of ~ USAGE NOTE: We eat soup with a spoon; but we can drink soup from a cup or mug.
sour I adj. to go, turn ~ (things went ~ ; the whole affair turned ~)
sour II v. (d; intr.) to ~ on (AE) (they quickly ~ed on the idea)
source n. 1. to locate, track down a ~ 2. to tap a ~ 3. to cite; disclose, indicate, reveal one’s ~s 4. an impeccable, unimpeachable; informed, well-informed; reliable, reputable, trustworthy ~; one’s ~s (according to my ~s, there will be trouble ahead) 5. an unreliable ~ 6. an undisclosed, unnamed ~ 7. an original, primary; secondary ~ 8. an energy; renewable ~ 9. ~s dry up 10. at a ~ (it is best to make inquiries at the original ~) 11. (misc.) ~s close to the government revealed that…; (BE) tax deducted at ~

south I adj., adv. 1. directly, due, straight ~ of (~ of the city) 3. down ~ 4. (misc.) to face; to go, head ~; southeast by ~; southwest by ~

south II n. 1. from the ~; in the ~; to the ~ 2. (misc.) the Deep South (“certain areas of the Southern United States”)

southeast I adj., adv. 1. of (to be ~ of the city) 2. (misc.) to go, head ~; south by ~

southeast II n. from; in; to the ~

South Pole n. at the ~

southwest I adj., adv. 1. of (to be ~ of the city) 2. (misc.) to go, head ~; south by ~

southwest II n. from; in; to the ~

sovereignty n. 1. to grant ~ 2. to assert; claim; establish; exercise ~ 3. to violate a country’s ~ 4. ~s (according to my ~s, there will be trouble ahead)

space n. 1. to save ~ to clear a ~ 3. to take up ~ 4. to fill (in) the ~s 5. breathing ~ 6. (a) blank, empty ~ 7. a crawl (AE); parking ~ 8. office; storage ~ 9. interplanetary; interstellar; outer ~ (see also air space) 10. (a) ~ between 11. (a) ~ for 12. in ~ (to travel in ~) 13. (misc.) the (wide) open ~s; to indent several ~s; to fill every available ~

spacecraft n. 1. a manned; unmanned ~ (see the Usage Note for ship) 2. a ~ docks

spacelift n. 1. to abort a ~ 2. a manned; unmanned ~ 3. a ~ to (a ~ to the moon)

space vehicle n. to launch a ~ (see the Usage Note for ship)

spacing n. (on a typewriter or word processor) double; single ~

spadework n. (AE) "preparations" to do the ~

span n. 1. a brief, short ~ 2. an attention; life; memory ~ 3. a wing ~ 4. in a certain ~ (in the brief ~ of ten years) 5. (misc.) over a ~ of five years = over a five-year ~; records covering the whole ~ of contemporary history

spanking n. 1. to give smb. a (good) ~ 2. to get a ~ (he got a good ~ for his misbehavior) 3. (misc.) to deserve a ~

spanner n. 1. a box ~ (BE; AE has lug wrench)

spar v. (D; intr.) (“to fight”) ~ over; with

spare v. 1. (C) can you ~ a few minutes for me today? or: can you ~ me a few minutes today?; can you ~ some change for a beggar ~ or: can you ~ a beggar some change? 2. (O; can be used with one animate object) ~ us the gory details!; he wanted to ~ you embarrassment 3. (misc.) we got there with a few minutes to ~; we got there with time to ~ (“we got there early”)

sparing adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ of (she’s not ~ of herself!)

spark n. 1. to emit, produce a ~ 2. ~s fly 3. (misc.) a shower of ~

sparkle v. (D; intr.) ~ with (~ with humor)

sparrow n. 1. ~s chirp 2. a flock of ~

spasm n. 1. (a) coughing; muscle ~ 2. to go into ~ (my muscles went into ~) 3. to be in ~ (my muscles are in ~) 4. a ~ passes, subsides (my muscle ~ subsided eventually)

spat I n. "quarrel" to have a ~ with

spat II v. (D; intr.) (“to quarrel”) ~ with

spatter v. 1. (D; tr.) ~ with (the car ~ed me with mud) 2. (D; tr.) ~ (all) over (the car ~ed mud (all) over me) 3. (P; intr.) the paint ~ed everywhere! / speak v. (“to talk”) 1. ~ glibly; loudly; quickly; rapidly; quietly; softly; slowly 2. ~ clearly, distinctly; coherently; correctly; fluently; politely 3. ~ bluntly, candidly, frankly, freely, openly; responsibly; truthfully 4. ~ incorrectly; irresponsibly; rudely 5. (D; intr.) ~ about, of, on (~ about politics) 6. (d; intr.) ~ against; for, in favor of (~ against a bill) 7. (d; intr.) ~ as (~ as the party candidate) 8. (d; intr.) ~ for, on behalf of ("to be a spokesperson for") (she spoke for all of us; who will ~ for the accused?; “Speak for England, Arthur!” – Leo Amery, M.P., September 2, 1939) 9. (d; intr.) ~ in (~ in they were ~ing in English; more usu. is: they were ~ing English) 11. (d; intr.) ~ to (~ to address”) (she spoke to the crowd; to ~ to the subject; to ~ to the question on the agenda; don’t ~ to him) 12. (D; intr.) (“to converse”) ~ to (esp. AE) with (she spoke to me about several things; esp. AE) I spoke with them for an hour) 13. (misc.) ~ well of smb. (“to praise smb.”) ~ ~ ill of smb. (“to criticize smb.”); ~ ~ itself (“it is self-evident”); roughly ~ing ("approximately"); strictly ~ing ("in exact terms"); generally ~ing

speaker n. [one who speaks] 1. a native (~ of a language) 2. an effective, good; eloquent; fluent ~ 3. a poor ~ 4. an after-dinner; guest; public ~ (she is a good public ~) ["device that amplifies sound"] 5. an extension ~; loudspeaker [misc] 6. the Speaker of the House (addressed as Mister Speaker or as Madam Speaker)

speaking n. public ~

speak out v. 1. (D; intr.) ~ about, concerning, on (~ on a subject) 2. (d; intr.) ~ against (“to oppose”) (~ against a proposal) 3. (d; intr.) ~ for, in favor of, on behalf of (“to support”) (~ for a proposal)

speak up see speak out

spear n. 1. to hurl, throw a ~ at 2. to thrust a ~ into

spearhead n. 1. to send out a ~ 2. an armored ~
special I adj. 1. ~ about (there was smt. ~ about her) 2. ~ to 3. extra-special
special II n. ["special program"] 1. a TV ~ ["reduced price"] 2. to offer a ~ (on)
specialist n. 1. to call in; consult a ~ 2. a ~ in, on (a ~ in plastic surgery; a ~ on Milton)
specialize v. (D; intr.) ~ to
species n. 1. an endangered; protected ~ 2. an animal; plant ~ = a ~ of animal; of plant 3. a ~ becomes extinct, dies out; is reintroduced; survives 4. a member of a ~
specific adj. 1. ~ about 2. ~ to (these symptoms are ~ to liver disease)
specifications n. 1. to adhere to, meet ~ 2. rigid ~
specify v. 1. (D; tr.) ~ to (by ~ smb. by name) 2. (L) the contract ~flies that a penalty must be paid if the work is not completed on time 3. (Q) the instructions ~ how the medicine is to be taken
specimen n. 1. to get; take a ~ to give, provide a ~ ~ 3. a blood; sputum; stool; urine ~
specs (colloq.) see specifications, spectacles
spectacle n. ["show, exhibition"] 1. to stage a ~ 2. a dramatic ~ ["object of curiosity"] 3. to make a ~ of oneself 4. a curious; magnificent; pitiful; ridiculous ~
spectacles n. (now esp. BE) 1. to need; put on; take off; wear ~ 2. to be fitted for ~ 3. horn-rimmed; steel-rimmed ~ 4. a pair of ~
spectators n. to seat ~ (the stadium seats sixty thousand ~)
spectrum n. 1. a broad, wide ~ 2. (misc.) there was wholehearted endorsement for/or the plan of from both ends of the political ~
speculate v. 1. (D; intr.) ["to meditate, think"] ~ to ~ about, on (to ~ about the election results) 2. (D; intr.) ["to conduct business by taking risks"] ~ to ~ in; on (to ~ in oil shares; to ~ in gold; to ~ on the stock market) 3. (L) ["to assume, think"] they ~d that the election results would be close
speculation n. ["meditation, thinking"] 1. to indulge in ~ 2. idle; pure; widespread; wild ~ 3. ~ is rife 4. a flurry of ~ 5. ~ about, over (~ about the upcoming elections) 6. ~ that + clause (there was ~ that the election results would be close) ["risksy business methods"] 7. to engage in ~ 8. property (BE); real-estate (AE); stock-market ~ 9. ~ in (~ in stocks and bonds)
speculator n. a property (BE), real-estate (AE); stock-market ~
speculum n. a nasal; vaginal ~
speech n. ["address, talk"] 1. to deliver, give, make a ~ ~ to (2. to ad-lib, improvise a ~ ~ 3. an eloquent; passionate; rousing, stirring ~ 4. a brief, short; impromptu, unrehearsed ~ 5. a boring; long; long-winded; rambling ~ 6. an acceptance; after-dinner; campaign; farewell; inaugural; keynote; maiden; nominating; political; welcoming ~ 7. a ~ about, on, in (to deliver a ~ about climate change in German to a large audience) 8. during; in a ~ (there was a lot of applause during the ~ and there were a lot of good points in it) ["communication in words"] 9. free ~ = freedom of ~ 10. a figure of ~ ["pronunciation"] 11. clipped ~ 12. impaired; slurred ~ ["smb.'s words"] 13. direct; indirect; reported ~
speechless adj. 1. to be left ~ 2. ~ with (~ with anger)
speed I n. ["swiftness, velocity"] 1. to build up, gain, gather, increase, pick up; maintain (a ~ to 2. to reach a ~ (to reach cruising ~ ~ to reach a ~ of one hundred miles an hour) 3. to decrease, reduce; lose ~ 4. (a) breakneck, breathtaking, high, lightning; cruising; deliberate; full, maximum; top; low; moderate; steady; supersonic ~ 5. a burst of ~ 6. at a certain ~ (at top ~; to travel at a ~ of one hundred miles per hour) 7. with a certain ~ (they finished the work with great ~; with all deliberate ~) 8. (misc.) to adjust the idling ~ on an engine; full ~ ahead!; at ~ (BE) ["at high speed"] (the car raced through the village at ~) ["amphetamines"] (slang) 9. to shoot; snort ~ 10. to be on ~
speed v. (P; intr., tr.) ~ to ~ south; ~ to smb. to the airport
speed limit n. 1. to enforce; establish, impose, set a ~ 2. to keep to, observe a ~ 3. to exceed a ~ 4. at; below; under; over; within the ~
spell I n. ["incantation"] 1. to cast a ~ on, over 2. to put smb. under a ~ 3. to break, remove a ~ 4. to fall under smb.'s ~ 5. a magic ~ 6. under a ~
spell II n. ["period"] 1. a cold; hot; rainy; sunny; warm ~ 2. a long; short ~ 3. a ~ as (he had a short ~ as a game-show host) ["period of illness"] 4. a coughing; dizzy; fainting ~ (she had been having dizzy ~)
spellbinding adj. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to read her memoirs are ~ to read)
spell check n. to do, run a ~ (she ran a ~ on her computer)
spelling n. 1. phonetic ~ 2. (a) correct; incorrect; variant ~ 3. in (phonetic) ~
spell out v. 1. (B) they ~ed out their demands to us
speed II n. ["show, exhibition"] 1. a show ~ 2. a dra~ (BE) ["exhibition"] (the car raced through the village at ~)
spend v. 1. (D; tr.) ~ for, on (to ~ a lot of money
spending n. 1. to boost, increase ~ 2. cap, limit; curtail, cut, cut back (on); decrease ~ 3. deficit; defense; government, public; military; welfare ~
sperm count n. a low; normal; high ~
spew v. 1. (d; intr.) ~ to ~ from, out of (lava ~ed from the crater) 2. (d; intr.) ~ into (fumes ~ed into the atmosphere)
spice I n. 1. to add ~(s) 2. ground ~(s)
spice II v. (D; tr.) to ~ with (to ~ a cake with cinnamon)
spider n. 1. ~s crawl 2. ~s spin webs
spike v. (D; tr.) to ~ with (to ~ the punch with rum)
spill I n. ["accidental pouring"] 1. an oil ~["fall"] 2. to take a ~ (from a horse) 3. a nasty ~
spill II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ all over, on (I ~ed the milk all over her) 2. (d; intr.) ("to pour") to ~ into (the crowd was ~ing into the streets) 3. (d; intr.) ("to flow") to ~ out of (the liquid was ~ing out of the container)
spill over v. (D; intr.) to ~ into (the crowd was ~ing over into the adjacent streets)
spin I n. ["fast drive"] (colloq.) 1. to go for, take a ~ (let’s go for a ~ around town) ["fall"] 2. to go into a ~ (the plane went into a (flat) ~; the market went into a ~) 3. to come out of a ~ ["rotation"] 4. to put a ~ on smt. (to put a ~ on a tennis ball) (see also spin bowling at bowling ["interpretation"] 5. to put a ~ on smt. 6. a political; positive ~ (see also spin doctor at doctor; spin dryer at dryer)
spin II v. 1. (D; tr.) ("to make") to ~ from, out of; into (to ~ wool into yarn = to ~ yarn out of wool) 2. (D; intr.) ("to turn") to ~ on (a wheel ~s on its axle)
spinal tap n. to do a ~ (on smb.)
spill-off n. a ~ from
spiral I n.
spin-off
spinal tap
spiral I
spoil
spiral I
spoils n. 1. to divide the ~ (of war) 2. (misc.) a division of the ~ (they argued over the division of the ~)
spoken adj. ~ for ("reserved")
spokesman see spokesperson
spokesperson n. a ~ for (a ~ for the strikers)
spokeswoman see spokesperson

sponge I n. ["spongy substance"] 1. to squeeze a ~ ["symbol of surrender"] 2. to throw in, toss in the ~
sponge II v. (colloq.) 1. (D; tr.) ("to wheedle") to ~ from, off, off of (AE) (he ~d a cigarette from me) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ off (of), on ("to impose on") (to ~ on one’s friends)
sponsor I n. 1. a radio; television, TV ~ 2. a ~ for, of
sponsor II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ for (she ~ed me) 2. (misc.) a division of the ~ (they argued over the division of the ~)
sponsorship n. 1. ~ for, of (her ~ of me for membership) 2. under smb.’s ~ (I became a member under her ~)

spoo n. ["parody"] a ~ of, on (it was a ~ on the political campaign)
spoon n. a coffee; dessert; measuring; soup ~; tablespoon; teaspoon

spoonful n. a heaping (AE), heaped (BE); level ~
spoon-feed v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ to (she spoon-fed her students with theory) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ with (she spoon-fed her students with theory)

sport n. ["person judged by her / his ability to take a loss or teasing"] 1. a bad, poor; good ~ 2. a ~ about (she was a good ~ about losing the bet) ["mockery"] (old-fashioned) 3. to make ~ of smb. ("to mock smb.")["type of physical activity"] 4. a contact; spectator; team ~ 5. an exciting; strenuous, vigorous ~ (sking is an exciting ~) ["physical activity"] (BE) 6. to go in for, play ~ 7. fond of ~; in the world of ~ (AE has sports)
sporting adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of them to give us a chance = giving us a chance was a ~ thing for them to do)

sports n. ["physical activity"] (AE) 1. to go in for, play ~ 2. fond of ~; in the world of ~ (BE has sport)["types of physical activity"] 3. amateur; aquatic; water; competitive; indoor; intercollegiate (AE), inter-university (BE); intramural; outdoor; professional; varsity; winter ~ ["track meet"] (BE) 4. school ~; ~ day

sportsmanship n. to display, show (good; poor) ~ (she showed (her) good ~ by congratulating the person who beat her)

spot I n. ["mark, stain"] 1. to leave, make a ~ 2. to get out, remove a ~ 3. a grease ~ ["mark on the skin"] 4. a beauty ~ (see also break out in spots at break out; come out in spots at come out) ["area, place"] 5. a bald; black; high; isolated, secluded; low ~ 6. the penalty (soccer), the sweet (esp. tennis) ~ 7. at a ~ (let’s meet at this same ~ tomorrow) (see also rooted to the spot at rooted) ["place of entertainment"] (colloq.) 8. to hit ("visit") all the night ~s ["point, position"] 9. a bright ~; the high; the low ~ (the high ~ of our visit) 10. (misc.) X marks the ~ ["m[isc]"] 11. on the ~ ("immediately"); ("at the center of activity"); ("exposed to the worst danger") to put smb. on the ~ ("to expose smb. to danger"); a blind ~ ("an area that cannot be seen") (also fig.: see also blind spot); to have a soft/tender/warm ~ (in one’s heart) for ("to have a weakness for"); to be in a tight ~ ("to be in a difficult situation"); a trouble ~ (that reporter has been in many trouble ~s throughout the world); (BE; colloq.) a ~ of bother ("a bit of trouble")

spot II v. 1. (d; tr.) ("to identify") to ~ as (the police ~ted him as a known criminal) 2. (J) ("to see") we ~ted them going through the gate 3. (esp. AE) (O) ("to give as a handicap") he ~ted me ten points 4. (misc.) (BE) it is ~ting with rain; "Look! There’s a red squirrel!" "Well ~ted!"

spotlight n. 1. to direct, focus, shine, turn a ~ on 2. (fig.) in the ~

spouse n. a beloved; faithful; unfaithful ~
sput v. (d; intr.) ("to spurt") to ~ from

sprawl I n. urban ~
sprawl II v. (P; intr.) to ~ on the sofa

sprawling adj. to send smb. ~
spray I n. an aerosol; hair; insect ~
spray II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ on; onto, over (to ~ paint on the walls) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ with (to ~ the walls with paint)

spread I n. ["expansion, transmission"] 1. to arrest, check, halt, stop; prevent the ~ (of a disease) 2. a ~ from; to (we did our best to prevent the ~ of the disease from parents to children) ["food"] 3. a cheese ~ ["misc."] 4. (the) middle-age(d) ~

spread II v. 1. to ~ smt. evenly; thickly; thinly (to ~ paint evenly) 2. to ~ quickly; unchecked (the epidemic spread unchecked) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ on (to ~ butter on bread) 4. (D; tr.) to ~ over (to ~ a blanket over a bed; to ~ payments over a year) 5. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ from; to (we did our best to prevent the disease from ~ing from parents to children; the epidemic spread to neighboring countries) 6. to ~ with (to ~ bread with butter) 7. (misc.) to ~ like wildfire; this butter ~s easily (on bread); to ~ papers out on the floor

spree n. 1. to go on a ~ 2. a crime; shopping; spending; weekend ~

spring I n. ["season"] 1. early; last; late; mid-; next ~ 2. during the, in (the) ~ (we met late in the ~ of 1995 = we met in the late ~ of 1995) 3. (misc.) there is a touch of ~ in the air; a harbinger of ~ (see also spring equinox at equinox) ["source of water"] 4. a hot, thermal; mineral; subterranean ~ ["bounce, elasticity"] 5. a ~ in, to (there was a ~ to her step) ["device of coiled metal"] 6. a box; watch ~

spring II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ at (the lion sprang at the hunter) 2. (d; intr.) ("to arise, result") to ~ from 3. (D; tr.) to ~ on ("to present without warning to
squeak I n. ["squeak"] 1. to emit, give, let out a ~ (the car stopped suddenly with a ~ of its brakes; she saw the cake with a ~ of delight) 2. to emit, give, let out a ~ (to warn smb. about an unfair decision) 3. the main ~ 4. the public ~ (fig.) (an issue hotly debated in the public ~)
squeak II v. (D; intr.) to ~ about (she ~ed (to us) about the unfairness of the decision) 2. (L; to) she ~ed (to us) that the decision was unfair = "The decision’s unfair!" she ~ed (to us)
squeak II n. ["shriek"] 1. to emit, give, let out a ~ 2. with a ~ (the gate closed with a ~) ["escape"] (col- loq.) 3. a close (AE), narrow (BE) ~
squelch I n. to emit, give, let out a ~
squelch II v. (colloq.) 1. (D; intr.) ("to complain") to ~ about (she ~ed to us about the unfairness of the decision) 2. (L; to) she ~ed (to us) that the decision was unfair = "The decision’s unfair!" she ~ed (to us)
smb. to death; to ~ smb. in the back (usu. fig.); to ~ at smb. – but miss

stability n. 1. to lend ~ to 2. economic; emotional; political; social ~ 3. in

stabilization n. economic; price ~

stable n. a livery; riding (esp. AE) ~

stack I n. 1. a bookstack; haystack; smokestack (esp. AE) 2. (misc.) to pile books in a ~; (colloq.) (AE) to blow one’s ~ (“to lose one’s temper”)

stack II v. 1. (D; tr.) (“to arrange underhandedly”) to ~ against (the cards were ~ed against her) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ with (the floor was ~ed with books) 3. (P; tr.) ~ the books on the floor; ~ the boxes against the door; ~ the merchandise in piles

stacks n. (in a library) 1. closed; open ~ 2. in the ~

stack up v. (colloq.) (esp. AE) (D; intr.) to ~ against, to (“to compare to”) (how do we ~ to the competition?)

stadium n. 1. to crowd, fill, jam, pack a ~ 2. to empty a ~ 3. a baseball; football; Olympic ~ 4. a ~ empties; fills 5. a ~ holds, seats (the ~ holds 70,000 people) 6. in, into a ~ (70,000 people can fit into the ~)

staff I n. “personnel” 1. to dismiss, fire; employ; hire; lay off; recruit ~ 2. an administrative; coaching; editorial; hospital; medical; nursing; office; teaching ~ 3. a skeleton ~ 4. junior; permanent; senior; temporary; ~ 5. on the ~ 6. (misc.) to join a ~ (she joined the ~ as an editor); a member of the ~ = a ~ member “group of officers serving a commander” 7. a general; joint; military; personal; special ~ 8. on a ~ (he was on the general ~) 9. (misc.) to assign smb. to a ~ (she was assigned to the ~ as an intelligence officer); a chief of ~ USAGE NOTE: In AE the teaching staff of an educational institution is typically called its faculty.

staff II v. (d; tr.) to ~ by, with (the office was ~ed with part-time workers)

stag adj., adv. to go ~ (“unaccompanied by smb. of the opposite sex” = AE, “unaccompanied by smb. of the female sex” = CE)

stage n. “[platform on which plays are performed]” 1. a revolving; sinking; sliding ~ 2. off; on the ~ (she has appeared many times on ~; to go on ~; she’s very different off ~ from on ~) “[scene, setting]” 3. to set the ~ for (the ~ was set for a showdown) (see also center stage) “[level, degree, step]” 4. to go through: reach a ~ 5. an advanced; beginning; elementary; closing; final; last; critical; crucial; key; early; intermediate; late; opening ~ 6. flood ~ 7. at a ~ (negotiations were at a crucial ~; the river was at flood ~) 8. in a ~ (in this ~ of one’s development) “[portion, part]” 9. easy ~s 10. by, in ~s (to cover a distance by easy ~s; to learn a language in easy ~s)

stagefright n. 1. to get; have ~ 2. a (bad) case of ~

stagger v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ from; into (to ~ into a room) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ out of (to ~ out of a building) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ to; toward 4. (R) it ~ed me to

learn of the earthquake 5. (misc.) to ~ to one’s feet; to ~ under a heavy burden

staggered adj. 1. ~ at, by (~ at the news of the earthquake) 2. ~ to + inf. (I was ~ to learn of the earthquake)

staggering adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ to learn of the earthquake)

stain I n. “[discolored spot]” 1. to leave a ~ 2. to get out, remove a ~ 3. a stubborn ~ 4. a ~ on (there’s a ~ on your shirt) (also fig.) (a ~ on smb.’s reputation)

stain II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ with (he ~ed his shirt with ink) 2. (N; used with an adjective) we ~ed the wood dark brown

staircase n. a circular, spiral; winding ~

stairs n. 1. to climb, come up, go up, walk up the ~ 2. to come down; go down, walk down the ~ 3. moving ~ 4. service ~ 5. (misc.) a flight of ~; at the bottom, foot/ head, top of the ~

stairway see staircase

stake I n. “[stick]” 1. to drive a ~ (into the ground) 2. to plant a ~ (in the ground) “[post]” 3. (to burn smb.) at the ~ “[share]” 4. to have a ~ in smt. (we want everyone to feel they have a ~ in society) 5. a personal ~ “[risk]” 6. at ~ (our whole future is at ~); to go to the ~ for/over smt. (“to regard smt. as vitally important”) (esp. BE) (he prefers bitter to lager – but he wouldn’t go to the ~ for/over it!) (see also stakes)

stake II v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ on (~ to one’s hope(s) on an investment) 2. (misc.) to ~ a claim to smt.

stakeholder n. a ~ in (we want everyone to feel they are ~s in society!)

stake out v. (D; tr.) to ~ on, to (esp. AE) (~ to ~ a claim to a mine)

stakes n. “[wager”][“prize]” 1. to lower; raise the ~ 2. big, high (~ to play for high ~) “[misc]” (colloq.) 3. to pull up, up ~ (“to move elsewhere”) (one day he just ~d (and left) without telling anybody!) 4. to ~ a claim to smt.

stalemate n. 1. to end in, reach a ~ 2. to break, end a ~ 3. a continuing ~, a ~ between; in; over (we tried to break the continuing ~ in the negotiations between them over pay)

stall v. (P; intr.) to ~ out of the room

stall II n. (BE) 1. a market ~(see also stand I n. 9) 2. (misc.) a stallholder

stall II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ on (they were ~ing on handing over the documents) 2. (misc.) to ~ for time

stamina n. the ~ to ~ inf. (she lacked the ~ to finish the race)

stammer I n. (to have, speak with) a nervous ~

stammer II v. 1. to ~ nervously 2. (B) she ~d (out) a few words to us 3. (L; to) she ~ed to us that she was sorry = “I’m sorry,” she ~ed (to us)

stamp I n. “[postage stamp]” 1. to put, stick a ~ on (an envelope) 2. to lick, moisten a ~ (on the face of a letter) 3. to ~ a claim to a mine 4. a ~ on (there’s a ~ on your shirt) (also fig.) (a ~ on smb.’s reputation)

stamp II n. “[memorative; postage; revenue; tax ~]”
roll; set; sheet of ~s [*coupon*] 8. a food; trading ~ [*device for imprinting*] 9. a rubber ~ (see also stamp of approval at approval) [*clear sign, mark*] 10. to bear, carry; leave a certain ~ (she bore the ~ of authority from the moment she took over and has certainly left her ~ on the company)

**stamp II** v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ as ("to mark") (these revelations ~ed him as a cheat) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ in, on ("to affix") (to ~ a date in a passport) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ on ("to crush") (to ~ on an insect) 4. (N; used with an adjective) ("to mark") she ~ed the document secret 5. (P; intr.) ("to stomp") she ~ed out of the room

**stampede II** v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ into (they were ~d into selling their homes) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ to, towards (they ~d towards the exit) 3. (E) they ~d to get to the exit

**stance** n. [*"attitude, position"*] 1. to adopt, take a ~ (the party leaders have adopted an unpopular ~ on the deficit) 2. a controversial ; intransigent, uncompromising ; middle-of-the-road, moderate ; radical; tough ~ 3. a ~ on (the president took a tough ~ on the issue of tax reform)

**stand** I n. 1. ("defense") 1. to make, put up a ~ 2. a last ~ [*"attitude, position"*] 3. to take a ~ 4. a controversial ; defiant; firm, resolute, strong ; intransigent, uncompromising ~ 5. a ~ against; for, in favor of; on (the president took a resolute ~ on the issue of tax reform) [*rack, small table*] 6. a music ; umbrella ~ [*place taken by a witness*] 7. to take the ~ 8. a witness ~ (AE; BE has witness box) [*small structure used for conducting business*] (BE often prefers stall) 9. a fruit; hot-dog ~; newsstand; vegetable ~ [*"performance, engagement*] 10. a one-night ~ (also fig.; "a single sexual encounter") [*row*] 11. a taxi ~ (BE prefers taxi rank) (see also stands)

**stand** II v. 1. ("to hold oneself") to ~ firm; still; straight; tall 2. (BE; d; intr.) ("to be a candidate") to ~ as (to ~ as a Labour candidate) 3. (d; intr.) ("to hold oneself erect") to ~ at (to ~ at attention; to ~ at ease) 4. (d; intr.) to ~ by ("to support") (her family stood by her throughout the trial) 5. (d; intr.) to ~ for ("to represent") (our party used to ~ for progress) 6. (BE; run is esp. AE) (d; intr.) to ~ for ("to be a candidate") (to ~ for Parliament against the incumbent M.P.) 7. (d; intr.) to ~ for ("to tolerate") (we will not ~ for such conduct; I won’t ~ for his boasting) 8. (d; intr.) to ~ on ("to insist on") (to ~ on one’s rights; to ~ on ceremony) 9. (d; intr.) to ~ over ("to watch") (he always ~s over me when I work) 10. (d; intr.) ("to be regarded") to ~ with (how do you ~ with your boss?) 11. (E) ("to face") ("to have as a prospect") we stood to gain a great deal 12. (esp. BE) (E; usu. with cannot ~ can’t ~ couldn’t) ("to tolerate") she couldn’t ~ to wait any longer 13. (G; usu. with cannot ~ can’t ~ couldn’t) ("to tolerate") she couldn’t ~ waiting any longer 14. (K; usu. with cannot ~ can’t ~ couldn’t) ("to tolerate") I can’t ~ his boasting 15. (esp. BE) (O) ("to buy") can I ~ you another round of drinks? 16. (P; tr.) ("to place") she stood the bottle on the table; I stood the books in a row; ~ the paintings against the door 17. (s) she stood first in her class; to ~ accused of murder; I ~ corrected 18. (misc.) she couldn’t ~ it when she had to wait; I can’t ~ it when he boasts; to ~ in smb.’s way; your balance ~s at one thousand dollars; the building ~s five hundred feet high; the inflation rate ~s at sixteen percent; (AE) to ~ by one’s guns ("to defend one’s viewpoint stubbornly") ~ on one’s own (two) feet ("to support oneself") to ~ tall (esp. AE; colloq.) ("to be resolute") (see also stand at pat adj., adv.)

**stand apart v.** (D; intr.) to ~ from (she stood apart from the others)

**standard** n. 1. to establish, set a ~ 2. to apply a ~ 3. to have a ~ (to have high ~s) 4. to adhere to, maintain a ~ 5. to come up to, meet a ~ 6. to lower; raise ~s/s/a ~n (to raise the ~ of living; to raise academic ~s) 7. to abandon a ~ (the gold ~ was abandoned) 8. a high; low ~ 9. a double; moral ~ (to apply a double ~) 10. a rigorous, strict ~ 11. the gold ~ (to go off the gold ~) (also fig.) (this dictionary is the gold ~ of excellence against which all other dictionaries must be measured) 12. a living ~, living ~s (see also standard of living at living)

**standard of living** n. 13. academic, scholastic; educational; moral; professional ~s 14. below; up to ~; to a certain ~ (the work was not up to ~) so we made sure that it was done again to a very high ~) 15. by a certain ~ (by our ~s the candidate is not satisfactory; in fact, by any ~s he’s pretty unsatisfactory!) 16. ~s are falling, going down; going up, rising 17. on a ~ (on a gold ~)

**standardization** n. to achieve, bring about ~

**standard of living** n. 1. to raise the ~ 2. a high; low ~ 3. a ~ falls, goes down; goes up, rises

**stand back** v. (D; intr.) to ~ from

**standby** n. [*"alert"*] to be on ~

**stand by** v. ("to be ready") 1. (D; intr.) to ~ with (they were ~ing by with additional supplies) 2. (E) to ~ to land 3. (misc.) how can you just ~ idly by when millions of children are dying of hunger?!

**stand clear** v. (d; intr.) to ~ of (~ of the closing doors, please!)

**stand down** v. (esp. BE) (D; intr.) ("to withdraw") to ~ in favor of (the other candidate)

**stand in** v. (d; intr.) to ~ for ("to substitute for") (can anyone ~ for her?)

**standing** n. [*"duration"*] 1. of (long) ~ (a custom of long ~ = a long-standing custom) [*"status"*] 2. academic; advanced ~ (at a university) 3. ~ among, with (his intransigent stand on tax reform enhanced his ~ among the voters) 4. the ~ to + inf. (who has the ~ to take over the leadership of the party?) 5. (misc.) in good ~; an artist of high ~ [*misc.*] 6.
stand out v. 1. (D; intr.) “(to be clearly visible)” to ~ against (to ~ against a dark background) 2. (D; intr.) “(to be noticeable)” to ~ among, from, in (to ~ among the others; to ~ in a crowd; to ~ from the rest of the group) 3. (D; intr.) “(to be noticeable)” to ~ as (she ~s out as the leading candidate) 4. (coll.-loq.) (BE) (d; intr.) to ~ for ("to insist on") (to ~ out for higher wages) 5. (misc.) he stood out for his intransigent stand on tax reform

standpoint n. from a ~ (from a practical ~; from our ~) (see also viewpoint)

stands n. ["for spectators to stand or sit"] in the ~ (compare bleachers)

standstill n. 1. to bring smt. to a ~ 2. to come to, end in, reach a ~ 3. to end a ~ 4. a complete, total ~ 5. a ~ between; in; over (we tried to end the total ~ in the negotiations between them over pay) 6. at a ~ (negotiations were at a complete ~) 7. (misc.) to fight smb. to a ~

stand up v. 1. to ~ straight 2. (d; intr.) to ~ for ("to defend") (to ~ for one’s rights) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ to ("to resist") (no one dared to ~ to the boss; this jacket will ~ to rough wear) 4. (misc.) the charges will not ~ ("be accepted")

staple v. (D; tr.) to ~ to (~ this page to that sheet)

star I n. 1. (A) a bright ~ (~s) (we walked under the bright ~s) 2. a falling, shooting ~ 3. a distant ~ 4. a ~ out for higher wages) 5. (misc.) he stood out for his intransigent stand on tax reform

star II n. 1. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ as (in his last film he ~red as a cowboy) 2. (D; intr.) ("to be clearly visible") to ~ stand out v. 1. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ as (in his last film he ~red as a cowboy) 2. (D; intr.) ("to be clearly visible") to ~ stand out ("be accepted")

starch I n. cornstarch (AE; BE has "potato ~")

starch II v. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ to see them dressed like that)

stare I n. wide-eyed ~

stare II v. 1. to ~ blankly; coldly, icily; fixedly; haughtily; vacantly; wide-eyed 2. (D; intr.) to ~ into (to ~ into space) 4. (misc.) the solution was ~ring us in the face ("the solution was obvious")

start I n. 1. to get off to, make a ~ 2. to have a ~ 3. a flying, running ~ (to get off to a flying ~) 4. a head ~ (to have a head ~) 5. a fresh, new ~ (they got off to/ made a fresh ~) 6. an auspicious, promising ~ (the project got off to/had a promising ~) 7. an inauspicious, unpromising ~; false; shaky ~ (they got off to a shaky ~) 8. a ~ at, on (they made a fresh, new ~ at working out their problems; they got off to a shaky ~ on the project) 9. at the ~ 10. for a ~ (for a ~, let’s agree where we should meet) 11. from the ~ 12. (misc.) ~ to finish ["misc"] 13. by fits and ~ ("in irregular bursts of activity")

start II v. 1. to ~ afresh, anew 2. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ as (she ~d her career as a dancer) 3. (d; intr., tr.) ("to begin") to ~ at (prices ~ at five dollars; they ~d the bidding at fifty dollars) 4. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ to (by they ~d (the proceedings) by reviewing the facts of the case) 5. (D; intr.) ("to leave") to ~ for (when did they ~ for the airport?) 6. (d; intr.) ("to leave") to ~ from (we ~ed from Philadelphia) 7. (d; intr.) to ~ on to (on a trip; to ~ on another case) 8. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ with (they ~ed the (proceedings) with a review of the facts of the case; let’s ~ with you) 9. (E) they ~d to cough 10. (G) they ~ed coughing 11. (J) what ~ed them coughing? 12. (misc.) to ~ with, let’s consider climate change; to ~ young; she ~ed towards the door; don’t ~ anything ("don’t cause any trouble")

start back v. (P; intr.) let’s ~ for home; before it gets dark, we should ~ to the city; while the ferries are still running, we should ~ across the river; we should ~ from this point at dawn

starters n. (coll.-loq.) for ~ ("to begin with") (for ~, let’s consider climate change)

start in v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ by (they ~d by reviewing the facts of the case) 2. (AE; d; intr.) to ~ on ("to put pressure on") (then they ~d in on her) 3. (misc.) they ~d in on me to buy a new car (AE); they’re ~ing in again with their critical remarks

startle v. 1. (D; intr.) let’s ~ for home; before it gets dark, we should ~ to the city; while the ferries are still running, we should ~ across the river; we should ~ from this point at dawn

startling adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ to see them dressed like that)

start off v. 1. see start II 1–8 2. (D; intr.) to ~ to (they ~d off to the airport without saying goodbye) 3. (misc.) to ~ to death; to ~ oneself to death (see also starve to death at death)

starved adj. ~ for, of (BE) (~ for company)

state I n. ["government"] 1. to establish, found, set up a ~ to 2. to govern, rule a ~ 3. a city; free; independent; nation; sovereign ~ 4. a buffer; client; puppet ~ 5. a capitalist; communist; socialist; welfare ~ 6. a failed; garrison; one-party; police; totalitarian ~ 7. a secular; theocratic ~ 8. a member

state II n. ["all-star show!"] ("for spectators to stand or sit") in the ~ (compare bleachers)
state II

1. to categorically; clearly; emphatically
2. to seek, strive for
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11. (AE) to turn
12. (see also state of affairs at affairs)
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**stay abreast** v. (D; intr.) to ~ of (to ~ of the news; the runners ~ed abreast of each other)

**stay ahead** v. (D; intr.) to ~ of

**stay away** v. (D; intr.) to ~ from (to ~ from smb.)

**staying power** n. the ~ to + inf. (does she have the ~ to finish the race?)

**stay on** v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ as (she ~ed on as deputy) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for the evening’s entertainment) 3. (misc.) to ~ (in order) to enjoy the evening’s entertainment

**stay out** v. 1. to ~ late 2. to ~ on strike

**steak** n. 1. to broil (AE), grill a ~ 2. a juicy ; tender ; (esp. US) ; T-bone ~ 5. (BE) braising ; stewing ~

**steal** v. 1. (D; tr.) (“to take or have surreptitiously”) to ~ at (to ~ a glance at smb.) 2. (D; intr., tr.) (“to take illegally”) to ~ from (to ~ from the rich; he stole money from his employer) 3. (d; intr.) (“to depart silently”) to ~ from, out of (she stole out of the room) 4. (P; intr.) (“to move silently”) she stole into the house; we stole quietly across the field; the intruder stole through the rooms

**stealth** n. by ~ (to enter a building by ~)

**steal up** v. (D; intr.) (“to sneak up”) to ~ behind; on, to (he stole up behind/on me in the dark)

**steam** I. 1. to emit ~ 2. to get up, produce, work up ~ 3. ~ condenses ; forms 4. ~ hisses 5. a cloud; wisp of ~ 6. (misc. (colloq.) to blow off, let off ~ (“to vent one’s feelings”); to run out of ~ (“to use up one’s energy”); a head of ~ (fig.) (“energy, momentum”) (our indignation helped us to work up/get up quite a head of ~ even before the campaign got under way!)

**steam II** v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ into; out of (to ~ into a harbor) 2. (N; used with an adjective) she ~ed the envelope open

**steamed up** adj. (colloq.) [“angry”] ~ about, over (don’t get ~ about/over smt. so unimportant!)

**steamer** n. 1. an oceangoing ; paddle; tramp ~ 2. by ~ (to enter a building by ~)

**steamroller** v. (d; tr.) to ~ through (to ~ a bill through Congress)

**steel** I. 1. to make, produce ~ 2. to temper ~ 3. ~ n.

**steep** adj. steeped (cannot stand alone) ~ in (~ in local traditions)

**steeped** adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ in (~ in local traditions)

**steepen** v. (d; intr.) (“to become steeper”) 1. (P; intr., tr.) we ~ed for port; they ~ed for the morning’s entertainment

**steer** I. n. a church ~

**steerance** n. ["section in a passenger ship"] 1. to travel ~ 2. in ~ (to cross the ocean in ~)

**steering** n. power ~

**stem** I n. (ling.) a consonant ; verb ~

**stem** II v. (d; intr.) to ~ from

**stencil** n. a dreadful, horrible, unbearable ~

**stencil** n. to cut, make a ~

**step** I n. ["placing the foot"] 1. to make, take a ~ (to take a ~ backward) 2. to retrace one’s ~ 3. a giant (usu. fig.); long; mincing; short; small; stutter (AE) ~ ("That’s one small ~ for [a] man, one giant leap for mankind.") – Neil Armstrong (on the Moon), July 21, 1969) 4. (usu. fig.) ~ by ~ ["sequence of movements"] (dancing) 5. to execute, perform; learn a (dance) ~ ["stride in marching"] (mil.) 6. to keep in ~ 7. to change ~ 8. an even, steady ~ 9. half; route ~ 10. in ~; out of ~ (also fig.: she was out of ~ with everyone else) ["action"] 11. to take a ~ 12. a careful, prudent; positive; precautionary; preventive ~ 13. a bold; critical; decisive; giant; historic ~ (to take a giant ~ forward) 14. a dangerous; drastic; fatal ~ 15. a false; rash, risky ~ 16. (misc.) to keep a/a ~ of everyone; watch your ~! (~be careful!"") ["gait"] 17. a heavy; light ~ ["distance"] 18. a ~ from (their place is just a few ~s from the station) (see also steps)

**step** II v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ around (to ~ around a puddle) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ between (the referee ~ed between the two boxers) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ into (to ~ into a room) 4. (d; intr.) to ~ off (to ~ off a train) 5. (d; intr.) to ~ on (she ~ed on my foot; to ~ on the brake) 6. (d; intr.) to ~ out of (to ~ out of a room) 7. (d; intr.) to ~ over (she ~ed over the body) 8. (d; intr.) to ~ to, towards (the pupil ~ed
to the blackboard) 9. (misc.) to ~ out of line ("to behave inappropriately"); just ~ this way, madam; ~ lively (!"hurry up!")

**step aside** v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ for (she ~ ped aside for a younger candidate) 2. (misc.) she ~ ped down in favor of a younger candidate; she ~ ped down (in order) to make way for a younger candidate

**step back** v. (D; intr.) to ~ from (to ~ from the abyss)

**step down** v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ from (to ~ from the presidency) 2. (misc.) she ~ ped down in favor of a younger candidate; she ~ ped down (in order) to make way for a younger candidate

**step out** v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ into (to ~ into the corridor) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ on, onto (she ~ ped out on the terrace) 3. (misc.) (esp. AE) he was ~ ping out on his wife ("he was betraying his wife")

**steppingstone** n. a ~ to (a ~ to advancement)

**steps** n. ["stairs"] 1. to come up, go up the ~. to come down, go down the ~. steep ~ 4. a flight of ~

**step up** v. (D; intr.) to ~ to (he ~ ped right up to me and told me who he was)

**stereo** n. (to broadcast) in ~

**stereotype** n. 1. to perpetuate ; reinforce a ~ 2. to stereotype ~ for protocol

**stick** I n. 1. a hiking ; hockey ; lacrosse ; walking ~

**sticks** n. (colloq.) ["rural area"] in the ~ (to live way out in the ~)

**stick out** v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ for (colloq.) ("to defend") (to ~ for one’s friend)

**stiff** adj. 1. frozen; scared ~ 2. ~ from ; with (~ with mud from being left out too long)

**stigma** n. 1. to attach a ~ to 2. to bear, carry a ~ 3. a ~

**sting** I n. 1. a bee ; wasp ~ 2. a frozen ; scared ~ 3. to ~ for protocol

**stimulate** v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ into (they ~ d us into action) 2. (H) they ~ d us to act

**stimulating** adj. 1. intellectually ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (it is intellectually ~ to live in a large city)

**stimulation** n. 1. to provide ~ 2. erotic, sexual ; intellectual ~ (the intellectual ~ provided by living in a large city)

**stint** I n. 1. to give, provide a ~ 2. a powerful, strong ~ 3. a ~ to

**stink** I n. ("skin wound") 1. a bee ; wasp ~ ["con,swindler"] ["trap"] (colloq.) 2. to set up a ~ ["misch"] 3. to take the ~ out of smt. ("to minimize disappointment")

**sting** II v. (D; intr.) to ~ from (my eyes ~ from the window) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ into (her reproaches stung him into acting)

**stingly** adj. with (~ with one’s money)

**stink** I n. ("outrcy") (colloq.) to cause, kick up, make, raise a ~ (about) (they kicked up quite a ~ about the new plan) (see also stink bomb at bomb II n.)

**stint** I n. ["period of service"] 1. to do, serve a ~ (he did his ~ as a soldier) 2. during a ~ (he met his future wife abroad during his ~ as a soldier)
stint v. (D; intr.) (“to economize”) to ~ on (don’t ~ on the food)
stipend n. 1. to receive a ~ 2. to pay a ~ 3. a modest ~ (to live on a modest ~)
stipulate v. 1. (L) the contract ~ that the work must be finished by the end of the year 2. (Q) does the contract ~ when the work must be finished?
stipulation n. 1. to make a ~ 2. a ~ that + clause (the contract makes the ~ that the work must be finished by the end of the year)
stir I n. ["disturbance"] 1. to cause, create, make a ~ 2. a big; something of a ~ 3. a ~ among ~ 4. a ~ about, over (they created a big ~ among local people about the new plan)
stir II v. 1. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ in (they ~ed new merchandise in their store) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ with (they ~ed their store with new merchandise) 3. (misc.) she ~ed their store with new merchandise ; to ~ a pond
stimulate v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ one ingredient into another) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ to (the news ~red them to greater efforts) 4. (H) the news ~red them to make greater efforts 5. (misc.) to ~ all the ingredients together
stitch n. 1. to make a ~ 2. to drop; pick up, take up a ~ 3. to cast on ~es 4. (med.) to put ~es in 5. (med.) to remove, take out ~es 6. a cable; chain; cross; knit, plain (BE); purl; running ~ (see also stitches)
stitches n. in ~ (“convulsed with laughter”)
stock I n. ["Inventory, supply"] 1. to take ~ 2. in ~; out of (this item is not in ~) ["share, shares in a corporation"] 3. to buy; issue; sell ~ 4. common ~ (AE; BE has ordinary shares) 5. blue-chip; over-the-counter; preferred (AE; BE has preference shares) ~ (see also stocks) ["equipment"] 6. rolling ~ ("railway vehicles") ["confidence, trust"] 7. to put ~ in smb. ["evaluation"] 8. to take ~ (we must take ~ of the situation) ["stage productions"] (AE) 9. summer ~ ["livestock"] 10. to graze ~ ["lineage"] 11. of good ~ ["misfit"] 12. smb.’s ~ in trade ["stony customary practice"] (see also stock cube at cube)
stock II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ in (they ~ed new merchandise in their store) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ with (they ~ed their store with new merchandise; to ~ a pond with new fish)
stock exchange see stock market
stocking n. 1. mesh; nylon; seamless; silk; surgical ~s 2. a pair of ~s 3. (misc.) she got a ladder (BE)/run (esp. AE) in her ~
stock market n. 1. to gamble on, play, speculate on the ~ 2. to depress the ~ 3. the ~ closes strong; weak 4. the ~ opens strong; weak 5. the ~ is active; volatile; sluggish 6. the ~ is firm, steady; rising; up 7. the ~ goes up, rises; rallies; slumps 8. the ~ is depressed; down; falling 9. the ~ collapses, crashes; falls, goes down,
stocks n. ["shares on the stock market"] (esp. AE; CE has shares) 1. to buy; sell ~ (on the stock market) 2. ~ close strong; weak 3. ~ open strong; weak 4. ~ are active; sluggish 5. ~ are firm, steady; rising; up 6. ~ go up, rise; rally 7. ~ are depressed; down; falling 8. ~ collapse, crash; fall, go down; plummet; slump
stock up v. (D; intr.) to ~ on, with (to ~ on supplies)
stockyards n. at, in the ~ (to work at/in the ~)
stoical adj. ~ about
stoicism n. 1. to display ~ 2. great ~ 3. with ~ (to meet adversity with great ~) 4. the ~ to + inf. (she had the ~ to meet adversity uncomplainingly)
stole n. a fur; silk; woolen ~
stomach n. ["Digestive organ"] 1. to settle; turn, upset smb.’s ~ 2. an empty; full; queasy; sick; sour; strong; upset; weak ~ (see also sick to one’s ~) 3. smb.’s ~ aches, hurts; growls, rumbles 4. on an empty ~ 5. on one’s ~ (to lie on one’s ~) 6. (misc.) it turns my ~ (~ it disgusts me") (it turns my ~ to see such behavior!) ["inclination"] 7. to have no ~ for smt.
stomachache n. to get; have a ~ (BE also has to get, have ~)
stomp v. (P; intr.) she ~ed into my office; they ~ed out of the room; she ~ed on my toe
stone I n. ["piece of rock"] 1. to hurl, throw a ~ 2. a foundation; paving ~ 3. a block, slab of ~ 4. (misc.) to leave no ~ unturned (“to try all methods of achieving an end”) ["gem"] 5. to set a (precious) ~ 6. a precious ~ ["stony mass"] 7. a block; piece; slab of ~ (see also stone quarry at quarry II n.) ["stony mass in the body"] 8. a gallstone; kidney ~
stone II v. to ~ smb. to death
stone’s throw n. a ~ away; away from
stool n. 1. get on; get off; perch on; sit on a ~ 2. a bar; ducking ~; footstool; piano; step ~ 3. (misc.) (BE) to fall between two ~s (~ to fail to achieve either of two goals)
stoop v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ to (“to lower oneself to”) 2. (misc.) she ~ed into my office ; they ~ed (in order) to pick it up; She ~ed into my office (in order) to pick it up; She ~ed into my office (in order) to pick it up; She ~ed into my office (in order) to pick it up; She ~ed into my office (in order) to pick it up
stop I n. ["halt"] ["cessation"] 1. to make a ~ 2. to put a ~ to (the teacher put a ~ to the cheating) 3. to bring to a ~ (the driver brought the bus to a ~) 4. to come to a ~ (the train came to a ~) (see also stop sign) 5. an abrupt, sudden; brief; dead; full; smooth ~ 6. a comfort; rest; flag (AE); request (BE); regular; scheduled; unscheduled; whistle (AE) ("very brief") ~ 7. a bus; pit; refueling; streetcar (AE); tram (BE) ~ USAGE NOTE: The phrase pit stop means literally a stop made by a racing driver for repairs during a race. But it can also mean figuratively a stop during a trip to eat or to use the toilet. 8. at a ~ (at the bus ~) 9. (misc.) to miss one’s ~ ["place for resting"] 10. a truck ~ (esp. AE; BE has transport café: see at café) ["punctuation mark"] 11. a full ~ (BE; AE has period)
stop II v. 1. to ~ dead; short ~ 2. (D; intr.) to ~ at (to ~ at the intersection) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for lunch; to ~ for a red light; “Because I could not ~
for Death, He kindly ~ped for me’’ – Emily Dickinson, 1830–86 4. (D; tr.) to ~ from (you cannot ~ Romeo and Juliet from getting married) 5. (G) they ~ped talking 6. (J; BE) you cannot ~ Romeo and Juliet getting married 7. (K) you cannot ~ their getting married 8. (misc.) to ~ dead in one’s tracks; to ~ at nothing (“to allow no scruples to interfere with one’s efforts to achieve an end”); they ~ped (in order) to chat

**stop by** v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ at (we’ll ~ at your place) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for tea)

**stop in** v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ at (we’ll ~ at your place) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for tea)

**stop off** v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ at (we’ll ~ at your place)

**stop by** v. (d; intr.) to ~ of (they ~ped short of the ~) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ for (AE) (to ~ for tea)

**stop over** v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ at (we’ll ~ at your place) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ for (AE) (to ~ for tea)

**stoppage** n. 1. a work ~ 2. during; throughout a ~

**stopping** see the Usage Note for **standing**

**stop short** v. (d; intr.) to ~ of (they ~ped short of the ~)

**store** n. 1. to make a ~ (for) (we made a ~ at Singapore for refueling en route to Japan) 2. at a ~ (who knows the whole ~ of the incident?) 3. cold ~ 4. in ~

**stores** n. [’supply’s] 1. naval ~ 2. a cache of ~

**storm I** n. [’atmospheric disturbance’] 1. to brave, out weather a ~ (the ship finally rode out the ~) 2. a blinding; fierce, heavy, raging, severe, violent; ~ped 3. a dust; electrical ~; ~storm; hailstorm; ~~; rainstorm; sandstorm; snowstorm; thunderstorm; tropical ~; 4. a ~ batters, hits, strikes; comes up; rages (the ~ struck several cit~)

**storm II** v. (d; intr.) (“to rush angrily”) to ~ into; out of (to ~ out of a room)

**story I** n. [’tale’] 1. to narrate, recount, relate, tell a ~ 2. to concoct, fabricate, invent, make up a ~ 3. to spread a ~ to 4. to hear; listen to a ~ 5. to change, revise; embellish, embroider a ~ 6. an amusing, funny, humorous; charming; fascinating; nice, pleasant ~ 7. a coherent; likely, plausible; true ~

**storey** n. 1. a lower; top; upper ~ 2. on a ~ 3. (misc.) a 10-story building (see also multi-storey car park at **park I** n.)

**stove** n. 1. to light a ~ 2. a coal; gas; kerosene (AE), paraffin (BE); kitchen; oil; pot-bellied, pot bellied ~ 3. on a ~ to cook smt. on a ~ (AE) = (BE) to cook smt. on a cooker

**stow away** v. to ~ on a ship

**straggle** v. (P; intr.) to ~ across the border; they ~d into the lecture hall

**straight** adj. 1. absolutely, dead, perfectly ~ 2. (misc.) to go ~ (“to become law-abiding”); to set smb. (about smt.) ~ (“to disable smb.”)
straightforward

1. (d; intr.) to ~ at (the dog ~ed at the
strain II

v.

straightforward

n.

strain III

strange

adj.

to leave smb. ~

adj.

strangle

n.

stranglehold

v.

1. (D; tr.) to ~ with (he ~d her with a

scarf) 2. (misc.) to ~ smb. to death

v.

strap II

1. to ~ loosely ; securely ; tightly ; together

(to ~ two sticks together securely) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ onto, to (they ~ped the suitcase to the top of the
car; to ~ two sticks to each other) 3. (N; used with
an adjective) to ~ smt. tight

v.

strapped adj. (colloq.) 1. completely; financially ~

2. ~ for cash

n.

strategem

n.

strategy

1. to adopt, design, devise, formulate,
map out, plan, work out a ~ to apply, implement,
pursue a ~ to, outline, unveil a ~. a global;
grand, long-range, long-term ~ 5. a campaign,
political; defense, military; economic, financial ~
6. a matter; point of ~ 7. a ~ about, for, on (to
work out a ~ for balancing the budget) 8. a ~ to +
inf. (they unveiled a ~ to balance the budget) 9. ~
and tactics

n.

straw

1. (drinking tube) 1. to (drink) through a ~

2. to decide smt. by drawing ~s to

v.

stream I

1. to ford a ~ 2. a mountain; running;
stream II

n.

stream

1. to pave; resurface; surface a ~

to decide smt. by drawing ~s to

v.

stream

1. (D; tr.) to ~ across a field

n.

streetcar

1. to drive, operate a ~ 2. (as a passenger) to board, get on; catch a ~

gun

v.

street

1. to pave; resurface; surface a ~

to decide smt. by drawing ~s to

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1. to pave; resurface; surface a ~

to decide smt. by drawing ~s to
~ 2. to find; gain, gather
summon (up) (the) ~ 3. to
conserve, husband, save (one’s) ~ 4. to recoup, regain (one’s) ~ 5. to overtax, sap, tax; test smb.’s ~ 6. brute, great; inner; physical; tensile ~ 7. ~ grows, increases; declines, ebbs away; fails 8. a position; show; test of ~ (see also negotiate from a position of strength at negotiate) 9. the ~ to + inf. (she somehow managed to summon up the ~ to lift the weight!) 10. in ~ (“in large numbers”) 11. with ~ (it would take all her ~ to push it so she pushed it with all her ~) [“number of personnel, units”] 12. full, maximum ~ (to bring a department up to full ~) 13. at; below ~ (our police force was at full ~ but it is now five officers below ~) [“misc.”] 14. on the ~ of smt. (“relying on smt.”) (on the ~ of your recommendation, we gave her the job); on the ~ (BE); colloq.) (“on the full-time permanent staff”)

stress I n. [“emphasis”] 1. to lay, place, put (the) ~ on 2. to shift the ~ from; to 3. great, particular, special ~ [“intensity of sound”] (ling.) 4. to place, put the ~ on (a syllable) 5. to shift the ~ from; to 6. (a) dynamic; free; fixed; pitch; primary; qualitative; quantitative; secondary; strong; weak ~ 7. sentence; word ~ 8. to cause, create, generate; increase ~ 9. to alleviate, reduce, relieve; control; decrease ~ 10. emotional, mental, psychological; perceived; physical ~ 11. a degree, level of ~ under ~ (he’s been under a lot of ~ lately) [“misc.”] 13. with the ~ on (a program of house-building with the ~ on affordable housing for key workers) 14. ~es and strains

stress II v. (L; to) the police ~ed (to us) that all regulations would be enforced strictly

stretch I n. [“final phase”] (esp. AE) 1. the final ~ 2. to fade in the ~ (see also homestretch at home straight) [“expanses”] 3. a ~ of 4. on a ~ (the race took place on a ~ of barren land) [“period of time”] 5. to do a ~ (in prison). (misc.) for hours at a ~

stretch II v. 1. (N; used with an adjective) we ~ed the rope tight 2. (P; intr.) she ~ed towards the lectern; they ~ed angrily out of the room

stroke I n. [“normal speed”] 1. to hit one’s ~ 2. to break one’s ~ [“progress”] 3. to make great ~ (in) 4. considerable, giant, great, tremendous ~s [“misc.”] 5. to take smt. in (one’s) ~ (“to confront a problem calmly”)

strike II v. 1. to ~ confidently; purposefully 2. (P; intr.) she ~ed confidently into the room; he ~ed towards the lectern; they ~ed angrily out of the room

strident adj. ~ in (they were ~ in their demands)

strife n. 1. to cause, create, stir up ~ 2. bitter ~ 3. civil; communal; domestic; factional; industrial; internal; internecine; political; sectarian ~ 4. ~ among, between; in (to create ~ between two sisters) 5. during the ~

strike I n. [“refusal to work”] 1. to call, go (out) on; organize a ~ to conduct, stage a ~ 3. to avert; break (up); mediate; settle a ~; a buyers’ hunger; rent ~ (the prisoners went on a hunger ~) 5. a general; lightning (BE); nationwide; sit-down; sympathy; token ~ 6. an official (BE); unofficial (BE), wildcat ~ 7. a ~ fails; occurs, takes place; spreads; succeeds 8. an outbreak, series, wave of ~ 9. on ~ (some of the workers went (out) were on ~) [“attack”] 10. to carry out, make a ~ 11. an air; first, preemptive; retaliatory; second ~ [“disadvantage”] (from baseball) (AE) 12. they have two ~s against them (“they are at a decided disadvantage”) [“discovery”] 13. an oil ~

strike II v. 1. (D; intr.) (“to refuse to work”) to ~ against; for (the workers struck against the company for higher pay) 2. (D; intr., tr.) (“to hit”) to ~ against, on (she struck her head against the door) 3. (d; tr.) (“to impress”) to ~ as (the idea struck me as silly) 4. (d; intr.) to ~ at (“to attack”) 5. (d; tr.) to ~ for (“to set out ~”) 6. (BE), wildcat ~ 7. a ~ fails; occurs, takes place; spreads; succeeds 8. an outbreak, series, wave of ~ 9. on ~ (some of the workers went (out) were on ~) [“attack”] 10. to carry out, make a ~ 11. an air; first, preemptive; retaliatory; second ~ [“disadvantage”] (from baseball) (AE) 12. they have two ~s against them (“they are at a decided disadvantage”) [“discovery”] 13. an oil ~

strikebreaker n. to bring in ~s

strike out v. 1. (d; intr.) (“to act”) to ~ against, at (to ~ against injustice) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ for (“to set out for”) (to ~ for shore) 3. (misc.) to ~ on one’s own (“to begin an independent existence”)

string n. [“cord”] 1. to tie a ~ 2. to untie a ~ 3. a ball; length; piece of ~ [“grouping of players according to ability”] (esp. AE) 4. first; second ~ (see also strings)

string along v. (D; intr.) to ~ with

strings n. [“strips used for fastening”] 1. apron ~s; shoestrings (see also purse strings) [“cords on a musical instrument”] 2. to pick (esp. AE), pluck ~ [“influence”] (colloq.) 3. to pull ~

strip I n. [“runway”] 1. an airstrip, landing ~ [“dividing patch”] 2. a centre (BE), median (AE) ~ (on a road)
strip II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for a physical examination) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ of (to ~ smb. of all civil rights) 3. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ to (to ~ to the waist) 4. (N; used with an adjective) to ~ smb. naked; to ~ smt. bare
strip down v. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ to (he ~ped down to his underwear)
strip n. 1. a horizontal; vertical ~. a sergeant’s ~s. a service ~ (worn on a soldier’s sleeve to indicate length of service) 4. with ~s (a dress with vertical ~s on it) 5. of a certain ~ (people of that/his ~s are not to be trusted!)
stripping n. (BE) (commercial) asset ~ (see also weather stripping)
striptease n. to do, perform a ~
strive v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for peace) 2. (for-)strut
stroke n. 1. a horizontal; vertical ~. a cigarette; pencil; ticket ~ 2. a check (AE), cheque (BE) ~
stub n. 1. a cigarette; pencil; ticket ~
stubborn adj. 1. ~ about 2. (misc.) to be as ~ as a mule
stubbornness n. 1. ~ about
stroll I n. 1. to push, wheel a ~ (BE has a stroller) 2. a poor, weak ~ 3. a day; evening; external ~s
stroll II n. 1. to go for, have, take a ~ 2. to take smb. for a ~ (she took the children for a ~) 3. a leisurely ~
strong adj. 1. ~ in (I’m not ~ in mathematics) 2. (collog.) ~ on, when it comes to (none too ~ on common sense) 3. (misc.) she’s still going ~ at 90 years of age!; as ~ as an ox
structure n. 1. (ling.) to generate a ~ 2. (ling.) (a) deep; grammatical; intermediate; surface ~ 3. (pol.) a power ~ 4. bone; cellular; molecular ~ 5. a basic; complex; solid ~ 6. a corporate; economic; financial; political; price; tax; wage ~ 7. in ~ (that sonata is quite complex in ~ that sonata has quite a complex ~)
struggle II v. 1. to ~ bravely, heroically; desperately, hard, stubbornly 2. (D; intr.) to ~ against, with (to ~ against tyranny) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for freedom) 4. (D; intr.) to ~ about, over (to ~ over property rights) 5. (E) they ~d to remain alive 6. (misc.) to ~ to one’s feet
strung out adj. (slang) ~ on (~ on heroin)
strut v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ into (to ~ into a room) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ out of (to ~ out of a meeting) 3. (P; intr.) they were ~ting around the auditorium
student n. 1. an excellent, outstanding; good, strong ~ 2. a poor, weak ~ 3. a day; evening; external (BE); foreign, overseas (BE); full-time; part-time; special; transfer; work-study ~ 4. a college, university; degree; doctoral; graduate, postgraduate (esp. BE); high-school (AE); MA; post-doctoral; undergraduate ~ 5. (misc.) a student-teacher
stud n. at (~ for breeding") (the retired racehorses are at ~)
student n. 1. an excellent, outstanding; good, strong ~ 2. a poor, weak ~ 3. a day; evening; external (BE); foreign, overseas (BE); full-time; part-time; special; transfer; work-study ~ 4. a college, university; degree; doctoral; graduate, postgraduate (esp. BE); high-school (AE); MA; post-doctoral; undergraduate ~ 5. (misc.) a student-teacher
USAGE NOTES: (1) A student of law is a law student, a student of geology is a geology student, a student of dentistry is a dentistry student, but a student of medicine is a medical student. (2) To say that a geologist is a student of geology (as some dictionaries still do) is true but misleading. A geologist has been a student of geology long enough to be a professionally qualified expert at it. (3) In GB, students usu. refer to those in post-secondary education. Younger ones are usu. called pupils. However, secondary-school pupils in Britain have begun to call themselves students (or school students), too. In the US, the term students is used for those at a university and in secondary school – college students, high-school students. Children at (BE)/in (esp. AE) primary school are usu. called pupils in the US, and almost always in GB. (4) In CE, one can differentiate between a student of
Freud ("a student of Freud’s ideas") and Freud’s student/a student of Freud’s ("one who was taught personally by Freud").

studies n. 1. to begin, take up; complete, finish; pursue one’s ~ 2. advanced; further; graduate, postgraduate (esp. BE); undergraduate ~ 3. Black; business; classical; computer; liberal (BE); media; peace, war; social; women’s ~ (see also study I n.)

studio n. 1. an art; dance ~ 2. a film, movie; radio; recording; television, TV ~ 3. a soundproof ~ 4. in a ~ (to shoot a film on location rather than in a ~) (see also studio apartment at apartment; studio flat at flat II n.)

study I n. ["investigation"] 1. to conduct, do, make a ~ 2. a careful, detailed, exhaustive, in-depth, intensive, rigorous, thorough ~ 3. a feasibility; follow-up; pilot; statistical ~ 4. a classic, classical; definitive ~ 5. a case; empirical; epidemiological; experimental; research; scientific; time-and-motion ~ 6. a ~ proves; shows; suggests (have research studies shown that smoking is bad for health?) 7. under ~ (the matter is under ~) ["branch of learning, subject"] 8. nature ~ ["learning"] 9. advanced ~ 10. supervised ~ 11. an area of ~ (see also study period at period; studies)

study II v. 1. to ~ closely; diligently, hard, seriously 2. (D; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for a degree) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ under (to ~ under a well-known professor) 4. (Q) to ~ how to survive in the wilderness 5. (misc.) he is ~ing to become a nurse

study up v. (colloq.) (AE) (D; intr.) to ~ on (to ~ on a topic)

stuff I n. (colloq.) ["subject matter"] 1. to know one’s ~ 2. heady ("exciting"); kid ("elementary") ~; the same old ~ ["knowledge, ability"] 3. to show, strut one’s ~ 4. (AE) the ~ to + inf. (she has the ~ to succeed) 5. (misc.) (esp. AE) the right ~ (she has the right ~ to succeed) ["duties"] 6. to do one’s ~ USAGE NOTE: Stuff can be used to replace or refer to a mass or uncountable noun, as thing can replace or refer to a countable noun: A container full of liquid fell on the floor: the thing [= it] broke and the stuff in it poured out.

stuff II v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ in, into (she ~ed all sorts of things into her suitcase) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ with (she ~ed her suitcase with all sorts of things) 3. (N; used with an adjective) she ~ed her suitcase full (of all sorts of things); she ~ed it tight

stumble v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ across, into, on, onto, upon ("to meet by chance") (to ~ across an old manuscript) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ over ("to trip over") (also fig.) (she ~ed over every sentence)

stumbling block n. 1. an insurmountable ~ 2. a ~ to (their stubbornness constitutes an insurmountable ~ to progress)

stump I n. to remove a ~ (of a tree)

stump II v. (d; intr.) to ~ for (esp. AE) ("to support by making speeches") (to ~ for a candidate)
subject III v. (d; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ smb. to torture)

subsection n. 1. ~ to 2. in ~ (to live in ~ to smb. else)

subject matter n. related; unrelated ~

subjugate v. (D; tr.) to ~ to

subjugation n. 1. ~ to 2. in ~ (to live in ~ to smb. else)

subjunctive n. (grammar) in the ~ (the verb was in the ~)

sublease see sublet

sublet v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ a house from smb.) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ a house to smb.)

sublimate v. (D; tr.) to ~ into

sublime n. from the ~ to the ridiculous

 submariner n. 1. a conventional; midget; nuclear, nuclear-powered ~ 2. ~s dive; hunt in packs; submerge; surface

submerge v. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ in (she ~d herself in her work)

submission n. [*giving in*] 1. in ~ to (they lived in ~ to the conqueror) [*argument*] (legal) 2. to make a ~ 3. a ~ that + clause (her lawyer made a ~ to the court) that she had not been informed of her rights

submissive adj. ~ to

submit v. 1. (B) (“to present”) they ~d their report to us; they ~d their case to arbitration 2. (D; intr.) (“to yield”) to ~ to (to ~ to superior force) 3. (d; intr.) (“to agree to”) to ~ to (to ~ to arbitration) 4. (usu. legal) (L; to) (“to claim”) her lawyer ~d (to the court) that she had not been informed of her rights

subordinate I adj. ~ to

subordinate II v. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ to (they had to ~ their own needs to the needs of the group)

subordination n. ~ to

subpoena I n. 1. to issue a ~ 2. to serve a ~ on 3. a ~ ~ to + inf. (she received a ~ to appear in court in two weeks)

subpoena II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ as (to ~ smb. as a witness) 2. (H) they ~d her to appear in court in two weeks

subscriber n. a ~ to (a ~ to a magazine)

subscription n. [*arrangement for receiving a periodical*] 1. to get, take out; have a ~ to 2. to renew a ~ 3. to cancel a ~ 4. an annual; individual; institutional ~ 5. a ~ comes up for renewal; lapses 6. a ~ to (a ~ to a magazine) [*amount of money pledged*] 7. a public ~

subsequent adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ to (it happened ~ to World War I but prior to World War II)

subservience n. 1. ~ to 2. in ~ (to live in ~ to smb. else)

subservient adj. ~ to

subsidiary adj. ~ to

subsidized adj. heavily ~

subsidy n. 1. to apply for, request a ~ 2. to provide a ~ for 3. to cut, reduce; grant; refuse a ~ to 4. an arts; farm; government, public, state ~ 5. a generous ~ 6. a ~ covers (the ~ does not cover all our expenses) 7. a ~ for; to

subsist v. (d; intr.) to ~ on

subsistence n. 1. (a) bare, hand-to-mouth ~ 2. a means of ~

substance n. [*drug*] 1. (AE) a controlled ~ (“a drug regulated by law”) 2. an illegal ~. (misc.) ~ abuse [*meaningful quality*] 4. ~ to (is there any ~ to their claim?) 5. in ~ (their claim is, in ~ , that they have been mistreated) 6. (misc.) a matter of ~; a person of ~; a rumor without (any) ~ [*matter*] 7. a chemical; hard; oily; pure; radioactive; toxic ~

substitute I n. 1. a poor ~ 2. a ~ for (a ~ for sugar = a sugar ~; Smith is now the ~ for Jones as quarterback)

substitute II v. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ for (when Jones couldn’t play, the coach ~d Smith for Jones: Smith is now ~ing for Jones)

substitution n. 1. to make a ~ 2. a ~ for (the coach’s ~ of Smith for Jones as quarterback)

subsume v. (formal) (d; tr.) (“to classify”) to ~ under (to ~ an item under a more inclusive category)

subterfuge n. to resort to, use (a) ~

subtract v. (D; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ five from ten and get five)

subtraction n. to do ~

suburb n. 1. to move from; to a ~ 2. a fashionable; leafy (BE); residential ~ 3. from the ~s (to smb. from the ~s, London is a fabulous place!) 4. in the ~s (to live in the ~s) 5. a dormitory ~ (BE; BE also has dormitory town; AE has bedroom community)

subvention see subsidy

subversion see subsidy

subversion n. to engage in ~

subway n. [*underground railway*] (esp. US) (GB has tube, underground) 1. to take a/the ~ 2. to go (travel) by, on the ~ (I always travel by ~) 3. (misc.) the driver of a ~ (train) is a motorman (or to be non-sexist) an operator [*system of underground trains and stations*] 4. from; in; to the ~ (crime in the ~); I couldn’t find the right entrance to the ~ or the right exit from the ~! (see also subway station at station 1 n.; subway system at system; subway train at train 1 n.)

succeed v. 1. (D; tr.) (“to come after”) to ~ as (she ~d me as treasurer) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ in; with (to ~ in doing smt.; to ~ in business; she ~d with her plan in the face of serious opposition) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ to (“to inherit”) (~ to the throne)

success n. 1. to achieve, attain a ~ 2. to enjoy ~ 3. to score a ~ 4. to make a ~ of smt. 5. a brilliant, dazzling, great, howling (AE); huge, notable, resounding, roaring, rousing, signal, spectacular, thorough, total, tremendous, unequivocal, unqualified ~ 6.
(an) immediate; instant, overnight ~ 7. a modest ~ 8. a box-office; commercial; critical ~ 9. (a) ~ as; in; with (Laurence Olivier scored a notable ~ as Othello in the play of the same name)

**successful adj.** 1. highly, very; moderately ~ 2. ~ as; at, in; with (~ in business; ~ with women)

**succession n.** ["right to succeed to an office, position"] 1. the ~ to (the ~ to the throne) ["misc."] 2. in ~ ("successively, one after the other") (for several years in ~; who is third in ~ to the throne ?); in seemingly endless ~; in quick, in rapid ~

**successor n.** 1. smb.'s immediate ~ 2. a worthy ~ 3. a ~ to (the ~ to the throne)

**suck v.** (D; intr.) to ~ to ~ to ~ sbm.'s urging; to ~ to a disease

**suck away** v. (D; intr.) to ~ at (to ~ at a lollipop)

**suck in** (colloq.) 1. to ~ easily deceived person” (colloq.) 1. to make ~ out of smb. 2. a ~ for (she’s a ~ for any hard-luck story) 3. a ~ to + inf. (he’s a ~ to have believed her)

**sue v.** 1. (D; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ (out) the juice from an orange) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ into (they were ~ into the family quarrel) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ on (she was ~ing on an orange) 4. (D; tr.) to ~ through (she ~ed the juice through a straw) 5. (N; used with an adjective) she ~ed the lemon dry 6. (misc.) the baby ~ed at her mother’s breast

**suck away** v. (D; intr.) to ~ at (to ~ at a lollipop)

**sucker n.** ["easily deceived person"] (colloq.) 1. to make a ~ out of smb. 2. a ~ for (she’s a ~ for any hard-luck story) 3. a ~ to + inf. (he’s a ~ to have believed her)

**suffice v.** 1. (D; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for one’s sins) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ from (to ~ from insomnia) USAGE NOTE: In BE it is now frequent – but wrong ! ~ to have *suffer with insomnia.

**sufferer n.** 1. a fellow ~ 2. a ~ from (a ~ from insomnia) USAGE NOTE: In BE it is now frequent – but wrong ! ~ to have *a sufferer of insomnia.

**suffering n.** 1. to inflict ~ on 2. to bear, endure ~ 3. to alleviate, ease, relieve ~ 4. chronic; great, in-calcuable, intense, untold; mental, psychological; physical ~ 5. the amount, extent, level of ~ (the extent of ~ caused by the war is almost incalculable)

**suffice v.** 1. to barely, hardly, scarcely; just; more than ~ 2. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ for (my salary more than ~s (us) for our basic needs) 3. to act on; adopt; consider; take; welcome a ~ 4. to decline, reject, turn down a ~ 5. an appropriate; constructive; good; helpful; pertinent; tentative ~ 6. an inappropriate; outrageous; preposterous, ridiculous ~ 7. a ~ about, concerning 8. a ~ that + clause; can be subj. (she made the ~ to us) that an exception had in fact been made; the evidence seemed to ~ strongly that the vicar had been murdered ! 7. (Q; to) did she ~ to (us) why the exception had been made?; did she ~ where we should meet? 8. (misc.) may I venture to ~ a possible compromise?

**suggestive adj.** 1. strongly, very ~ 2. against 2. to contest; contemplate ~ 3. assisted; mass; political ~ 4. attempted ~ 5. ~ to + inf. (it would be sheer ~ to try to climb that mountain in this weather !) (see also suicide at bomber; suicide note at note I n.; suicide pact at pact I n.; suicide threat at threat)

**suit I n.** ["lawsuit"] 1. to bring (a), file (a), institute a ~ against 2. to contest; press; settle a ~ (to settle a ~ out of court) 3. to dismiss; lose; win a ~ 4. a civil; class-action; frivolous; libel; malpractice; pending ~ 5. a ~ against; over (to bring a class-action ~ against the government over civil liberties) ["suit of clothes"] 6. to have a ~ made 7. to have on, wear; put on; take off; try on a ~ (I wore my best ~ to meet her parents; indeed, I wore a ~ and tie for the occasion) 8. a bathing, swimsuit, tank; diving; gym; ski; space; sweat ~ USAGE NOTE: Women wear swimsuits or bathing suits (old-fashioned) or (swimming) costumes (BE). Men wear (swimming)

**suit II v.** (d; tr.) to ~ to ~ (to ~ an ending to a word)

**suffrage n.** 1. to extend, grant ~ 2. universal; women’s ~

**sugar n.** 1. to produce; refine ~ 2. beet; brown; cane; confectioner's (AE), icing (BE) ; crude; demerara (BE); granulated; lump; maple; white ~ 3. (med.) blood ~ 4. a lump; spoonful of ~ (misc.) as sweet as ~

**suggest v.** 1. (B) she ~ed a compromise to us 2. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ as (she ~ed a compromise as a possible solution even though no suitable compromise seemed to ~ itself as suitable) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ for (she ~ed a compromise candidate for the position) 4. (G) she ~ed compromising 5. (K) who ~ed his taking part? 6. (L; can be subj.; to) who ~ed that he ~take/should take/took (BE)~ part?; she ~ed (to us) that an exception ~be/should be/ was (BE)~ made; it was ~ed (to us) that an exception had in fact been made; the evidence seemed to ~ strongly that the vicar had been murdered ! 7. (Q; to) did she ~ to (us) why the exception had been made?; did she ~ where we should meet? 8. (misc.) may I venture to ~ a possible compromise?

**suggest v.** 1. to advance, make, offer, proffer (formal), produce, put forward a ~ 2. to ask for, call for, invite ~s (see also open to suggestions at open I adj.) 3. to act on; adopt; consider; take; welcome a ~ 4. to decline, reject, turn down a ~ 5. an appropriate; constructive; good; helpful; pertinent; tentative ~ 6. an inappropriate; outrageous; preposterous, ridiculous ~ 7. a ~ about, concerning 8. a ~ that + clause; can be subj. (she made the ~ to us) that an exception ~be/should be/ was (BE)~ made; she made the ~ (to us) that an exception had in fact been made; there was never any ~ that the vicar had been murdered ! 9. at smb.’s ~ (at her ~, an exception was made) ["hint, overtone"] 10. the merest, slightest ~ (there was just the slightest ~ of menace in his voice; there was just the merest ~ of garlic in the sauce)
trunks. 9. a bespoke (BE), custom-made, made-to-measure (BE), made-to-order; off-the-peg (BE), ready-made ~ 10. a business (AE), lounge (BE); dress; leisure; sailor ~ 11. a double-breasted; single-breasted; three-piece; two-piece ~ 12. (for women) a pants (AE), trouser (BE) ~ 13. (BE) a boiler ~ ("overalls") 14. a ~ fits (well) 15. (misc.) a ~ of armor; (old-fashioned) a ~ of clothes (for men); (humorous) in one’s birthday ~ ("naked") ["set of similar playing cards"] 16. to follow ~ (also fig.) (the government suggested a plan and the opposition followed ~) 17. a major; minor; trump ~ (which ~ is trumps ?) ["trait"] 18. smb.’s strong ~

suit II v. 1. to ~ perfectly; very well 2. (R) it ~ed her to keep him guessing 3. (misc.) to ~ smb. down to the ground (BE), to ~ to a T ("to be perfectly appropriate for")

suitability n. ~ for

suitable adj. 1. eminently, very; hardly ~ 2. ~ for, to 3. ~ to + inf. ("would it be ~ to discuss this matter at lunch?" "no: it’s hardly a ~ matter for discussion at lunch")

suitcase n. 1. to fill, stuff; pack; unpack a ~ 2. (esp. AE) to check a ~ (through) 3. to label a ~

suited adj. 1. ideally, very, well ~ 2. ~ for, to (~ for the job; ~ to each other) 3. ~ to + inf. (is he psychologically ~ to be a police officer ?)

sulk v. (D; intr.) to ~ about, over

sum n. 1. to raise a ~ (of money) 2. a consideration, large, not inconsiderable; substantial, tidy; equivalent; flat; lump; nominal; round; trivial ~ 3. (formal) in ~ (in ~, it could not have been worse) 4. (misc.) a three-figure, four-figure ~; six-figure ~; ~ (see also sum total at total I n.; sums)

summarize v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ for (she ~d the plot for the class) 2. (misc.) to ~ (then), in Romeo and Juliet, Romeo and Juliet meet, fall in love, and die

summary n. 1. to give; make; prepare a ~ 2. a brief, executive ~ 3. a news ~ 4. in ~ (in ~, then, in Romeo and Juliet, Romeo and Juliet meet, fall in love, and die)

summer n. 1. Indian; St. Luke’s (BE; rare); St. Martin’s (BE; rare) ~ 2. early; last; late; mid-; next ~ 3. a (long) hot ~ 4. during, over (esp. AE) the ~ 5. in the ~ (we met late in the ~ of 1995 = we met in the late ~ of 1995) (see also summer solstice at solstice)

summit n. ["peak"] (also fig.) 1. to reach a ~ 2. at a ~ (to stand at the ~; at the ~ of her career) ["summit conference"] 3. to convene, have, hold a ~ 4. at a ~ (we met at the ~ in Geneva)

summon v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ as (to ~ smb. as a witness) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ before (to be ~d before a judge) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ to (we were ~d to the director’s office) 4. (H) to ~ smb. to do smt.

summons I n. 1. to issue a ~ 2. to serve a ~ on smb. = to serve smb. with a ~ 3. a ~ to + inf. (she received a ~ to appear in court)

summons II v. (BE) (H) she was ~ed to appear in court

suns n. to do ~

sun n. 1. to blot out the ~ 2. the blazing; bright; hot; midday, noonday; tropical ~ 3. the ~ is down; up 4. the ~ is in; out 5. the ~ beats down; blazes; climbs (higher in the sky); comes out; comes up; rises; goes down; sets; goes in (behind a cloud); shines 6. an eclipse of the ~ = a solar eclipse 7. the light; rays of the ~ (= sunlight; the sun’s rays) 8. on the ~ (changes have been observed on the (surface of) the ~) 9. in, under the ~ (to sit in the ~; "Mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday ~" = attributed to or used by Noël Coward, 1931) 10. (misc.) there’s nothing new under the ~

sunburn n. 1. to get; have a ~ 2. a painful ~

sundae n. a butterscotch; chocolate; hot-fudge; ice-cream; strawberry ~

sundown n. at ~

sunlight n. 1. bright, brilliant, glaring, strong ~ 2. in the ~ 3. a patch; shaft of ~

sunset n. at ~

sunscreen n. to apply, put on ~

sunset n. at ~

sunshine n. 1. to bask in; soak up ~ 2. bright, dazzling; warm ~ 3. a ray of ~ (also fig.) (the good news came as a ray of ~ after so much bad news)

sunstroke n. to get; have ~

suntan n. 1. to get; have a ~ 2. a deep ~ (see also suntan lotion at lotion; suntan oil at oil I n.)

supercilious n. ~ about

superfluous adj. ~ to + inf. (it would be quite ~ to add anything to their remarks)

superhighway n. the Information Superhighway

superimpose v. (D; tr.) to ~ on (to ~ one image on another; to ~ a new way of life on old customs)

superintendent n. a building (AE; AE also has janitor; BE has caretaker); school ~ (US) = ~ of schools (US)

superior I adj. 1. clearly, decidedly, definitely, far, (very) much, vastly ~ in (~ in numbers; ~ in rank) 3. to (~ to all the other competitors) 4. (misc.) a mother ~

superior II n. smb.’s immediate ~

superiority n. 1. to achieve, establish ~ 2. to enjoy, hold ~ 3. clear ~ 4. numerical ~ 5. intellectual; social; (so-called) racial ~ 6. a feeling of ~ 7. ~ in; over, to (a feeling of ~ in skill over/to the other competitors) (See also air superiority)

supercilious n. ~ about

superlative n. (to express oneself) in ~

supermarket n. at. in a ~ (to shop at/in a ~)

supersensitive adj. 1. about (~ about charges of corruption) 2. ~ to (~ to criticism)
superstition n. 1. a common ~ 2. a ~ about (there is a common ~ about the number thirteen) 3. a ~ that + clause (it is a common ~ that thirteen is an unlucky number)
superstitious adj. ~ about (a lot of people seem ~ about the number thirteen)
supervision n. 1. to exercise ~ of, over 2. to tighten adj. ~ about (a lot of people seem ~)
supplement I n. 1. a color ; lifestyle ; literary ; Sun- n. 1. to overextend ~ 2. to cut ~ supplies
supplement II v. (D ; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ power to indus-
supreme adj. to reign ~
supremo n. (BE) (see czar)
surcharge n. 1. to add a ~ to 2. to impose a ~ (on)

surge n. 1. a brain ; dental ; flight ; orthopedic surgeon

suppose v. 1. (L) we ~ that the situation will improve

sure adj. 1. to make ~ 2. absolutely, quite ~ 3. far ~
surety n. to act as, stand ~ for
surf n. to ride the ~
surface n. 1. a bumpy, rough, uneven ; even, smooth ; flat ; plane ~ 2. the calm ; frozen ~ (of a body of water) 3. below, beneath, under, underneath the ~ (also fig.) 4. above, over; on the ~ (also fig.) (see also surface area at area; surface temperature at temperature) 5. (misc.) to scratch, skim (esp. AE) the ~ (“to treat superficially”)
surge I n. ("military escalation") 1. a troop ~ ("technical") 2. a voltage ~ = a ~ in voltage

surge II v. (P; intr.) the crowd ~d around the entrance, through the corridor, and into the auditorium

supple adj. 1. very ~ 2. ~ of

supply I n. 1. to eat (esp. AE), have ~ 2. to
supply II n. 1. a color ; lifestyle ; literary ; Sun-
(AE), orthopaedic (BE); plastic; veterinary (BE; BE prefers vet; AE has veterinarian) ~ 2. a tree ~ 3. a ~ performs operations, operates on (patients)
surgery n. ["branch of medicine"] 1. to perform ~ 2. to undergo ~ 3. corrective, remedial; cosmetic; elective; plastic ~ 4. major; minor ~ 5. brain; by-pass; open-heart; transplant ~ 6. keyhole ~ (BE); laser ~; microsurgery 7. emergency; heroic; radical ~ ["office"] (BE) 8. a dentist’s; doctor’s ~ (CE has doctor’s office) ["consultation period"] (BE) 9. to hold a ~ (our MP holds a ~ every week) 10. an MP’s ~ ["misc."] 11. tree ~ (see the Usage Note for office)
surmise I n. (formal) ["conjecture"] a ~ that + clause (she expressed a ~ that the situation would improve)
surmise II v. (L) she ~ d that the situation would improve
surname n. a double-barrelled ~ (esp. BE) I asked Peregrine Chimp-Gibbon about his double-barrelled ~
surplus I adj. ~ to (BE) (this merchandise is ~ to requirements; workers who are made redundant as ~ to requirements)
surplus II n. 1. to accumulate a ~ 2. to run (~ to have), surplus II n. 1. to spring a ~ on smb. 2. (mil.) to surprise I
n. ~ to (BE) (this merchandise is ~ to)
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surplus II n. 1. to accumulate a ~ 2. to run (~ to have), surplus II n. 1. to spring a ~ on smb. 2. (mil.) to surprise I
n. ~ to (BE) (this merchandise is ~ to)
guilty) 11. above ~ (“not suspected”) 12. on ~ of (arrested on ~ of murder) 13. under ~ (“suspected”) 14. (misc.) a cloud of ~; the finger of ~ points at you; to regard smt. with ~ [‘slight trace’] 15. a ~ of (not even the slightest ~ of scandal; a sauce with just a ~ of garlic in it)

**suspicious adj.** [‘suspecting’] 1. ~ about, of (the police were ~ of the butler) [‘causing suspicion’] 2. ~ that + clause (it was ~ that no story appeared in the press) (see also **suspicious circumstances at circumstances**)

**suture**

1. ~s glide; hiss 2. a flock (esp. in flight), (d; tr.) to ~ by, with (they were ~ed across the field)

**swamp II**

1. (d; tr.) to ~ a ~ 2. ~ smt. under ~ (“suspicious circumstances at circumstances”)

**sulfur**

1. (D; tr.) to ~ for (she ~ped her bicycle down the street)

**sweat II**

1. to break out in a cold ~ 2. beads, drops of ~ (ran down my face) 3. (misc.) to work up a ~ 4. a light; warm ~ 5. an angora; mohair; turtleneck; woollen ~

**sweep II**

1. (d; intr.) (“to crowd”) to ~ around (the swarm of tourists) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ for (she ~ped her bicycle for a hi-fi) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ with (I ~ped places with my friend = my friend and I ~ped around the actor) 2. (d; intr.) (“to congregate”) to ~ in (tourists were ~ing around the autograph seekers ~ed around the actor) 2. (d; intr.) (“to congregates”) to ~ in (tourists were ~ing in the streets) 3. (d; intr.) (“to throng”) to ~ into (to ~ into an auditorium) 4. (d; intr.) (“to throng”) to ~ over, through (to ~ through the streets) 5. (d; intr.) (“to teem”) to ~ with (the streets were ~ing with tourists) 6. (P; intr.) the spectators were ~ing across the field

**swimming adj.** ~ with (the streets were ~ing with tourists)

**sweat I**

n. 1. to break out in a cold ~ 2. beads, drops of ~ (ran down my face) 3. (misc.) to work up a ~ 4. a light; warm ~ 5. an angora; mohair; turtleneck; woollen ~

**sweat I**

n. 1. (~ of foot) 2. (~ of foot) 3. ~ about, of (themusic) 3. (misc.) to ~ from side to side; to ~ back and forth; to ~ in the breeze

**swayed adj.** easily ~ (by an argument)

**swear v.** 1. to ~ solemnly 2. (B) (“to promise solemnly”) they swore allegiance to the government 3. (D; intr.) (“to curse”) to ~ at (the swore at them) 4. (d; intr.) (“to rely completely”) to ~ by (everyone ~s by her remedy for a cold) 5. (d; intr.) to ~ (to “confirm solemnly”) (to ~ to the truth of a statement) 6. (d; tr.) (“to bind solemnly”) to ~ to (to ~ smb. to secrecy) 7. (E) (“to promise solemnly”) she swore to tell the truth; she swore to avenge her father’s death 8. (L; to) (“to promise solemnly”) she swore (to us) that she would tell the truth 9. (misc.) to ~ on the Bible; to ~ like a trooper (“to use obscene language freely”) (see also **swear an oath at oath**)

**sweat in.** v. (D; tr.) to ~ as (she was sworn in as president)

**sweater**

1. (~ of me) 3. (misc.) as ~ as honey / ~ to + inf. (it was ~ to think of me = you were ~ to think of me) 3. (misc.) “slight trace” of ~ (ran down my face) 3. (misc.) to work up a ~

**sway II**

1. (d; intr.) (“to crowd”) to ~ around (the swarm) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ for (she ~ped her bicycle for a hi-fi) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ with (I ~ped places with my friend = my friend and I ~ped around the actor) 2. (d; intr.) (“to congregate”) to ~ in (tourists were ~ing around the autograph seekers ~ed around the actor) 2. (d; intr.) (“to congregates”) to ~ in (tourists were ~ing in the streets) 3. (d; intr.) (“to throng”) to ~ into (to ~ into an auditorium) 4. (d; intr.) (“to throng”) to ~ over, through (to ~ through the streets) 5. (d; intr.) (“to teem”) to ~ with (the streets were ~ing with tourists) 6. (P; intr.) the spectators were ~ing across the field

**swarming adj.** ~ with (the streets were ~ing with tourists)

**sweath, swathe n.** [‘path’] to cut a ~ (to cut a wide ~ of destruction through the ranks of the enemy)

**swathe v.** (d; tr.) (“to wrap”) to ~ in (she was ~d in mink)

**sweat II**

1. ~s glide; hiss 2. a flock (esp. in flight), herd of ~s 3. a young ~ is a cygnet 4. a male ~ is a ney ~

**swell I**

n. 1. (~ of) 2. (~ of) 3. (~ of) 4. (~ of) 5. (~ of) 6. (~ of)

**swell II**

1. (~ of) 2. (~ of) 3. (~ of) 4. (~ of) 5. (~ of) 6. (~ of)

**swig**

(colloq.) [‘swallow’] to have, take a ~

**swim I**

n. 1. to have, take a ~ 2. to go for a ~

**swim II**

v. (P; intr.) to ~ for shore; to ~ around the island; to ~ into the wrong lane 2. (misc.) to go ~ming
swindle I n. to perpetrate a ~
swindle II v. (D; tr.) to ~ out of (to ~ smb. out of money)
swipe n. (children play) on the ~
swoop n. 1. to draw, unsheathe a ~ 2. to brandish; (colloq.) (BE) see
swop swap I, II
swing I n. ["attempt to hit"] 1. to take a ~ at 2. a wild ~ ["shift"] 3. a ~ in (there was a ~ in public opinion) 4. a ~ to (in the last elections there was a ~ to the right) 5. (misc.) with that new medication, patients may be subject to frequent mood ~s ["operation"] 6. in full ~ (the work was in full ~)
swing II v. 1. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ at (he swung at me; I swung the bat at the ball) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ from; to (to ~ from right to left) 3. (P; intr., tr.) public opinion swung towards the right and away from the left; the cranes swung the cargo onto the ship 4. (misc.) ~ your partner round and round
swings n. (children play) on the ~
swipe n. (colloq.) ["critical remark"] 1. to have, take a ~ at 2. a side ("indirect, implicit") ~
swirl v. (P; intr.) she ~ed (a)round the room
switch I n. ["change"] 1. to make a ~ 2. a ~ from; to 3. a ~ in (there was a sudden ~ in official policy) ["device used to open or close an electrical circuit"] 4. to flick on, turn on a ~ 5. to flick off, turn off a ~ 6. to throw a ~ ("to turn off or turn on a switch") 7. a master; power; time; toggle ~ ["movable section of railroad track"] (AE) 8. a railroad ~ (BE has point)
switch II v. 1. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ from; into; to (to ~ to the metric system; she ~ed her support to the other candidate; to ~ from English into Russian) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ with (I ~ed places with my friend = my friend and I ~ed places with each other)
switchboard n. 1. at, on a ~ (to work at a ~) 2. calls jammed the ~
switch over v. (D; intr.) to ~ from; into; to (to ~ from English over to Russian)
switcheroo n. (slang) (AE) ["variation"] to pull a ~ (on smb.)
swoon I n. (old-fashioned) 1. to fall into a ~ 2. in a ~
swoon II v. (now usu. fig.) 1. (d; intr.) to ~ over (to ~ over a new film idol) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with joy)
swoop n. ["stroke"] at one fell ~ ("at one time") (the enemy captured all our positions at one fell ~)
swoop down v. (D; intr.) to ~ on (the hawk ~ed down on the sheep)
swoop (colloq.) (BE) see swap I, II
sword n. 1. to draw, unsheathe a ~ 2. to brandish; wield a ~ 3. to cross ~s with smb. (now usu. fig.) 4. to run smb. through with a ~, to run through smb. with a ~; thrust a ~ into 5. to sheathe a ~ 6. (misc.) a double-edged, two-edged ~ ("smt. that can have opposite results to those intended")
syllable n. 1. to stress a ~ 2. a closed; open; stressed ~
syllabus n. 1. to design, draw up, make up a ~ 2. a ~ contains, covers, includes 3. in, on a ~
symbiosis n. 1. (a) ~ between 2. in ~ with
symbol n. 1. a chemical; phallic; phonetic; potent; religious; sex; status ~ 2. a ~ for (X is a ~ for an unknown quantity) 3. (misc.) a ~ of authority (the scepter is a ~ of royal authority)
symbolic adj. ~ of (the scepter is ~ of royal authority)
symmetrical adj. ~ to, with
sympathetic adj. 1. very ~ 2. ~ to, with (rare)
sympathize v. 1. to ~ deeply, very much 2. (D; intr.) to ~ with
sympathy n. 1. to arouse, stir up ~ for 2. to capture; command; gain, get, win ~ 3. to express, extend; feel, have ~ for 4. to display, show ~ for 5. to lavish ~ on 6. to accept smb.‘s ~ 7. deep, deepest, greatest, heartfelt, profound, strong ~ (please accept our deepest ~ on your bereavement) 8. little; no ~ for (to have little ~ for smb.) 9. one’s ~ goes out to smb. 10. a token of one’s ~ 11. ~ for (to have ~ for the underdog) 12. in ~ with (to be in complete ~ with smb.’s cause) 13. out of ("because of") ~ (we did it out of ~ for your family) 14. out of ("without") ~ (to be completely out of ~ with smb.’s cause) 15. (misc.) an expression of smb.‘s ~; a message of ~; our deepest ~ goes out to you at a time like this
symphony n. 1. to compose, write a ~ 2. to perform, play a ~ (see also symphony orchestra at orchestra)
symposium n. 1. to conduct, hold a ~ (on) 2. to attend a ~ (on)
syndrome n. 1. to develop; display, have, manifest, present, present with (med.); show ~s of 2. an acute; chronic ~ 3. a classic; specific ~ (the patient presented with all the classic ~s of that disease) 4. a ~ appears, develops; disappears, goes away; persists; recur; seek medical help if ~s persist or recur after treatment) 5. the onset of ~s 6. withdrawal ~s
symptomatic adj. ~ of
synch n. (colloq.) ("synchronization") 1. in ~ (with) 2. out of ~ (with) (their ideas are out of ~ with the times)
synchronize v. (D; tr.) to ~ with
syndicate n. 1. to form a ~ 2. a crime; drug ~
syndrome n. 1. the China; Stockholm ~ 2. acquired immune deficiency ~ (AIDS); chronic fatigue ~ (CFS); Down (esp. AE), Down’s ~; premenstrual ~ (PMS); sudden infant death ~ (SIDS); toxic shock ~; (post-)traumatic stress ~ USAGE NOTES: PMS is also called PMT (pre-menstrual tension). SIDS is also called cot death (BE) or crib death (AE). Post-traumatic stress syndrome is also called post-traumatic stress disorder and is then abbreviated PTSD.
synonymous adj. ~ with ("furze" and "gorse" are ~ with each other = "furze" is ~ with "gorse")
synopsis n. to give; make, prepare a ~
synthesis n. to make a ~
syphilis n. 1. to spread, transmit ~ 2. to catch, develop, get; have ~ 3. acquired; congenital; early; late; latent; primary; secondary; tertiary; untreated ~
syringe *n.* a disposable; hypodermic ~  
syrup *n.* 1. chocolate; corn; maple ~ 2. cough ~  
system *n.* USAGE NOTE: “System” can be preceded by such verbs as bypass, create, develop, replace, overthrow and can be followed by such verbs as break down, fail, permit, succeed, work. ["group of items serving a common purpose"] 1. an air-conditioning; drainage; heating; sprinkler ~ 2. an amplifying; communications; intercom(munication); public-address; stereo ~ 3. a brake; steering ~ 4. a data-processing; filing; software; writing ~ 5. an early-warning; guidance ~ 6. a highway (AE), motorway (BE), road; postal; rail, railroad (AE), railway (esp. BE); sewage; transit (esp. AE), transport (esp. BE), transportation (esp. AE); sub-way (AE), tube (esp. BE), underground (BE) ~ 7. (misc.) a life-support ~ (to turn off a life-support ~ when a patient’s condition becomes hopeless) ["form of organization, principles pertaining to a form of organization"] 8. a belief, philosophical; value ~ 9. an honor; merit; quota; seniority ~ 10. an economic; educational, school; government(al); health-care; judicial; legal; political; social ~ (an educational ~ can also be called a ~ of education; a government(al) ~ can also be called a ~ of government; a judicial ~ can also be called a ~ of justice; an educational ~ can also be called a ~ of education) 11. a capitalist; communist; democratic; socialist ~ 12. an authoritarian; electoral; multiparty; one-party; two-party; totalitarian ~ 13. a banking; monetary ~ 14. a class; hierarchical ~ (see also caste system at caste) 15. a patronage; spoils ~ 16. (colloq.) (AE) a buddy ~ 17. in, under a ~ (under our political ~; there may be defects in the ~) 18. (misc.) to beat; buck (AE) the ~ ("to challenge established procedures") ["group of items forming a unified whole in nature"] 19. an ecosystem; mountain; river; solar ~ ["functionally related group of bodily elements or structures"] 20. the cardiovascular; central nervous; circulatory; digestive; excretory; genito-urinary; immune; muscular; reproductive; respiratory; skeletal ~ ["classification"] ["type of measurement"] 21. a decimal; metric; monetary; number; taxonomic ~ ["group of substances in or approaching equilibrium"] (chemistry) 22. a binary; ternary ~ ["set of meteorological conditions"] 23. a high-pressure; low-pressure ~ ["procedure"] 24. the touch ~ (of typing) ["elements that allow the operation of a computer"] 25. to boot up; reboot a ~ 26. a disk-operating, operating; retrieval ~ ["misc"] 27. ~s analysis; a ~s analyst; ~s theory; to become/be part of a ~; a ~ for doing smt. = a ~ to do smt. (to devise a ~ for winning at poker = to devise a ~ to win at poker); a shock to the ~ (the current crisis may deliver a much-needed shock to the international economic ~)
tack

**T**

Tn. to a ~ (“precisely”) (you fit the role to a ~)

**tab**

I

n. ["tabulator, device for setting a margin"] 1. to set a ~ ["bill"] (colloq.) (AE) 2. to pick up the ~ for (she picked up the ~ for everyone) 3. the ~ for (a pretty high ~ for a mediocre meal!) (see also tabs)

**tab**

II

v. (colloq.) (AE) 1. (d; tr.) (“to identify”) to ~

as (she was ~bed as a leading contender) 2. (d; tr.) (“to designate”) to ~ for (large sums were ~bed for school construction)

**tabernacle**

n. to build a ~

**table**

n. ["piece of furniture"] 1. to lay (esp. BE), set (esp. AE) a ~

2. to clear a ~ 3. a bedside ; coffee ; corner ; dressing ; end ; night ; tray ; window ; writing ~ 4. a dining-room ; dinner ; kitchen ~ (set the dining-room ~ for six) 5. a card ; drop-leaf ; folding ~ 6. a billiard ; ping-pong ; pool ; snooker ~ the operating ~ (in a hospital) 8. (AE) a training ~ (for members of a team) 9. around ; on ; over ; under a ~ 10. ¬at the ~ / members of a team) 9. around, round a ~ (to sit ~) 10. at the ~ (on a car) 11. across ; on ; over ; under a ~ 12. the foot ; head of a ~ 13. (misc.) to book (BE) / as (she was ~bed as a leading contender) 2. (d; tr.) (“to reverse the roles in a struggle with smb.”) ; under the ~ (“illegally”) on smb. (“to fine”) to ~ for (she was ~ged for the ~)

**tablet**

n.

1. a heaping (AE), heaped (BE) ; a heaping (AE), heaped (BE) ;

2. a ~

for (she got up the ~ for everyone)

3. a scored ~

4. a ~

as (she was ~bed as a leading contender)

5. to put a ~ on smb.

6. a car was right on my ~

7. (AE) (mil.) dog (colloq.), identification ~s (BE has identification disc) ["short phrase"] (ing.) 5. a question ~ (a tag question has a question ~, hasn’t it?) (see also tag question at question I n.)

**tablespoon**

n. a heaping (AE), heaped (BE) ; level ~

**tablet**

n. ["pad"] (AE) 1. a writing ~ ["pill"] 2. to take a ~ (see also aspirin tablet at aspirin) 3. a scored ~ ["slab"] 4. a bronze ; clay ; marble ; stone ~

**taboo**

1. to observe a ~ 2. to break, violate a ~ 3. a rigid ~ 4. a ~ about, against, on 5. (to place smt.) under (a) ~ 6. (misc.) the ~s surrounding smt. (See

also tactics)

**tact**

n. 1. to display, exercise, show, use ~ to have ~

3. considerable, exemplary, great ; subtle ~

4. the ~ to + inf. (does she have the ~ to conduct the negotiations?) 5. (misc.) with ~ and diplomacy (to resolve a problem with ~ and diplomacy)

**tactful**

adj. 1. of ~ to + inf. (it was not ~ of you to mention that = you were not ~ to mention that)

**tactics**

n. 1. to adopt ; devise ; employ ; use ~

2. aggressive ; bullying ; delaying ; diversionary ; pressure ; questionable ; roughhouse (AE) ; scare ; smear ; strong-arm ; wily ~ (to employ question-

able ~) 3. defensive ; military ; offensive ~

4. (esp. AE) Madison Avenue ~ ("reliance on sophisticated promotion, advertising") 5. salami ~ ("maneuver-

ing by stages") 6. ~ boomerang ; fail ; pay off, succeed 7. (misc.) strategy and ~

**tactless**

adj. 1. of ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of you to mention that = you were ~ to mention that)

**taffy**

n.

1. to move ; swish ; wag a ~

(an animal, bird, or fish moves its ~ ; a dog wags its ~ ; a horse swishes its ~) 2. to dock ("shorten") a ~ 3. a bushy ~ 4. (misc.) to turn ~ ("to flee")

5. salami ~ ("person who conducts surveillance") (colloq.) 5. to put a ~ on smb. ["misc."] 6. a car was right on my ~ ("a car was following me very closely") ; the traffic was nose to ~ ! (BE) ("bumper to bumper")

**tail**

n. ["course of action"]

1. a ~

2. a ~

as (they ~ged her as a failure)

3. (AE) (d; tr.) (“to fine”) to ~ for (she was ~ged for getting through a red light) 4. (N; used with a noun) they ~ged her a failure

**tag along**

v. 1. (D; intr.) ~ to ~ after ; behind (the child ~ged along after the others) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ with (the child wanted to ~ with the others)

**tag end**

n. (esp. AE) ["very end, tail end"] at the ~ (of smt.)

**tail**

n. ["rear appendage"] 1. to move ; swish ; wag a ~ (an animal, bird, or fish moves its ~ ; a horse swishes its ~ ; a dog wags its ~ ; a horse swishes its ~) 2. to dock ("shorten") a ~ 3. a bushy ~ 4. (misc.) to turn ~ ("to flee") ["person who conducts surveillance"] (colloq.) 5. to put a ~ on smb. ["misc."] 6. a car was right on my ~ ("a car was following me very closely") ; the traffic was nose to ~ ! (BE) ("bumper to bumper")

**tailor**

I

n.

a bespoke (BE) ;

custom ; ladies’ ; men’s ~

**tailor**

II

v. (d; tr.) ~ to ~ to (to ~ an insurance policy to the needs of the insured)

**tailored**

adj. 1. for (~ed for a young audience) 2. to + inf. (an insurance policy ~ to meet the needs of the insured)

**tailor-made**

adj. ~ for ; to (~ for the assignment;
we can offer you an insurance policy ~ to your needs!

tails \textit{pin} \textit{n.} to go into a ~
tainted \textit{adj.} ~ by, with (~ by scandal)
take \textit{I} \textit{n.} (colloq.) ["reaction"] 1. a double ~ ("delayed reaction") (to do a double ~) ["illegal payments"] 2. on the ~ (they were all on the ~) ["they were all accepting bribes"] ["view"] (colloq.) 3. to have a ~ on (she has an interesting ~ on the subject)
take \textit{II} \textit{v.} 1. to ~ badly: hard; lightly: personally; philosophically: seriously: well (she took the bad news well/philosophically) 2. (A) ["carry"] she took a cup of tea to him; or: she took him a cup of tea 3. (d; intr.) to ~ after ["to resemble"] (he ~s after his father) 4. (d; tr.) ["construe"] to ~ as (we took her gesture as a sign of friendship; I took his remark as a compliment; I took your silence as disapproval; I ~ it as read ["I assume"]) that you agree (esp. BE) 5. (d; tr.) ["grasp"] to ~ by (she took him by the hand) 6. (d; tr.) ["lead, accompany"] to ~ for (she took her daughter for a walk; he took us for a ride) 7. (D; tr.) ["obtain, secure"]; to ~ for (I took the book for him) 8. (d; tr.) to ~ for ["to assume to be"] (just what do you ~ me for?; do you ~ me for a fool?) 9. (D; tr.) ["obtain"]; to ~ (to remove) to ~ from (she took the empty cup of tea from him; I took the money from the safe) 10. (d; tr.) ["subtract"] to ~ from (~ five from ten and get five) 11. (d; tr.) ["carry"] to ~ into (~ the chairs into the house) 12. (d; tr.) to ~ into ["to bring into"] (to ~ smb. into one’s confidence; they took the prisoner into custody) 13. (d; tr.) to ~ into ["to include"] (to ~ smb. into consideration; we took all the facts into account ["we took account of all the facts"]) 14. (d; tr.) ["remove"]; ["deduct"]; to ~ off (I took the books off the shelf; they took ten pounds off the bill) 15. (d; tr.) ["carry"] to ~ out of (~ the chairs out of the house) 16. (d; intr.) to ~ to ["like"] (to ~ kindly to an offer; she took them at once) 17. (d; intr.) to ~ to ["begin"]; ["engage in"] (to ~ to drink; to ~ to drinking in bars; she took to gambling at the casinos; he took to fishing with great gusto) 18. (d; intr.) ["go"]; ["have recourse"] to ~ to ~ (to ~ to one’s bed; to ~ to the streets; to ~ to the lifeboats; to ~ to the airwaves) 19. (d; tr.) ["lead, accompany, transport"] to ~ to ~ (to smb. to dinner; she took us to the art museum; we took them to the station) 20. (d; tr.) ["carry"] to ~ to (I took the books to the library; she took the money to the bank) 21. (d; tr.) ["move, transfer"] to ~ to (they took the case to the supreme court) 22. (D; tr.) ["accept, bear"] to ~ with (he took his punishment with a smile; to ~ a remark with a grain of salt) 23. (d; tr.) ["lead, accompany"] to ~ with (they took their daughter with them) 24. (G) ["tolerate, bear, stand"] (used typically after can, can’t, could, couldn’t) he just can’t ~ being ignored 25. (H) ["interpret"] I took your silence to mean disapproval 26. (H) ["require"] it took us two hours to do the job 27. (M) ["consider"]; ["accept"] I took him to be a friend; do you ~ this man to be your lawful wedded husband? 28. (N) ["seize"]; we took them prisoner; to ~ smb. hostage 29. (O) can be used with one object of time ["require"] the job took (us) two hours 30. (P; tr.) her work often ~ her abroad; he threatened to ~ his business elsewhere; the guide took us through the museum; she took them across the street 31. (R) ["demand, require"] it sometimes ~s courage to tell the truth; it took (us) two hours to do the job 32. (s) ["become"] to ~ sick 33. (misc.) she took it on/upon herself to break the news; to ~ five (esp. AE; colloq.) ["have a five-minute break"]; to ~ by surprise ["surprise"] (see also take smb. to court at court; take for granted at granted; take to one’s heels at heels; not take kindly to smb. at kindly; take the law into one’s own hands at law; take smb. lying down at lie down; take smb. by storm at storm i n); take smb. under one’s wing at wing i n)
take away \textit{v.} (D; tr.) ["remove"] to ~ from (she took the scissors away from the child = she took away the scissors from the child)
take back \textit{v.} 1. (D; tr.) ["accept"] to ~ from (they took the furniture back from the customer = they took back the furniture from the customer) 2. (D; tr.) ["return"] to ~ into (they took the furniture back into the house) 3. (D; tr.) ["return"] to ~ (she took the book back to the library; the song took me back to my childhood) 4. (P; tr.) they took the chairs back up to the attic; they took the boxes back down to the basement; they took the visitors back across the river

take down \textit{v.} 1. (D; tr.) ["remove"] to ~ from (off) (she took the suitcase down from the attic = she took down the suitcase from the attic; I took the books down off the shelf) 2. (D; tr.) ["write down"] to ~ in (to ~ testimony down in shorthand) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ to ["move"] (she took the suitcase down to the basement)
take in \textit{v.} 1. (D; tr.) ["accept"] to ~ as (we took her in as a partner) 2. (D; tr.) ["fool"] to ~ by (he was taken in by flattery) 3. (D; tr.) ["lead, accompany"] to ~ to ["begin"] (to ~ smb. to dinner) 4. (misc.) to ~ car in for service; we took them in out of the cold

taken \textit{adj.} ["impressed"] ["infatuated"] 1. very, very much ~ 2. ~ with (he was very (much) ~ with her)
takeoff \textit{n.} (parody) (colloq.) 1. to do a ~ of (esp. BE), on (esp. AE) ["departure of an airplane"] 2. to abort a ~ 3. a smooth ~ 4. on ~ take off \textit{v.} 1. (colloq.) (D; intr.) ["leave"] to ~ for (they took off for town) 2. (D; intr.) ["begin flight"] to ~ from (we took off from a small landing strip) 3. (D; intr.) ["leave"] to ~ with (he took off with their money ~ and with my wife!)
take on \textit{v.} (D; tr.) ["accept"] to ~ as (we took her on as a partner)
take out 1. (D; tr.) (“to remove”) to ~ from (I take out ten dollars from my purse) 2. (D; tr.) (“to carry”) to ~ into (they took the chairs out into the garden) 3. (d; tr.) (“to vent”) to ~ on (don’t ~ your anger out on me = don’t ~ your anger on me) 4. (D; tr.) (“to accompany”) to ~ to (she took them out to a nice restaurant) 5. (misc.) he took her out on a date; to ~ it out on smb. (“to make smb. else suffer for one’s own problem”)

takeover n. 1. a friendly; hostile ~ (of a firm) 2. a corporate; military ~ (see also (hostile) takeover bid at bid I n.)

take over v. 1. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ from (the new government has taken over from the outgoing government; we will ~ power from them) 2. (D; intr.) government has taken over from the outgoing I took over some soup to my neighbor)

take up 1. (D; tr.) (“to carry”) to ~ from (she took the suitcase up from the basement = she took up the suitcase from the basement) 2. (D; tr.) (“to remove”) to ~ from (they took up the carpeting from the floor) 3. (d; tr.) to ~ on (“to accept, adopt”) (he took me up on my offer) 4. (D; tr.) to ~ carry to ~ to (she took the suitcase up to the attic) 5. (d; intr.) to ~ with (“to join”) (he took up with a rough crowd) 6. (misc.) I’ll ~ (“discuss”) the matter with my lawyer = I’ll ~ the matter up with my lawyer

taking n. (colloq.) for the ~ (it’s there for the ~) (“it can be taken by anyone who wants it”)

tale 1. to concoct, make up a ~ (there is a lot of ~ bleeding in the news) 2. to narrate, tell a ~ (“there is a lot of ~ about the weather”)

talent n. 1. to demonstrate, display, show (a) ~ to, with ~ to + inf. (she has the ~ to go far) 2. to demonstrate, display, show (a) ~ to, with ~ (with ~) 3. a ~ to + inf. (she has the ~ to go far) 4. (a) ~ for (a ~ for painting) 10. of; with ~ (a person of considerable ~ who writes poems with great ~) USAGE NOTE: The phrase local talent has besides its literal meaning the sense ‘local girls as potential sex objects’ (as in “Let’s check out the local talent”).

talented adj. 1. highly, hugely, very ~ 2. ~ at, in ~ 3. ~ with (~ with ~) 4. (a) ~ (with ~) 5. blunt, plain; idle, loose; pillow ~ (inted); table ~ (see also small talk) 6. a long; short ~ (she had a long ~ with him about his work) 7. sweet ~ (“flattery”) 8. double, fast ~ (“deception”) 9. a heart-to-heart ~ (“frank”) 10. straight ~ (“frank”) ~ 11. (colloq.) big ~ (“boasting”) 12. ~ about, of; with (there is ~ of her resigning) 13. ~ that + clause (there is ~ that she will resign) ["type of speech"] 14. baby ~ ["misc"] 15. it’s all ~ but no action; the ~ of the town (“the topic being discussed by everyone”) at office parties some people prefer to engage in shop ~ but others prefer to make small ~ (see also small talk; talks)

talk I v. 1. to ~ bluntly, candidly, frankly, freely, openly 2. to ~ loudly, loudly, quietly, softly 4. (D; intr.) to ~ about, of, on (they were ~ing about the elections; she was ~ing of her trip; ~ on a topic) 5. (d; tr.) to ~ into (“to persuade”) (to ~ smb. into doing smt.) 6. (d; tr.) to ~ out of (“to dissuade”) (to ~ smb. out of doing smt.) 7. (d; intr.) (“to speak”) to ~ to, with (esp. AE) I will ~ to them about this problem); (esp. AE – I ~ed with them for an hour) 8. (misc.) to ~ big (“to boast”); to ~ turkey (“to speak frankly”); to ~ oneself hoarse; we have ways of making you ~!

talk back v. (D; intr.) to ~ to (to ~ to one’s boss)

talk down v. (d; intr.) to ~ to (to ~ to an audience)

talker n. (colloq.) a fast, glib, smooth ~ (“one who speaks glibly, in a deceptive manner”)

talking n. to do the ~ (she did all the ~)

talking-to n. (colloq.) “scolding” 1. to give smb. a (good) ~ 2. to get a ~

talk over v. (D; tr.) (“to discuss”) to ~ with (we ~ed it over with them)

talks n. ["negotiations"] 1. to conduct, have, hold; open; to resume ~ (about) 2. to break off ~ 3. candid, frank; direct ~ 4. arms-control, arms-limitation; contract; peace ~ 5. exploratory, preliminary; private, secret ~ 6. formal; informal ~ 7. high-level; top-level ~ 8. ~ break down, collapse; are deadlocked 9. ~ about; between, with (~ about smt.; ~ with smb.) 10. ~ + inf. (we’ve opened ~ with the rebels to release the hostages) 11. (misc.) the next round of ~ will be held in the summer

tall adj. 1. to stand ~ (“to be resolveute”) 2. to walk ~ (“to be self-confident”) 3. (misc.) she is five feet ~ = she is a five-foot-tall woman; she is rather ~ for her age

tally I n. to keep; make a ~

tally II v. (D; intr.) (“correspond”) to ~ with

tambourine n. to play (on) the ~
tamper v. (d; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with a lock; one should not ~ with a jury)
tampon n. to insert, put in; remove, take out a ~ (see also sanitary napkin at napkin; sanitary pad at pad; sanitary towel at towel)

tan I n. 1. to get; have a ~ 2. a deep ~
tan II v. (intr.) to ~ easily, readily

tan III n. in ~ (with)
tangent I adj. ~ to (~ to a circle)
tangent II n. ["digression"] to go off at, on (esp. AE) a ~
tangential adj. (formal) [" incidental"] to

tangle I 1. to unravel a ~ 2. to get into; get out of a ~ 3. a dense, thick ~ in a ~
tangle II v. (colloq.) (d; intr.) (“to quarrel”) to ~ about, over; with (don’t ~ with him over money)
tangled adj. ~ in
tango n. 1. to perform, play a ~ 2. to dance, do tango
  tangled ~ in	tangle II (colloq.) (d; intr.) (“to quarrel”) to ~
tangle II


tardy ~ in adj. ~ in tardiness
  coal ~
tar n.


tape II v. 1. (d; tr.) (“to ask”) to ~ for (to ~ smb. for
  v.
tap II
  n.


tape recorder


tapestry n. 1. to weave a ~ 2. (misc.) (BE) (it’s all


tapestry

tart n.

tardy adj. ~ in
target I n. ["goal, mark"] 1. to aim at; destroy; find, hit; shoot at a ~ to track a ~ 3. to miss; overshoot a ~ 4. to fall short of the ~ 5. a civilian; military; moving; stationary ~ 6. an easy; inviting; soft; sitting ~ 7. off ~, wide of the ~ ("not accurate") 8. on ~ ("accurate") 9. (misc.) to become a ~; use as a ~ (he became an easy ~ for the opposition) (see also target audience at audience) ["result, aim"] 10. to achieve, meet; reach; aim at, aim for; exceed; fall short of; set a ~ 11. an achievable, realistic; impossible, unrealistic; long-term; short-term ~ 12. a ~ for (to set unrealistic ~s for short-term growth)
target II v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ as (she was ~ed as the next victim) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ at (a product ~ed specifically at women) 3. (d; tr.) to ~ for (an old building ~ed for demolition)
tariff n. 1. to impose, levy a ~ 2. to pay a ~ 3. a protective ~ 4. a high; low ~ 5. a ~ on (a stiff ~ was imposed on tobacco products) (see also tariff barrier at barrier)
tarpaulin n. 1. to spread a ~ 2. a piece, sheet of ~
tarry v. (formal) to ~ long (do not ~ long over dinner)
task n. 1. to carry out, do, fulfill, perform; cope with; take on; take on oneself; undertake a ~ 2. to assign smb. a ~ 3. an enviable; pleasant; welcome ~ 4. a delicate, ticklish; fruitless, hopeless ~ (she took upon herself the delicate ~ of breaking the news) 5. an arduous; difficult; enormous; formidable; Herculean, monumental; strenuous ~ 6. a dreary; irksome; menial; onerous; thankless; unenviable; unpleasant; unwelcome ~ 7. (misc.) to take smb. to ~ for smt. (“to criticize smb. for smt.”)
taskforce n. 1. to deploy; form, set up a ~ 2. an army; naval, navy ~ 3. a ~ for (to develop a ~ for music and finally be)
taskmaster n. a hard, rigid, severe, stern ~
taste I n. ["appreciation", "sense of what is proper"] 1. to acquire, cultivate, develop a ~ 2. to demonstrate, display, exercise; show (a) ~; indulge one’s ~ 3. to have ~ 4. (an) acquired; artistic; discriminating; elegant, excellent, exquisite, impeccable; good; simple ~ (she has excellent ~ in clothes; contemporary art is very much an acquired ~) 5. bad, poor ~ (it is bad ~ to ignore an invitation to a wedding) 6. a ~ for (to develop a ~ for music and finally be able to indulge it) 7. ~ in (they showed good ~ in planning the decor; excellent/poor ~ in music) 8. in (a certain) ~ (everything was done in ~good/the best possible¬~) 9. for; to smb.’s ~ (these paints are not to my ~; they are too modern for my ~) 10. (misc.) ~s differ; the sense of ~ (see also a matter of (personal) taste at matter II n.) ["sens- 


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to have, take (esp. AE) a ~ (of) 18. to give smb. a ~ of smt. (often fig.) (they gave him a ~ of his own medicine; that bit part ~ gave me was my first real ~ of show business)
taste II v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ like; of (a nectarine ~ like a peach; the food ~s of garlic) 2. (s) the food ~s good
tasteless adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of them to bring

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tasteless adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of them to bring up that subject)
team up

v. (D; intr.) to ~ against; with (we ~ed up with them against our common enemy)

telephone call

1. to acquire; develop, devise, work out; perfect a ~ to apply a ~ 3. an acting; dance ~ 4. a diagnostic ~ 5. relaxation ~ 6. a ~ allows; encourages (our new relaxation ~ encourages you to become who you were meant to be) 7. a ~ for (they worked out a ~ for analyzing the data) 8. a ~ to + inf. (they worked out a ~ to analyze the data)

technology

n. 1. to create, develop (a) ~ 2. to apply, employ, use ~ 3. to export, transfer ~ (to developing countries) 4. computer; information ~ 5. high ~ (also high tech) 6. advanced, latest, modern, state-of-the-art ~ 7. a ~ allows, enables (our new ~ enables you to generate renewable energy !) 8. a ~ for (they developed a ~ for analyzing the data) 9. a ~ to + inf. (they developed a ~ to analyze the data)

teed off adj. (colloq.) (AE) ["angry"] ~ about, at

teem v. (d; intr.) ~ in; with (fish were ~ing in the river = the river was ~ing with fish)

teens n. 1. to pass; reach one’s ~ 2. early; late; mid-~ 3. during one’s ~ (things that are all right during your ~ may not seem all right once you have passed your ~!) 4. in one’s ~ (they are still in their ~)

teeter v. (d; intr.) ~ on (to ~ on the edge of a cliff)

teeth see tooth

telegraph

n. 1. to send a ~ 2. to get, receive a ~ 3. a ~ from; to (a ~ from London to Paris)

telephone I n. by ~ (the news was sent by ~)

telegraph II v. 1. (A) they ~ed the information to us; or: they ~ed us the information 2. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ about (they ~ed us about the meeting) 3. (d; intr.) ("to request by telegraphing") to ~ for (she ~ed (us) where to meet) 4. (H; no passive) we ~ed them to return home immediately 5. (L; may have an object) she ~ed (us) that the manuscript had been received 6. (Q; may have an object) they ~ed (us) where to meet

telepathy n. mental ~

telephone I n. 1. to hook up, install a ~ 2. to answer, pick up; hang up; put down; slam down the ~ 3. to tap a ~ 4. to disconnect a ~ 5. a car; cellular; cordless; dial; mobile (esp. BE); pay, public ~ 6. a ~ rings; is busy, is engaged (BE) 7. by ~; on, over (esp. AE) the ~ (she spoke to him by ~ ; I enjoyed our chat on/over the ~; to speak on/over the ~; he is always on the ~) 8. (BE) on the ~ ("connected to the telephone system") 9. (misc.) to be wanted on the ~; to call smb. on the ~; to call smb. to the ~ (see also phone I)

telephone II v. 1. (B) they ~d the information to us 2. (D; tr.) to ~ about (they ~d me about the meeting) 3. (H; no passive) we ~d them to return home immediately 4. (L; may have an object) she ~d (us) that the manuscript had been received 5. (Q; may have an object) they ~d (us) where to meet

telephone call n. see call I n. 13–22
telephone directory, telephone book n. to be in the ~

telephone receiver n. see receiver 1–2

telescope I n. 1. to focus, train a ~ on 2. a reflecting ; refracting ~ through a ~ 3. (misc.) the wrong end of a ~ (as weird as seeing smt. through the wrong end of a ~)

teleoscope II v. (D ; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ a syllabus into a brief outline)

televised adj. 1. nationally ~ 2. ~ live (~ live from Yankee Stadium !)

television n. 1. to put on, switch on ; turn on the ~ 2. to watch ~ (I watched scenes of violence on ~) 3. to switch off, turn off the ~ 4. to turn down ; turn up the ~ 5. black-and-white ; color ~ 6. breakfast ; cable ; closed-circuit ; commercial ; educational ; free-view (esp. BE) ; local ; national ; pay ; peak-time (BE) ; peak-viewing-time (BE) ; prime-time (esp. AE) ; public (esp. AE) ; satellite ~ 7. ~ broadcasts, shows (~ broadcasts showed scenes of violence) 8. on ~ (I saw scenes of violence on ~) 9. (misc.) she is, works in ~

television set n. 1. to plug in a ~ 2. to put on, switch on, turn on a ~ 3. to switch off, turn off a ~ 4. to unplug a ~ 5. to turn down ; turn up a ~ 6. a black-and-white ; color ~ 7. a digital ~

tell v. 1. (A ; usu. without to) (“to relate”) she told the news to everyone concerned ; or: she told everyone the news ; he told me his name ; she told them a story ; ~ me the truth 2. (D ; intr.) (“to be certain”) to ~ about (you can never ~ about people like that) 3. (d ; intr., tr.) (“to inform”) to ~ about, of (he didn’t want to ~ about the incident ; me about the game ; she told everyone of her success) 4. (BE; formal) (d ; intr.) to ~ against (“to count against”) (their past misdemeanors will ~ against them) 5. (d ; tr.) (“to ascertain”) to ~ from (can you ~ anything from a quick examination ?) 6. (d ; tr.) to ~ from (“to differentiate”) (can you ~ one twin from the other ?) 7. (colloq.) (d ; intr., tr.) to ~ of (BE), on (“to inform on”) (he told on her when the teacher returned ; I’m going to ~ my father on you) 8. (D ; intr.) to ~ on (”to affect”) (the strain was beginning to ~ on her) 9. (H) (“to order”) she told me to leave 10. (L ; must have an object) (“to inform”) she told me that I should leave 11. (Q ; must have an object) (“to inform”) ~ me how to get there 12. (Q) (“to ascertain”) can you ~ from a quick examination where his injuries are ? ; you can never ~ whether people like that are lying 13. (misc.) I told you so ! ; pray ~ (old-fashioned or humorous) (and who might you be, pray ~ ?) (see also tell the difference at difference ; telling ; tell (the) time at time ; told)

tell apart v. (D ; tr.) to ~ from (can you ~ one twin apart from the other ? = can you ~ the twins apart from each other ?)

teller n. (AE) a bank ~ (BE has cashier)

telling n. [”certainty, knowing”] 1. there’s no ~ (what they’ll do) [”act of narrating”] 2. in the ~ (the story changed in the ~)

temery n. the ~ to + inf. (he had the ~ to file a grievance)

temper I n. 1. to control, curb, keep one’s ~ 2. to lose one’s ~ 3. a bad, explosive, foul, hot, nasty, quick, uncontrollable, ungovernable, violent ~ (he has a very bad ~ = he’s very bad-tempered) 4. a calm, even, mild ~ 5. ~ cool down ; flare (up) ; fray 6. a display, fit, outburst of ~ (she said that in a fit of ~) 7. (misc.) she was in quite a (bad) ~ this morning ; he flew into a ~

temper II v. (D ; tr.) to ~ with (to ~ justice with mercy)

temperament n. 1. to have a certain ~ (she has a nervous ~) 2. an artistic ; poetic ~ 3. a calm, even, mild, quiet ~ 4. an exciting ; fiery ; nervous ~ 5. by ~ (very excitable by ~)

temperance n. ~ in

temperate adj. ~ in

temperature n. [”degree of heat or cold”] 1. to adjust, control the ~ to + inf. 2. to take smb.’s ~ (also fig.) (a survey that tried to take the ~ of the American consumer) 3. a high ; low ; normal ~ (smb.’s) body ~ 5. room ~ (at room ~) 6. the average ; surface ~ 7. a ~ drops, falls ; goes down 8. a ~ goes up, rises 9. a ~ remains steady 10. at a (certain) ~ (water boils at a certain ~) 11. an increase, rise in ~ 12. a decrease, drop in ~ [”excess over normal body heat, fever”] 13. to develop, have, run a ~ 14. a high ; slight ~ 15. a ~ falls ; rises ; subsides 16. a ~ of (a ~ of 39 degrees)

tempo n. 1. to increase, step up the ~ 2. to slow down the ~ 3. a fast ; slow ~ 4. the ~ increases, speeds up ; slackens, slows down

tempt v. 1. (D ; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ smb. into doing smt.) 2. (H) to ~ smb. to do smt. (See also tempt fate at fate)

temptation n. 1. to overcome, resist ~ (“I can resist everything except ~” – Oscar Wilde, Lady Windermere’s Fan, 1891) 2. to be exposed to, face, feel ~ 3. to succumb to ~ 4. to place, put ~ in smb.’s way 5. irresistible, strong ~ 6. a ~ to + inf. (she resisted the ~ to answer back)

tempted adj. ~ to + inf. (she was ~ to answer back)

tempting adj. ~ to + inf. (she felt it would be ~ to answer back)

tenacity n. 1. to demonstrate, display, show ~ to 2. to have ~ 3. bulldog ; great ; sheer ~ (to demonstrate great ~) 4. the ~ to + inf. (she had the ~ to finish the job) 5. by ~ (she finished the job by sheer ~)

tend v. 1. (AE) (d ; intr.) to ~ to (to ~ one’s own business) (CE has ~) 2. (d ; intr.) to ~ towards (she ~s towards exaggeration) 3. (E) she ~s to exaggerate

tendency n. 1. to demonstrate, display, show a ~ 2. a growing ; marked, pronounced ; mounting ; natural ; strong ; universal ; worrying ~ 3. artistic ; homicidal ; suicidal ; vicious ~cies (for years he has displayed suicidal ~cies) 4. a ~ among, on the
### tender I

**adj.** to, towards, with (see also tender loving care at care I n.)

**n.** ['offer, bid'] (esp. BE) 1. to make, put in, send in, submit a ~ 2. to invite ~s; put out to ~ (the government has invited ~s for the construction of the new motorway = the government has put the construction of the new motorway out to ~) 3. to accept; reject, turn down a ~ 4. to lose; win a ~ 5. a sealed ~ 6. the highest; lowest ~ 7. a ~ for 8. a ~ to + inf. (our company won the ~ to construct the new motorway) |'time at which a normal pregnancy terminates' | 11. to have a baby at ~ after a full-term pregnancy (see also terms)

### terms

**n.** ['expression, word'] 1. an abstract; concrete, specific; general ~ 2. a clear; comprehensible ~ 3. an incomprehensible; vague ~ (the lecturer used an incomprehensible ~ in making her point) 4. a cover-term, generic, umbrella; general; legal; medical; technical ~ (see also word I n.) ['period of time served'] 5. to serve a ~ (in office) 6. an un-expired ~ 7. a ~ expires, runs out 8. a jail, prison ~ ['division of a school year'] 9. the autumn (BE), fall (AE); school; spring; summer ~ 10. at the end ~of a/or (BE)~ ~ ['time at which a normal pregnancy terminates'] 11. to have a baby at ~ after a full-term pregnancy (see also terms)
terraced 

testify

smb. on equal ~; they are not on good ~ with each other) ["aspects"] 16. in certain ~ (in economic ~ [= economically (speaking)], that country is a superpower; in ~ of its foreign trade [= as regards its foreign trade], that country is a serious competitor) 17. (misc.) ~ of reference; this offer is subject to the usual ~ and conditions USAGE NOTE: The phrase in terms of is used widely, perhaps too widely, to link constructions in English: (1) This dictionary has done well in terms of sales. Alternatives include: (2) This dictionary has done well in terms of sales; (3) this dictionary has done well sales-wise; (4) this dictionary has done well with respect to sales; (5) this dictionary has done well in respect of sales (esp. BE). People who dislike the original example will also dislike the second and esp. the third. Such people will not object to examples four and five, but may well ask: Why not just say "This dictionary has sold well"?

**terrace** n. from; on a ~ (see also terrace(d) house at house)

terraces n. (BE) (as in football stadiums) from; on the ~ (cheers from the ~)

terrain n. 1. harsh, rough, rugged; hilly; mountainous; rocky; swampy ~ 2. across ~ (we wondered whether we could get across such rugged ~)

terrify v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ into (she was ~fied into terrified ~ at, by, of 2. ~ to + inf. (we are ~ to the ~ of time; the ~ turned out (to be) negative/~ positive for a disease (see also tested case at case I n.; screen test)

**terrible** adj. 1. really, simply ~ 1. ~ at (she is ~ at bridge) 2. ~ + inf. (it was really ~ to work there = it was really ~ working there = working there was really ~; it was ~ of them to do that) 3. ~ that + clause (it is ~ that she lost her wallet; I feel ~ that you cannot accept our invitation)

terrified adj. 1. ~ at, by, of 2. ~ + inf. (we are ~ to think that there might be another earthquake) 3. ~ that + clause (we are ~ that there might be another earthquake)

terrifying adj. 1. ~ + inf. (it was ~ to watch that movie = it was ~ watching that movie = watching that movie was ~; it’s ~ to think that there might be another earthquake) 2. ~ that + clause (it’s ~ that there might be another earthquake)

territory n. 1. to annex; occupy ~ 2. to cede ~ 3. a neutral; trust ~ 4. (an) occupied; unoccupied ~ 5. unexplored ~ 6. (misc.) to reconnoiter enemy ~

terror n. 1. to employ, engage in, resort to; unleash ~ 2. to arouse, inspire; sow ~; to strike ~ into (to strike ~ into smb.’s heart) 3. to feel; show ~ 4. to overcome ~ (he finally overcame his ~ of snakes) 5. absolute, blind, mortal, sheer, stark ~ 6. (colloq.) a holy ~ 7. in ~ (to live in ~ of smt.) 8. (misc.) a campaign, reign of ~: a shriek of ~

terrorism n. 1. to combat, fight ~ 2. indiscriminate; international; state; urban ~ 3. an act; campaign of ~ 4. see terror ~

terrorist n. an armed; international; urban ~ (see also terrorist attack at attack I n.; terrorist threat at threat)

terrorize v. (D; tr.) to ~ into
test I n. ["examination, set of questions"] 1. to administer, conduct, give a ~ 2. to draw up, make up, prepare, set (BE) a ~ 3. to sit for (BE), take a ~ 4. to fail, flunk (colloq.; esp. AE) a ~ 5. to pass a ~ 6. a demanding, difficult ~ 7. an easy ~ 8. an achievement; aptitude; general-knowledge; intelligence, IQ ~ 9. a placement; proficiency ~ 10. a cloze; completion; essay, essay-type; multiple-choice; objective; oral; true-and-false, true-false; unannounced; written ~ 11. a driving ~ 12. a breath ~ (to have/undergo a breath ~ and fail or pass it) 13. a lie-detector, polygraph ~ (to have/undergo a lie-detector ~ and fail or pass it) (see also lie-detector test; polygraph test) 14. a competency; means ~ 15. a ~ in, of, on (a ~ in mathematics; a ~ on new material) ["ordeal, trial"] 16. an acid, demanding, exacting, litmus, rigorous, severe ~ 17. an endurance ~ ["Experiment, trial"] ["examination"] 18. to carry out, conduct, do, perform, run a ~ 19. to have, undergo a ~ (to undergo a number/series of blood ~s) 20. exhaustive, extensive, thorough ~s 21. a breathing; diagnostic; DNA; drug; PAP; patch; salvia; skin; scratch; tuberculosis ~ (see also blood test) 22. a personality; psychological ~ 23. a laboratory; nuclear ~ 24. a road ~ 25. a ~ for (to do a skin ~ for tuberculosis) 26. a ~ on (they conducted a series of ~s on me at the health center) 27. (misc.) to stand the ~ of time; the ~ turned out to be (negative/positive, the ~ was negative/positive; to put smb. to the ~ (see also test case at case I n.; screen test)

USAGE NOTE: In AE, a road test is ambiguous: it can test a vehicle or a driver. In BE, a road test tests the vehicle only. In CE, a test drive tests the vehicle, and a driving test tests the driver.

test II v. 1. to ~ carefully, thoroughly 1. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ for (to ~ for excessive air pollution; to ~ the urine for sugar; to ~ a car for defects) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ in, on (we ~ed them ~in English/on their knowledge of English~; I was ~ed on irregular verbs) 3. (P; intr.) (esp. AE) some of our students ~ed in the top percentile 4. (esp. AE) (s) some students ~ high, others low; to ~ negative/positive for a disease (see also tested)

testament n. 1. the New; Old Testament 2. a ~ to (her Nobel Prize is a lasting/fitting ~ to her perseverance) 3. (misc.) smb.’s last will and ~
tested adj. 1. sorely ~ 2. (misc.) tried and ~
test flight n. to conduct a ~
testicle n. an undescended ~
testify v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ about (to ~ about a case) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ against; for, on behalf of (to ~ for the plaintiff) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ to (the results ~ to the quality of their work) 4. (L) she ~fied (to the court) that she had not seen the accident 5. (misc.) to ~ under oath (she ~ed under oath that the driver had been drunk)
testimonial n. 1. to give, offer, provide a ~ 2. an eloquent ~ 3. a ~ to (her Nobel Prize provides an eloquent ~ to her perseverance)

testimony n. 1. to give, offer ~ (under oath) 2. to cite ~ to recant, repudiate, retract (one’s) ~ 4. to contradict; discount; refute (smb.’s) ~ 5. reliable ~ 6. false, perjured; unreliable ~ 7. expert ~ 8. ~ about 9. ~ against (she gave ~ against the defendant) 10. ~ for, on behalf of (she gave ~ for the plaintiff) 11. (a) ~ to (her Nobel Prize is a real ~ to her perseverance) 12. ~ that + clause (nobody could refute her ~, given under oath, that the driver had been drunk)

testing n. 1. proficiency ~ 2. drug ; mandatory ; voluntary ~

tetanus n. to develop ~
tether v. (D ; tr.) to ~ (the horse was ~ed to the hitching-post; the horses were ~ed to each other [= the horses were ~ed to each other])

text n. 1. to set a ~ (in type) ; to input a ~ (into a computer) ; to print a ~ ; to print out a ~ 2. to edit; copy-edit (esp. AE), sub-edit (esp. BE); proof-read a ~ 3. to annotate a ~ 4. an annotated ; complete, full ; draft; unexpurgated ~ 5. a machine-readable ~ 6. to stray from the ~ (as of a prepared speech) 7. a piece ; section of ~ 8. in a ~
textbook n. 1. a basic, introductory ; college ; school; standard ~ 2. a ~ of, on (a ~ on advanced grammar = an advanced-grammar ~) 3. in a ~
texture n. delicate, fine ; rough; smooth ~
thank v. 1. to ~ profusely; sincerely 2. (D ; tr.) to ~ for (she ~ed me profusely for my help) 3. (H; no passive) I’ll ~ you to make less noise in the future ! 4. (L; must have an object) we can ~ you that we got there on time = we have you to ~ that we got there on time 5. (misc.) ~ you very much! (see also thank-you letter at letter ; Usage Note at thanks)
thankful adj. 1. ~ for; to (we were ~ to them for still being alive) 2. ~ to inf. (we were ~ to be still alive) 3. ~ that + clause (we were ~ to (them that we were still alive)
thanks n. 1. to express; give one’s ~; to say ~ 2. to accept smb.’s ~ 3. one’s heartfelt, sincere, warm ~ 4. ~ for; to (special ~ are due to you for all your help!) 5. (misc.) many ~; ~ a lot/a million~; “you nearly ruined my work! ~ a lot/a bunch!~” (sardonic); I finished the whole job on time, no ~ to you; we completed the work on time, ~ to you/your help; we owe her a vote of ~! USAGE NOTE: The standard responses to “Thanks” or “Thank you” include “You’re welcome,” “Don’t mention it,” “Not at all,” “No problem,” “You’re welcome” is nowadays neutral CE. “No problem” is colloq. CE. “Don’t mention it” and “Not at all” are both BE and somewhat old-fashioned.

that pronoun 1. at ~(“in addition”) (she was a thief and a clever one at ~ 2. (misc.) take ~! (“I’m going to punch you!”)
thaw n. 1. the spring ~ 2. a ~ sets in (also fig.) 3. during a ~

theater, theatre n. “[building in which plays are performed or (esp. AE films shown)’” 1. to crowd, jam, pack a ~ 2. an art; dinner (esp. AE); movie (AE; BE has cinema); open-air; repertory ~ 3. at; in the ~ (we were at the ~ last night; what’s on at the ~ tonight?) [“theatrical profession or type of play’” 4. the legitimate ~ (old-fashioned or humorous) 5. musical; physical ~ 6. the ~ of the absurd; the ~ of cruelty; ~ in the round 7. in; into the ~ (she was well thought of in the ~, which she went into after drama school) [“operating room in a hospital”] (BE) 8. an operating ~ 9. in; (the patient is still in ~)
thief n. 1. to commit (a) ~ 2. petty ~ 3. a ~ from (the daring ~ of a famous painting from a museum)

theme n. 1. a basic; central, dominant, main; common; consistent; familiar; underlying ~ 2. a contemporary ~ 3. a recurrent, recurring ~ 4. a ~ for (a ~ for discussion) 5. on a ~ (a seminar on the ~ of poverty) (see also variation on a theme at variation)

then adv. 1. just ~ 2. before; by ~ 3. from ~ on 4. since ~ 5. until, up to ~

theorem n. 1. to deduce; formulate a ~ 2. to prove; test a ~ 3. to disprove a ~ 4. the binomial ~
thororize v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ about (the police ~d about how the burglar had entered) 2. (L) the police ~d that drinking milk prevents colds)
thorey n. 1. to construct, formulate a ~ 2. to advance, advocate, present, propose, put forth, set forth, suggest a ~ 3. to develop; test a ~ 4. to confirm ~ 5. to debunk, discredit, disprove, expel, refute a ~ 6. to challenge a ~ 7. a pet ~ 8. an economic; political ~ 9. critical; game; information; literary; number; quantum; set; scientific ~ (see also systems theory at system) 10. the big-bang; steady-state ~ 11. the germ ~ (of disease) 12. a ~ develops, evolves 13. a ~ holds (up) 14. a ~ about (a ~ about the origin of the universe) 15. a ~ that + clause (she has a ~ that drinking milk prevents colds) 16. in ~ (in ~ their plan makes sense but in practice it hasn’t worked) 17. on a ~ (they proceeded on the ~ that the supplies would arrive on time) 18. (misc.) the ~ of evolution ; the ~ of relativity ; to combine ~

therapist n. a family; group; occupational; physical ~ (esp. AE), physiotherapist (esp. BE); psychotherapist; speech ~

therapy n. 1. to employ, use ~ (on, with) 2. to get, have; undergo ~ 3. art; dance; music ~ (to employ/use music ~) 4. massage; occupational; recreational; speech ~ (to get speech ~; to employ/use recreational ~); physical ~ (esp. AE), physiotherapy (esp. BE) 5. aversion; electro-convulsive (BE), electro-shock (AE); shock ~ (to get/receive under electro-shock ~; to administer/employ/use electro-shock ~; will the economic crisis be a form
of shock ~ to our belief systems? 6. behavior(al); cognitive; family; group; individual, one-on-one ~; psychotherapy 7. chemotherapy; hormone replacement therapy (HRT); inhalation; radiation, X-ray ~ (to get/ have/ undergo radiation ~) 8. ~ for 9. in ~ (she was in ~ for emotional problems) (see also therapy group at group I n.; therapy session at session)

there adv. 1. from, (up) to ~ 2. down; over; up ~ 3. from ~ on

thermometer n. 1. to read a ~ (to read a clinical; meat; oral; oven; rectal ~) 2. a ~ reads (I knew I was ill because the ~ read 40 degrees) 3. a ~ shows a temperature (I knew I was ill because the ~ showed a temperature of 40 degrees)

thermostat n. 1. to adjust, set; turn down; turn up a ~ 2. to calibrate a ~

thesis n. 1. to advance, set; turn down; turn up a ~ to read a ~ (to read a clinical; meat; oral; oven; rectal ~) 2. a ~ reads (I knew I was ill because the ~ read 40 degrees) 3. a ~ shows a temperature (I knew I was ill because the ~ showed a temperature of 40 degrees)

think I adj. 1. (colloq.) (esp. BE) ~ with (they are ~ with thick) ~ 2. a sufferer (they are suffering from) 3. a ~ about, of (she was ~ing about you)

think II n. 1. a sufferer (they are suffering from) 3. a ~ about, of (she was ~ing about you)

thief n. 1. a car; jewel ~ 2. a common, petty; sneak ~ 3. a ~ robs; steals 4. a band, gang of thieves (a gang of thieves stole a famous painting from a museum)

thing n. ["deed"] ["event"] 1. to do a ~ (she did a nice ~ when she offered to help; to do great ~s; Do the Right Thing – Spike Lee, film, 1989; "It is a far, far better ~ that I do, than I have ever done" – Charles Dickens, 1812–70, A Tale of Two Cities) 2. a good; great; nice ~ ("the tyrant has been overthrown!"); "and a good ~, too!") 3. a funny; strange ~ 4. a bad; mean; nasty; terrible ~ 5. a big; small ~ 6. a difficult; easy ~ 7. a sensible; stupid ~ 8. the decent, right; wrong ~ 9. a ~ happens; ~s happen (a strange ~ happened this morning; When Bad Things Happen to Good People – Rabbi Harold S. Kushner, 1981) 10. a ~ to ~ in; (it was an easy ~ to do; it was the wrong ~ to do; there are still lots of ~s ~ to do (to be done)~) ["object"] 11. to use a ~ for (don’t use this ~ for removing paint) ["facts, details"] 12. to discuss; say ~s (about) 13. to get a ~ out of smb. (I couldn’t get a ~ out of her) 14. to know a ~ about (he doesn’t know a ~ about music; don’t say a ~ to her about it!); to know a ~ or two ("to know quite a bit") 15. (misc.) the way ~s stand (see also 25) ["fact, point"] (colloq.) 16. the ~ is that + clause (the ~ ("problem, difficulty") is that I still have a great deal of work to do; the other ~ is that I really don’t want to go) USAGE NOTE: A phrase like "The thing is that I still have a great deal of work to do" is heard often but is wrong. It is a blend of "The thing/problem is that I still have a great deal of work to do." [article of clothing] 17. not to have a ~ to wear (I don’t have a ~ to wear) 18. to put on; take off one’s ~s ["possessions, effects"] 19. to pack one’s ~s ["step"] 20. the first; last; next ~ (the next ~ is to submit your application) ["person of a certain type"] 21. a pretty; poor ~ (a pretty little ~; you poor ~ (, you!)) ["thought, idea"] 22. to say the right ~ ["matters"] (used in the plural) 23. to even ~s up 24. to see ~s as they are (25). (misc.) all ~s considered ("with everything taken into account"); ~s don’t look good; ~s are looking up for us; how do ~s stand?; how are ~s?; among other ~s ("inter alia") (see also 15) ["utensils"] 26. to clear the (breakfast; tea) ~s away ("individual") 27. a living ~ (there wasn’t a living ~ in sight) ["fear"] ["obsession"] (colloq.) 28. a ~ about (she has a ~ about flying) ["misc."] 29. let’s forget the whole ~; to be hearing/seeing ~s ("to be imagining things"); to do one’s ~s (see also 15) ["feeling"] ("to do what one feels competent or motivated to do"); any old ~ ("anything at all"); a sure ~ ("smt. that is certain to succeed"); of all ~s ("most surprisingly") to tell smb. a ~ or two ("to tell smb. frankly what one thinks"); to put first ~s first (in their proper order of priority); the best/greatest ~ since white bread (AE) = the best/greatest ~ since sliced bread (BE) (see also let things take their natural course at course I n.; the shape of things to come at come; all other things being equal at equal I adj.; Usage Note at stuff I n.)

think II n. (colloq.) (BE) 1. to have a ~ about 2. a long hard ~

think II v. 1. to ~ aloud; clearly; fast; hard; laterally, outside the box (I thought (long and) hard and finally remembered the name) 2. (D; intr.) ("to reflect") to ~ about, of (I was ~ing about you; I thought about you/your working out there in the hot sun; "kiss my wife? don’t even ~ about it!"); to ~ of the past 3. (d. intr.) ("to be concerned") to ~ about, of (I was only ~ing of your welfare when I declined the offer) 4. (d. intr.) to ~ of ("to have an opinion of") (to ~ badly, ill; highly, well of) 5. (d. intr.) to ~ of ("to consider; to intend") (she never thought of telephoning; to ~ of resigning) 6. (E) ("to remember") she never thought to call 7. (L) ("to anticipate") we thought (that) it would rain 8. (L) ("to believe") I ~ it’s raining; I ~ (that) he is ~ a fool/foolish~ 9. (M; used typically in the passive) ("to consider") he’s generally thought to be a fool; she is thought to be irreplaceable 10. ("to know quite a bit")
think ahead v. (D; intr.) ("to direct one’s thoughts ahead") to ~ to (to ~ to the future)
think back v. (D; intr.) ("to direct one’s thoughts back") to ~ to (to ~ to the past)
thinker n. a clear; deep, profound; great; independent; logical; muddled; original ~
thinking n. 1. to do some (serious) ~ 2. clear; good; logical; positive; quick ~ 3. creative; independent; lateral; original ~ 4. critical; deep ~ 5. muddled; wishful ~ 6. a piece of ~ (that was quite a piece of lateral ~ on your part, boss!) 7. the ~ behind (what was the ~ (that lay) behind your decision, boss?) 8. smb.’s ~ on (what is your ~ on this matter, boss?) 9. (misc.) to my way of ~ ("in my opinion")
thinner n. paint ~
third degree n. (colloq.) ["brutal, harsh interrogation"] 1. to give smb. the ~ 2. to get the ~
thirst I n. 1. to experience ~ 2. after (formal) 1. a busy, crowded; main ~ ["through road"] 2. No Thoroughfare (BE)
thirst II v. (D; intr.) ("to direct one’s thoughts ahead") to ~ to (to ~ to the future)

(N) ("to consider") many people ~ him ~ a fool/foolish~; many people ~ her irreplaceable 11. (Q) I can’t ~ where it could be 12. (misc.) to ~ nothing of walking five miles every morning: I thought to myself that it would be nice to have some hot soup; he doesn’t ~ of himself as a politician; to ~ better of doing smt. ("to change one’s mind about doing smt."); to ~ on one’s feet ("to decide or respond quickly"); I dread/hate to ~ that smt. bad will happen but I’m inclined to ~ it might!; I ~ so; I don’t ~ so, I ~ not

thought n. ("to consider") 1. to entertain, harbor, possess, represent a ~ 4. a length, piece; reel (BE), spool (AE) of ~ 5. in ~ (there’s a tangle in the ~ of it) 6. a constant; dire, grave, serious; direct; explicit; imminent ~ 7. a covert; empty, idle; implicit; veiled ~ 8. a death; security; suicide; terrorist ~ (their group poses a security ~; they issued terrorist ~s before the rally) (see also bomb threat) 9. a ~ against, to (to constitute / pose a ~ to) 10. a ~ to + inf. (she carried out her ~ to resign) 11. a ~ that + clause (she carried out her ~ that she would resign) 12. under ~ of (under ~ of reprisals from disaffected elements) 13. (misc.) to take a ~ seriously; a constant ~ hung over them

threaten v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ with (to ~ smb. with reprisals) (see also threaten with extinction at extinc tion) 2. (E) she ~ed to resign
threshold n. ["entrance"] 1. (also fig.) to cross a ~ 2. (also fig.) on the ~ (to be on the ~ of a promising career) 3. (med.) a renal ~ ["tunneling"] 4. a boredom; pain ~ 5. a high; low ~ (to have a low pain ~) 6. above; below a ~

thrift n. to practice ~

thrifty adj. ~ in

thrill I n. 1. to give, provide a ~ 2. to experience, feel, get, have a ~ (we got a ~ from riding in your new car) 3. a ~ for smb. (it was a ~ for us to ride in your new car) 4. a ~ to + inf. (it was a ~ to ride in your new car = it was a ~ riding in your new car) 5. (misc.) a cheap ~; to gamble for the ~ of it ("to gamble for the sheer excitement of gambling")

thrill II v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with excitement)

throb v. a cerebral; coronary ~

thrombosis n.

throes n. 1. death ~ 2. in the ~ (in the ~ of a severe economic crisis)

throng v. (P; intr.) they all ~ed (a)round the speaker

thronged adj. ~ with (the beaches are ~ with people; the speaker was ~ with admirers)

throttle II v. (d; intr.) to ~ with (the beaches are ~ with people; the speaker was ~ with admirers)

through adj., adv., prep. 1. right, straight ~ (to) (when I dialed, I got right/straight ~; the call went right/straight ~; from spring right/straight ~ to winter) 2. ~ with (after thirty years, he is ~ with teaching – he’s had enough!) (see also come through; get through at get; get through; go through at go; go through; look through at look II v.; run through at run II v.; see through at see)

throw I n. 1. (basketball) a free ~ (see also free throw) 2. (baseball) a wild ~ (see also stone’s throw)

throw II v. 1. to ~ hard; high; straight (she threw the ball hard) 2. (A) she threw the ball to me; or: she threw me the ball 3. (D; tr.) to ~ across, over (to ~ a ball over a fence) 4. (D; tr.) to ~ at (she threw a stone at me) 5. (d; refl., tr.) to ~ into (he threw himself into his work; they threw the ball into the air; the news threw everyone into confusion) 6. (d; refl., tr.) to ~ on (she threw herself on the mercy of the court; she threw the books on(to) the table) (see also throw light on smt. at light II n.) 7. (d; tr.) to ~ out of (they were thrown out of work) 8. (d; refl., tr.) to ~ to (I threw myself to the ground) 9. (P; tr.) she threw the plate against the wall; he threw the tools under the car; he threw himself under a train 10. (misc.) to ~ smb. off balance; he threw himself at her ("he made a maximum effort to win her affections") (see also throw smt. open at open I adj.)

throw away v. (D; tr.) ("to squander") to ~ on (~) to ~ (he threw away his money on gambling = he threw his money away on gambling)

throwback n. ["reversion"] a ~ to (to be a ~ to an earlier state)

throw back v. 1. (A) she threw the ball back to me; or: she threw me back the ball 2. see also throw II 1–9

throw down v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ on, onto, to (she threw the books down onto the table) 2. see also throw II 8, 9

throw up v. 1. (B) ("to reproach") (esp. AE) I was late, but she didn’t ~ it up to me 2. (D; tr.) ("to toss") to ~ in, into; to (she threw the ball up in the air) (see also throw II 1–5)

thrust I n. ["push"] 1. to make a ~ 2. a deep ~ (the enemy made a deep ~ into our lines) 3. a ~ at; into ("main point") 4. the main, principal ~ (the main ~ of their argument)

thrust II v. 1. to ~ deeply 2. (d; tr.) to ~ at (she thrust the money at me) 3. (d; tr.) to ~ into (she thrust the money into my hand) 4. (misc.) to ~ one’s way through a crowd

thud n. 1. a dull; loud; sickening ~ 2. (misc.) it fell to the ground with a loud ~

thumb I n. ["finger"] 1. babies often suck their ~ ["finger"] 2. under smb.’s ~ ("dominated by smb."); to twiddle one’s ~s ("to be idle") (see also stick out like a sore thumb at stick out)

thumb II v. (d; intr.) to ~ through (to ~ through a book)
thumbs-down n. ["rejection"] (colloq.) to get; give the ~
thumbs-up n. ["approval"] (colloq.) to get; give the ~
thunder I n. 1. ~s, reverberates, roars, rolls, rumbles 2. a clap, crack, crack, peal, roll; rumble of ~ (a deafening clap of ~) 3. (misc.) to steal smb.'s ~ ("to do first what smb. else was going to do")
thunder II v. (L; at) he ~ed (at us) that he would never agree = "I shall never agree!" he thundered (at us)
thunderbolt n. a ~ struck (a tree)
thunderstruck adj. 1. ~ at (~ at the news) 2. ~ to + adv. thunderstruck
thunder II v. (D; tr.) to ~ until (this money will ~ us over until next month)
tidings n. 1. to bear, bring ~ to. to receive ~ 3. glad; sad ~
tidy up v. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ after smb. (he had to ~ after the children, who wouldn't ~ after themselves)
tie I n. ["necktie"] 1. to knot, tie; put on; wear; loosen; tighten a ~ 2. a garish, loud; regimental (GB); school (GB) ~ (see also bow tie) ["draw"] (sports) 3. to break a ~ 4. a goalless (esp. BE), scoreless ~ 5. (to end) in a ~ ["match"] (BE) (sports) 6. a cup ~ ["link, bond"] 7. to establish ~s with 8. to cement, strengthen ~s 9. to cut, sever; loosen ~s with 10. close, intimate, strong ~s 11. family ~s 12. ~s between; to, with (~s to other nations) ["support for rails"] (AE) 13. a railroad ~ (BE has sleeper) ["misc"] 14. the old school ~ (BE) ["mutual aid of former fellow-students; the old-boy network"]
tie II v. 1. (d; tr.) ["fasten"] to ~ to (a round (she ~d the cord around the package) 2. (D; tr.) ["to equal the score of"] to ~ for (to ~ smb. for the lead) 3. (D; tr.) ["fasten"] to ~ onto, to (they ~d him to a post) 4. (D; intr.) ["to equal the score"] to ~ with (our team ~d with them for the lead) 5. (D; tr.) ["to fasten"] to ~ with (I ~d the books with a string) 6. (N; used with an adjective) she ~d the rope tight
tied adj. ["connected"] to ~ (the raise was ~ to the cost of living)
tie down v. (D; tr.) to ~ to (she was ~d down to her job; I tried unsuccessfully to ~ her down to a date for our next meeting)
tied up adj. ["busby"] 1. ~ with (I'm ~ with appointments all week) ["connected"] 2. ~ with (they are ~ with several multinational corporations)
tie-in n. (colloq.) ["relation"] a ~ between; with tier n. ["rows"] in ~
tie-up n. ["stoppage"] 1. to cause a ~ 2. a traffic ~ ["link"] 3. a ~ to; with
tie up v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ in (they ~d up their money in bonds = they tied their money up in bonds) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ onto, to (she ~d up everything into a bundle = she tied everything into a bundle) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ with (she tied the horse up to the fence) 4. (D; tr.) to ~ with (I ~d up the package with string = I tied the package up with string)
tiff n. ["quarrel"] 1. to have a ~ with 2. a minor ~
tiger n. 1. a Bengal; man-eating; saber-toothed; Siberian ~ 2. ~ growl; roar 3. a young ~ is a cub 4. a female ~ is a tigress 5. (misc.) to fight like a ~ ["to fight very fiercely"]; a paper ~ ("one who only seems to pose a threat")
tight adj. [*stingy*] (colloq.) 1. ~ with (~ with money) [misc.] 2. to sit ~ (“to maintain one’s position”)

tighten up v. (D; intr.) to ~ on (the police are ~ing up on illegal parking)

tightrope n. to walk a ~ (also fig.) (to walk a ~ between fiscal prudence and the increasing demands of the welfare state)

tights n. (BE; AE has pantyhose) 1. a pair of ~s 2. (misc.) she got a ladder in her ~

tile n. ceramic; vinyl ~

till n. [*money drawer*] 1. behind, on the ~ (who’s (working) on the ~ today?) 2. (misc.) to have one’s finger(s) in the ~ (“to steal from a money drawer”)

tilt I n. [*attack*] (colloq.) (BE) 1. to have, make a ~ at [*inclination*] 2. a ~ to, towards [*misc*] 3. at full ~ (“at full speed”)

tilt II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ to (to ~ to the right) 2. (misc.) to ~ at windmills (“to fight imaginary enemies”)

timber n. 1. to float, raft ~ (down a river) 2. green, unseasoned; seasoned ~

time I n. [*unlimited duration*] [*entire period of existence*] 1. ~ flies; goes by, passes (see also the *time flies at time I n. 31 below*) 2. in ~ (we exist in ~ and space) [*unlimited future or later period*] 3. (only) ~ will tell (~ will tell if we are right; only ~ would tell whether we were right in 1967; “You can fool all the people some of the ~, and some of the people all of the ~, but you can not fool all the people all of the ~”) ~ attributed to Abraham Lincoln, (1858) 4. in, in the course of, over, with ~ (in ~ with ~ everything will be forgotten – just give it ~!; there are bound to be changes over ~) (see also with the passage of time at *passage* [*moment*] [*fixed moment*] [*appropriate moment*] 5. to fix, set, specify a ~ for (to fix a ~ for a meeting) 6. to bide (*wait patiently for*) one’s ~ 7. arrival; bedtime; check-in; check-out; curtain ~; departure; dinner; lunchtime; mealtime; starting; summertime; supper; wintertime ~ (What is the estimated arrival ~? = What is the estimated ~ of arrival (ETA)?) (see also *peacetime*; *wartime* 8. the appointed; present ~; right; wrong ~; an appropriate, suitable ~ 9. a closing; opening ~ 10. (a) ~ for (it’s ~ for lunch) 11. ~ to + inf. (it’s (high) ~ for us to leave) 12. ~ that + clause (it’s (high) ~ that we ~left were leaving~) 13. at a certain ~ (at a bad ~; at the present ~; at that ~; at any old ~; he ~ran up/took ~ the stairs two a ~) 14. by a certain ~ (by that ~ she had left) 15. (misc.) in good ~; in plenty of ~; ~ there’s a ~ and place for everything; smb.’s ~ has come; when the ~ comes, the ~ will come (the ~ will come when you’ll look back on it all and laugh; when the ~ comes ~to act for action~ we’ll be ready ~) [*duration*] [*period*] [*interval*] 16. to pass, spend ~ (she spends ~ reading) 17. to gain, save ~ 18. to find ~ (she somehow finds the (the) ~ to go jogging every day) 19. to take ~ (it takes quite a bit of time to get there; how much ~ will this job take?) 20. to lose ~; waste ~; to fritter away, idle away, while away one’s ~ 21. a long; short ~ 22. ancient; Biblical; former; geological; modern; olden; prehistoric; recent ~s (in ancient ~s) 23. (AE) compensatory ~ (“free time given to an employee for previously worked overtime”) (BE has *time off in lieu*) 24. equal ~ (for political candidates on TV and radio) 25. peak-time (BE), peak-viewing ~ (BE), prime ~ (what’s on TV tonight during prime ~? = what’s on prime-time TV tonight?) 26. (a) fast; record ~ (she ran the distance in record ~) 27. released ~ (“time given for extracurricular activities”) 28. travel ~ (“time spent in traveling to and from work”) 29. (the) running ~ (of a film) 30. (the) ~ drags; is up; runs out (the ~ is up and the class is over) 31. (the) ~ flies (see also *time flies at time I n. 1 above*) 32. ~ for (will you have ~ for an interview?) 33. (misc.) to kill ~ (“to make time pass”); to play for ~ (“to seek delay”); to take one’s ~ (about); (“to act slowly”); for a ~; for the ~ being (”for now”); ~ hangs heavy on our hands; reaction ~ (a quick temper and a fast reaction ~) [*conditions during a period*] 34. to keep up with the ~s = to keep abreast of the ~s 35. bad, difficult, hard, rough ~s (during / in hard ~s) [*available period*] 36. to find; get; have; take (the) ~ (she doesn’t find / get / have / take the ~ to relax; he never finds ~ for his family) 37. to budget; plan one’s ~ 38. to run out of ~ 39. to devote ~ to; to put ~ into; to save ~; to waste ~ (don’t waste ~ gambling!) 40. free, leisure, spare ~ (what do you do in your leisure ~?) 41. ~ to + inf. (there is no ~ to lose; will you have ~ to give an interview?) 42. ~ for (~ for relaxation; I have no ~ for my family) [*period worked*] 43. double; full ~; overtime; part ~; time-and-a-half (I work part ~) 44. lost ~ (to make up lost ~; to make up for lost ~) [*period of serving, service*] 45. to do, serve ~ (to do / serve ~ in prison) [*tempo, rhythm*] 46. to beat; keep ~ (to music; to a song) 47. (mus.) common; waltz ~ 48. (usu. mil.) double; quick ~ (quick ~, march!) 49. in ~ to (the music) [*system of measuring duration*] 50. to gain; keep; lose ~ (my watch gains ~; your watch keeps good ~; her watch loses ~) 51. to show the ~ (that clock shows the ~) 52. to tell ~ (esp. AE) / the ~ (esp. BE) (a clock tells ~ / the ~; the child is learning how to tell ~ / the ~) 53. central (US); daylight-saving (AE), summer (BE); eastern (US); Greenwich (mean); local; mountain (US); Pacific (US); solar; standard (AE) ~ 54. (misc.) what ~ is it? = what is the ~?; where were you (at) this ~ last year? [*schedule*] 55. ahead of ~ 56. behind ~ 57. ~ 58. on ~ (they got there on ~) [*experience*] 59. to have a (good) ~ 60. a delightful, good, great, lovely, pleasant, wonderful; fun (colloq.) ~ (we had a great ~ on our trip) 61. a bad, miserable, rough, tough, unpleasant ~ (see also *hard time*) [*timeout*] (sports) 62. to call
time II

[v.]

time II

n.

1. to take (a) ~ for (they took ~ for a rest)

2. time out

3. time bomb

1. to set off a ~ 2. a ~ ticks away

n.

1. The phrase a sign of the times

2. at

3. appropriate

4. The phrase *

5. means “neither early nor late” – they got there on time.

6. The phrase on time.

4. The phrase *

7. means “eventually” – in time everything will be forgotten.

8. The phrase in time can also mean “with some time to spare” – we arrived in time for the concert. 3. The phrase on time means “neither early nor late” – they got there on time. 4. The phrase *of all times is sometimes heard in BE but is wrong for of all time: who’s the greatest tennis-player of all ~? (see also battle against time at battle; race against time at race I n.)

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timer n.

[timing device] to set a ~

timetable n.

1. to draw up, make out, make up, prepare, work out a ~ 2. to issue a ~ 3. to follow, stick to a ~ 4. to upset a ~ 5. (esp. BE) an airline; bus; railway, train ~ (AE prefers schedule) 6. a ~ for (we have worked out a ~ for our trip) 7. according to, in a ~ (according to the ~ for our trip, we ought to have started out an hour ago!)

timid adj.

~ about; with

timing n.

bad; flawless, perfect; good ~ (the secret of a good comedian is (perfect) ~)

tin n.

(BE) a baking; biscuit; cake ~ (AE has baking pan; cookie sheet; cake pan)

tinged adj.

(can not stand alone) ~ with (~ with regret)

tingle v.

(D; intr.) to ~ with (my ears ~d with the cold)

tinker v.

(colloq.) (D; intr.) to ~ with
tint v.

(N; used with an adjective) the windshield is ~ed blue

tip I n.

[gratitude] 1. to give, leave a ~ 2. a big, generous, handsome ~ (I left a five-dollar ~ for the waitress = I left the waitress a five-dollar ~)

tip II v.

1. to ~ generously, handsomely, liberally 2. (O) I ~ped the waitress (five dollars)

tip III n.

[information] 1. give smb. a ~ 2. to get, receive a ~ 3. to take a ~ 4. an anonymous; hot; useful ~ 5. a ~ about, on 6. a ~ for (useful ~s for poets about how to get published)

tip IV n.

[pointed end] 1. a filter ~ 2. ~ for (at the northern ~ of the island) 3. on the ~ of smb.’s tongue (the word was on the ~ of my tongue; it was on the ~ of my tongue to say something) (see also fingertips)

tip V v.

(d; tr.) (“to cover”) to ~ with (they ~ped their arrows with poison)

tip VI v.

(BE) see tipped

tipp-off

n.

1. an anonymous ~ 2. (D; tr.) to ~ about (the police got an anonymous ~ about when the robbery would take place) 3. a ~ against

4. a ~ to + inf. (she ~d into the room and ~s to become the next Prime Minister) 4. ~ to + inf. (she is ~ to become the next Prime Minister)

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timonious

adj.

(timber) to set a ~
timetable n.

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timber

n.

[“information”] 1. give smb. a ~ 2. to get, receive a ~ 3. to take a ~ 4. an anonymous; hot; useful ~ 5. a ~ about, on 6. a ~ for (useful ~s for poets about how to get published)

USAGE NOTE: Note the different spellings in: They took time out to rest; they took a time-out to rest.

timer n.

[timing device] to set a ~
timetable n.

1. to draw up, make out, make up, prepare, work out a ~ 2. to issue a ~ 3. to follow, stick to a ~ 4. to upset a ~ 5. (esp. BE) an airline; bus; railway, train ~ (AE prefers schedule) 6. a ~ for (we have worked out a ~ for our trip) 7. according to, in a ~ (according to the ~ for our trip, we ought to have started out an hour ago!)

timid adj.

~ about; with
timing n.

bad; flawless, perfect; good ~ (the secret of a good comedian is (perfect) ~)
tin n.

(BE) a baking; biscuit; cake ~ (AE has baking pan; cookie sheet; cake pan)

tinged adj.

(can not stand alone) ~ with (~ with regret)
tingle v.

(D; intr.) to ~ with (my ears ~d with the cold)
tinker v.

(colloq.) (D; intr.) to ~ with
tint v.

(N; used with an adjective) the windshield is ~ed blue
tip I n.

[gratitude] 1. to give, leave a ~ 2. a big, generous, handsome ~ (I left a five-dollar ~ for the waitress = I left the waitress a five-dollar ~)
tip II v.

1. to ~ generously, handsomely, liberally 2. (O) I ~ped the waitress (five dollars)
tip III n.

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tip IV n.

[pointed end] 1. a filter ~ 2. ~ for (at the northern ~ of the island) 3. on the ~ of smb.’s tongue (the word was on the ~ of my tongue; it was on the ~ of my tongue to say something) (see also fingertips)
tip V v.

(d; tr.) (“to cover”) to ~ with (they ~ped their arrows with poison)
tip VI v.

(BE) see tipped
tipp-off

n.

1. an anonymous ~ 2. (D; tr.) to ~ about (the police got an anonymous ~ about when the robbery would take place) 3. a ~ against

4. a ~ to + inf. (she ~d into the room and ~s to become the next Prime Minister) 4. ~ to + inf. (she is ~ to become the next Prime Minister)
tipped adj.

[considered likely] (BE) 1. widely ~ 2. ~ as (~ as the next Prime Minister) 3. ~ for (widely ~ for the job of Prime Minister) 4. ~ to + inf. (she is ~ to become the next Prime Minister)
tiptoe I n.

(to go, stand, walk) on ~ (they went up the stairs on ~)
tiptoe II v.

(P; intr.) she ~d into the room and through it; they ~d up the stairs
tirade n.

1. to deliver; launch into a ~ 2. a blistering, lengthy ~ 3. a ~ against
tire I tyre

n.

1. to deflate; inflate, pump up a ~ 2. to mount, put on a ~ 3. to change; patch, repair; recap; retract a ~ 4. to crisscross, rotate ~s (to reduce wear) 5. to slash a ~ 6. a ~ (we had a flat ~ during our trip) 7. a bald; worn ~ 8. a balloon; radial; rubber; snow; spare; steel-belted; studded; tubeless ~ 9. whitewall ~s 10. a ~ blows (out), gets/has a puncture; goes flat 11. a set of ~s USAGE NOTE: AE has “change a tire”; BE,
tire II v. (d; intr.) to ~ of (to ~ of watching television)
tired adj. 1. to get ~ 2. dead ~ 3. of (I’m ~ of waiting; “when a man is ~ of London, he is ~ of life” – Samuel Johnson, September 20th, 1777)
tiresome adj. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to do the same thing every day = it’s ~ if/when you do the same thing every day)
tissue n. ["structural material"] 1. cellular; conjunctival; connective; fatty; granulation; muscular ~ (see also scar tissue) ["soft paper"] 2. absorbent; cleansing; toilet ~ 3. a wad of ~s ["misc"] 4. a ~ of lies

title I n. ["appellation"] 1. to bestow, confer a ~ on (the ~ of Baron Tweedsmuir was conferred on John Buchanan) 2. to accept; refuse; renounce a ~ (John Buchanan accepted the ~ of Baron Tweedsmuir; Sir Winston Churchill refused a ~ and Tony Benn renounced the ~ of Viscount Stansgate so that they could continue to sit in the House of Commons) 3. an official ~ ["exclusive possession"] 4. to give, grant smb. ~ to smt. 5. to hold ~ to smt. 6. clear ~ 7. ~ to (they hold clear ~ to the property) 8. (misc.) there is a cloud on the ~ ["championship"] 9. to fight for; win a ~ to hold a ~ to clinch a ~ to defend a ~ 13. to give up; lose a ~
title II v. ("to call, name, entitle") (esp. AE) (N) they ~d their dictionary The BBI
titter v. (D; intr.) 1. to ~ nervously 2. to ~ at
toady (CE), toady up (esp. AE) v. (d; intr.) to ~ to (he ~d to the boss = he ~died up to the boss)
toast I n. ["browned bread"] 1. to make ~ 2. buttered; cinnamon; dry; French; melba ~ 3. a piece, round (BE; old-fashioned), slice of ~ on ~ (butter/cheese/beans on ~)
toast II v. (C) ~ two slices for me; or: ~ me two slices

toast III n. ["act of drinking to honor smb."] 1. to drink; propose a ~ 2. a ~ to (we drank a ~ to her) 3. (misc.) to join smb. in a ~ ["highly admired person"] 4. the ~ of (the ~ of the town; the ~ of high society)
tobacco n. 1. to grow, raise ~ 2. to cure ~ 3. to chew; smoke ~ 4. mild; strong ~ 5. chewing; pipe ~ 6. a plug of (chewing) ~
toddy n. a hot ~ (as for a cold)
to-do n. ["fuss"] to make a (big) ~ over
toe n. 1. to stub one’s ~ (on) 2. to curl one’s ~ 3. the big; little ~ 4. (misc.) to keep/stay on one’s ~ ("to be alert"); to step on smb.’s ~ 5. to tread on smb.’s ~ 6. (to offend smb.); from head to ~
toehold n. ["footing, foothold"] 1. to gain, get a ~ 2. a precarious ~
toenail n. 1. to cut, trim; file; manicure a ~ 2. an ingrowing (BE), ingrown (AE) ~
together adv. 1. to go ~ ("to match") (do carrots and peas really go ~?) 2. ~ with (do carrots really go ~ with peas?) 3. all ~ (there were about 50 of them all ~ = all ~, there were about 50 ot them)
toll I n. ["hard work"] 1. arduous, backbreaking, unremitting ~ 2. physical ~ 3. (misc.) "I have nothing to offer but blood, ~, tears and sweat" – Winston Churchill, May 13th, 1940
toll II v. ("to work hard") 1. (D; intr.) to ~ over (to ~ over a hot stove; to ~ over a difficult project) 2. (misc.) to ~ (in order/so as) to finish a difficult project
toilet n. 1. to go to, need, use the ~ 2. to flush a ~ 3. a flush ; gents’ (esp. BE), men’s; ladies’, women’s; pay; public ~ 4. down the ~ (to flush smt. down the ~)
token n. ["symbol, sign"] 1. to be, constitute a ~ 2. to give, provide a ~ of 3. a tangible ~ 4. (misc.) as a ~ of (here is smt. for you as a ~ of my esteem); by the same ~ ("for a similar reason") (we should always be ready and by the same ~ we should never relax our vigilance); in ~ of ("as evidence of") (here is smt. for you in ~ of my esteem)["metal or plastic disc used as a substitute for money"] 5. to drop in, insert, put a ~ (to insert a ~ into a slot) 6. to accept, take a ~ (will this machine take ~s ?) 7. a bus; subway (AE) ~ ["coupon, voucher"] (BE) 8. a book; gift; record ~
told adj. all ~ ("altogether") (there were about 50 of them all ~ = all ~, there were about 50 ot them)
tolerance n. 1. to display, show ~ 2. to have (a) ~ 3. ~ for, of, towards 4. a level of ~ (the government showed a quite high level of ~ for/of dissidence) 5. (misc.) zero ~ (as of crime)
tolerant adj. 1. of (~ of criticism) 2. ~ towards
tolerate v. 1. (G) I will not ~ smoking ! 2. (K) I will not ~ his smoking !
toleration n. 1. to display, show ~ 2. to have ~ 3. ~ for, of, towards 4. a level of ~ (the government showed a quite high level of ~ of dissidence)
toll I n. ["amount levied"] 1. to charge, impose a ~ to collect ~ (on a bridge, road) 3. to pay a ~ 4. a bridge; tunnel; turnpike (AE) ~ 5. (misc.) ~ free (a toll-free telephone number that you can call ~ free) ["damage"] 6. to take a ~ (on) (the storm took a heavy ~; the earthquake took a heavy ~ on several villages) 7. a heavy; mounting, rising ~ ["casualties"] 8. the death ~ (the mounting death ~ from the epidemic)
toll II v. (D; intr.) to ~ for (the bell ~d for those who had made the supreme sacrifice; “never send to know for whom the bell ~s; It ~s for thee” – John Donne, 1572–1631, Devotions)
tomato n. 1. to grow ~s 2. to can ~s 3. ripe; sun-dried ~s 4. a can (esp. AE), tin (BE) of ~s 5. a rotten ~ (also fig. in AE) (see also tomato soup at soup)
tome n. ["volume"] a scholarly; weighty ~
tom-tom n. 1. to beat a ~ 2. the beat of the ~
ton n. 1. a gross; long; metric; short ~ (misc.) (BE; slang) to do the ~ ("to go one hundred miles
per hour”) USAGE NOTE: The ton in GB is the long ton (two thousand two hundred forty pounds). In the US, the ton is the short ton (two thousand pounds). The metric ton is one thousand kilograms and is officially spelled tonne in GB.

tone n. ["style, trend"] 1. to set the ~ ["sound"] 2. dulcet, sweet; harsh; strident (~) ["manner of speaking that reveals the speaker’s feelings"] 3. to adopt, take a certain ~ 4. a conversational; friendly; normal 5. a businesslike; decisive; emphatic; firm ~ 6. an apologetic; subdued ~ 7. a flippant; ironic ~ 8. a serious; solemn ~ 9. a condescending, patronizing;unctuous ~ 10. an arrogant; imperial ~ 11. an abusive; angry; querulous; strident; threatening ~ 12. in a ~ (in angry ~; she spoke in a normal ~ of voice) 13. (misc.) don’t take that ~ with me! smb.‘s ~ of voice ["signal"] 14. a dial (AE), dialling (BE); engaged (BE; AE has busy signal); ringing ~ ["pitch"] (ling.) 15. a falling; high; low; rising ~ (for music, see note I 11–14)

tong n. 1. coal; curling; ice; sugar ~ 2. a pair of ~

tongue n. ["language"] 1. smb.‘s mother, native ~ 2. a foreign ~ (to speak in a foreign ~) ["organ of speech"] ["speech"] 3. to hold one’s ~ ("to be silent") 4. to find one’s ~ ("to begin to speak") 5. to stick one’s ~ 6. a forked ~ ("to be deceitful") ; the brandy loosened her ~ ("after drinking she became very talkative") (see also (with) tongue in cheek at check 4) ["manner of speaking"] 9. a caustic, foul, nasty, sharp, vile; civil; gib; loose ~ (he has a nasty ~; I’ll thank you to keep a civil ~ in your head!)

tongue-lashing n. 1. to give smb. a (good) ~ 2. to get, receive a ~

tonic n. 1. to take a ~ 2. a ~ for 3. (misc.) a gin and ~ ("type of mixed drink")

tonnage n. dead-weight; displacement; gross; net, registered ~

tonsillectomy n. 1. to do, perform a ~ (on) 2. to have a ~

tonsils n. 1. enlarged; inflamed ~ 2. (misc.) to have one’s ~s out/removed/taken out

tool n. 1. to use a ~ 2. a garden; machine; power ~ 3. burglar’s; farm ~ 4. a set of ~s 5. (misc.) the ~s of smb.’s/the trade; (BE) to down ~s ("to go out on strike") (see also tool kit at kit)

tooth n. (colloq.) to give a ~ (on a horn)

tooth n. 1. to cut, get teeth (babies are often fretful when they are cutting teeth) 2. to lose a ~ 3. to brush (esp. AE), clean one’s teeth 4. to cap = crown; drill; extract, pull, take out; fill a ~ 5. to pick one’s teeth 6. to bare; clenched, gnash, grind, grit one’s teeth 7. a false; baby (AE), milk; back; front; gold; lower; missing; permanent; upper; wisdom ~ 8. an abcessed; decayed; loose ~ 9. teeth ache; chatter; decay, rot; erupt ("appear"); fall out; get discolored (see also tooth decay at decay) 10. a (full) set of teeth 11. between one’s teeth (a pipe clamped firmly between his teeth) (see also to take the bit between one’s teeth at bit II n.) 12. in one’s teeth (to hold smt. in one’s teeth) 13. (misc.) to have a sweet ~ ("to love sweets"); to sink one’s teeth into smt. ("to become completely engrossed in smt."); to show one’s teeth ("to show hostile intentions"); ~ and nail ("with all one’s strength") (we fought ~ and nail to save our local post-office!); to cut one’s teeth on smt. ("to gain one’s first experience with smt.")

toothache n. to get, have a ~ (AE)/get, have a ~ (BE)

toothbrush n. to use a ~

toothpaste n. a tube of ~

top I n. ["device that spins"] 1. to spin a ~ ["misc."] 2. to sleep like a ~ ("to sleep very soundly")

top II n. ["highest point"] 1. to reach, rise to the ~ 2. a mountain ~; rooftop 3. from; to (the) ~ (from ~ to bottom; we climbed to the ~; to fill smt. to the ~) 4. at; on; over the ~ (the liquid spilled over the ~ of the bottle) ["cover, cap"] 5. to put on, screw on a ~ 6. to screw off, take off, unscrew a ~ 7. a bottle; box; screw ~ ["misc."] 8. to blow one’s ~ ("to explode in anger"); to go over the ~ ("to begin a mil. charge by going over a parapet"); (fig.) ("to exceed a limit") (the actor’s performance was a little over the ~ ("extreme") (abbreviated to OTT in BE)); to be on ~ of a situation ("to be in control of a situation")

top III v. (d.; tr.) to ~ with (the cake was ~ped with whipped cream)

topic n. 1. to bring up, broach, consider, deal with; discuss; explore, go into a ~ 2. an appropriate, suitable; controversial; current; everyday; favorite; interesting; special ~ 3. a boring, uninteresting; inappropriate; taboo; unpleasant ~ 4. a ~ comes up (for discussion) 5. about, on a ~ (which ~ are you going to talk about tonight?) 6. (misc.) a ~ of conversation; a ~ of interest; a ~ for discussion

top off v. (d.; tr.) to ~ with (we ~ped off our lunch with a nice dessert = we ~ped our lunch off with a nice dessert)

topple v. (D.; intr., tr.) to ~ from (he was ~d from the throne)

topsy-turvy adj. to turn (smt.) ~
torch n. ["portable electric light"] (BE; AE has flashlight) 1. to turn on a ~ 2. to flash, shine; train a ~ on 3. to turn off a ~ 4. an electric ~ (we could see by the light of our electric ~) ["burning stick"] 5. to light a ~ (see also torchlight at light II n.; torchlight parade at parade) 6. to bear, carry, hold a ~ 7. a flaming ~ ["device used to produce a very hot flame"] 8. a blowtorch (CE); BE typically prefers blowlamp); welding ~ ["misc."] 9. to put smt. to the ~ ("to set fire to smt."); to carry a ~ for smb. (colloq.) ("to remain in love with smb. who does not return that love") (see also torch song at song)
torment n. 1. to endure, experience, feel, go through ~ (s) 2. to prolong the ~ 3. acute, great, indescribable; unbearable ~ 4. in ~ (in great ~) 5. (misc.) (all) the ~ of hell / of the damned

torment II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ smb. into doing smt.) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ with (they ~ ed him with threats to his family)

torn adj. ["divided"] (cannot stand alone) ~ between (she was ~ between her family and her job)

tornado n. 1. a ~ hits, strikes; rages (the ~ struck several cities) 2. a ~ blows itself out, blows over, dies down, subsides

torpedo n. 1. to fire, launch a ~ 2. an acoustic; aerial; bangalore; magnetic ~ 3. a ~ explodes 4. a ~ hits; misses its target (see also torpedo boat at boat)

torrent n. 1. an angry, raging ~ 2. a mountain ~ (misc.) the rain came down in ~; a ~ of abuse (she vented her feelings in a ~ of abuse)

tort n. (legal) to commit a ~

torture I n. 1. to employ, inflict, practice, resort to, use ~ to subject smb. to ~; suffer, undergo ~ 4. cruel; plain, sheer; sadistic; severe ~ 5. the water ~ 6. an act of ~ 7. ~ to + inf. (it was sheer ~ to listen to her sing = it was sheer ~ listening to her sing) 8. under ~ (the confessed under ~)

torture II v. 1. to ~ cruelly; sadistically; severely ~ 2. (D; tr.) to ~ with (they ~ ed him with threats to his family)

touch I n. (S) it ~s 3 000 v. ~ with smb. (keep in close ~ with me) 6. out of ~ keep, stay in ~ 3. to lose ~ (with) 4. close ~ 5. in ~ (cannot stand alone) ~ with (they ~ ed him with threats to his family)

total II n. 1. to add up, calculate, tally up a ~ 2. a ~ in the Far East) 3. (misc.) to add up to ~s (to add the final ~es to a painting with a few distinctive ~es of his brush; to put the finishing ~es on / to smt.) ["misc."] 14. a soft ~ ("an overly generous person")

touch II v. 1. (d; intr.) ("to stop briefly") ~ at (the ship will ~ at three ports) 2. (colloq.) (d; tr.) to ~ for ("to ask for") (to ~ smb. for a loan) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ on ("to treat briefly") (to ~ on a topic) 4. (D; tr.) to ~ on ("to make contact by touch") (she ~ ed me lightly on the arm)

touchdown n. (esp. Am. football) to score a ~

touched adj. 1. deeply, very ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (she was ~ to have been invited) 3. ~ that + clause (she was ~ that she ~ had / should have ~ invited her)

touching adj. 1. ~ to + inf. (it was touching for her to learn that she had been invited) 2. ~ that + clause (it was ~ that they ~ had / should have ~ invited her)

touchy adj. (colloq.) ~ about (he's ~ ¬ about / when it comes to ~ his appearance)

tough adj. (colloq.) ["strict"] 1. to be, get ~ (on) 2. ~ on, with (they are ~ on drunk drivers and are getting ~ er with them all the time; "Tough on crime, ~ on the causes of crime" – Tony Blair, 1992, though also attributed to Gordon Brown) ["difficult"] 3. (cannot stand alone) ~ to + inf. (the is ~ to work with + it is ~ to work with him = it is ~ working with him = he is a ~ person to work with; it's ~ on workers when they lose their jobs = it's ~ for workers to lose their jobs) ["unfortunate"] 4. ~ + clause (it’s ~ that you can't be with your family) ["misc."] 5. to hang ~ (esp. AE; slang) ("to be very firm") ; to ~ ("to take a very firm bargaining position") ; as ~ as nails

tour n. 1. to conduct, operate a ~ (see also tour operator at operator) 2. to organize a ~ 3. to do, go on, make a ~ (of 4. a barnstorming (AE); campaign; goodwill; lightning, whirlwind ~ 5. a bus; city; walking ~ 6. a concert; lecture, speaking; study ~ 7. a conducted, guided; organized; package ~ (see also tour guide at guide I) 8. a city; sightseeing ~ 9. on (a) ~ (to be on ~) 10. (misc.) a grand ~ (did the Grand Tour of Europe before settling down)

tourist n. 1. ~ flocked to the ~ sites 2. a flock; party of ~s

tour of duty n. 1. to do a ~ 2. on a ~ (they were on a ~ in the Far East)

tournament n. 1. to conduct, hold a ~ 2. to enter; win a ~ 3. a bridge; chess; invitational (AE); rapid-transit (for chess) (AE); tennis ~ 4. a ~; a ~; a ~ takes place 5. in; out of a ~ (he stayed in the ~ until the last round, when he was knocked out of the ~ by the eventual winner)

tourniquet n. 1. to apply, put on a ~ 2. to loosen; tighten a ~

tout I n. (BE) a ticket ~ (AE has scalper)

tout II v. (colloq.) ("to praise") ("to tip") 1. (d; tr.) to ~ as (he was ~ ed as the next lightweight champion) 2. (misc.) highly ~ ed; (BE) to ~ for ("to solicit")
tow I n. 1. to give a ~ (to) 2. a ski ~ 3. to have, take in ~ 4. under ~ (she had her little sister in ~; they took the ship in ~ and it’s still under ~)
tow II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ a barge into a port) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ out of (to ~ a boat out of a harbor) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ a car to a garage) 4. (P; tr.) they ~ed the bus across town
towel n. ["cloth, paper for drying"] 1. a bath; dish (AE), tea (esp. BE); face; guest; hand; linen; paper; roller; Turkish ~ 2. a sanitary ~ (BE; AE has sanitary napkin; CE has sanitary pad) 3. a disposable ~ (see also towel rack at rack; towel rail at rail) ["symbol of surrender"] 4. to throw in, toss in the ~
tower I n. 1. a bell; clock; computer; conning; control; fire; TV; watch; water ~ 2. a signal ~ (AE; BE has signal box) 3. a ~ stands (one hundred feet high) 4. (misc.) an ivory ~ ("a sheltered place where life’s realities may be avoided"); twin ~s (as of the World Trade Center)
tower II v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ above, over (as a thinker, v.) 2. (misc.) to kick over the ~ ("to free oneself")
traces n. to kick over the ~ ("to free oneself")
tracer n. ["inquiry"] (esp. AE) 1. to put out, send out a ~ on ["tracer bullet"] 2. to fire a ~ ["substance used to trace a reaction in the body"] (med.) 3. to inject, introduce a ~ (into the body) 4. to scan (for) a ~ 5. a radioactive ~
traces n. to kick over the ~ ("to free oneself")
tracing n. to do, make a ~
track I n. ["awareness"] 1. to keep ~ to (keep ~ of expenses) 2. to lose ~ of 3. close ~ (to keep close ~ of smt.) ["course for racing"] 4. a fast; muddy; slow ~ 5. a cinder; indoor ~; racetrack; running ~ ["path, road"] 6. a cart ~ (BE; AE has dirt road) 7. off ~ ["straying from one’s goals"] 8. on ~ ["proceeding towards one’s goals"] (back on ~ for success = back on ~ to succeed); on the ~ of (hard on the ~ of a scientific discovery) 9. (misc.) on the right ~ ["proceeding correctly"]; on the wrong ~ ["proceeding incorrectly"]; off the beaten ~ ["isolated"] ("off the beaten path"); the ~ goes/leads/runs/winds through the forest ["trail"] 10. to lay ~s 11. a double; main; railroad (AE), railway (BE); single ~ 12. (misc.) on the wrong side of the ~s (esp. AE; colloq.) ("in the poor section of a city") ["recordings"] 13. a sound; favorite ~ (what’s your favorite ~ on/from their latest album?)["misc."] 14. the fast ~ ["the quickest route to success"]; the inside ~ ["an advantageous position"] (see also tracks)
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tracks n. ["trail"] 1. to leave ~ 2. to make ~ for ("to go directly to") 3. to cover one’s ~ ["misc."] 4. they are hard on the ~ of a scientific discovery; to stop (dead) in one’s ~ ("to stop instantaneously")
tire ~
tract n. ["system of organs"] the digestive; gastrointestinal; genitourinary; intestinal; respiratory ~ (see also tract house at house)
traction n. 1. to apply ~ 2. in ~ (her broken leg is in ~)
tractor n. to drive, operate a ~
trade I n. ["commerce, business"] 1. to carry on, conduct, engage in ~ 2. to build up, develop, drum up, promote; lose ~ 3. to stimulate ~ 4. to restrain, restrict ~ 5. (a) brisk, lively, thriving ~ (they built up a lively ~ in organic produce) 6. fair ~ 7. the ~ (of the World Trade Center) where life’s realities may be avoided") ; twin ~s (as of the World Trade Center) 8. (misc.) on the right ~ ["proceeding correctly"]; on the wrong ~ ["proceeding incorrectly"]; off the beaten ~ ["isolated"] ("off the beaten path"); the ~ goes/leads/runs/winds through the forest ["trail"] 10. to lay ~s 11. a double; main; railroad (AE), railway (BE); single ~ 12. (misc.) on the wrong side of the ~s (esp. AE; colloq.) ("in the poor section of a city") ["recordings"] 13. a sound; favorite ~ (what’s your favorite ~ on/from their latest album?)["misc."] 14. the fast ~ ["the quickest route to success"]; the inside ~ ["an advantageous position"] (see also tracks)
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traction n. 1. to apply ~ 2. in ~ (her broken leg is in ~)
tractor n. to drive, operate a ~
conduct ~ with many countries) 13. ~ in 14. (misc.) in the ~ (quality obvious to anyone in the ~); (in) restraint of ~; balance of ~ ("exchange") 15. to make a ~ with smb. for smt. (she made a ~ of a knife with me for a spoon) 16. a fair ~ ("occupation") 17. to ply one’s, practice a ~ 18. to learn a ~ 19. by ~ (she is a bookbinder by ~) 20. (misc.) a jack-of-all-trades

**trade II** v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ for (she ~d a knife for a spoon) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ in (to ~ in furs) 3. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ with (to ~ with various countries; to ~ places with smb.) 4. (O) she ~d me a knife for a spoon

**trade in** v. (D; tr.) to ~ for (she ~d in her old car for a newer one)

**trademark** n. 1. to issue a ~ 2. to receive, register a ~ 3. to bear; display a ~ 4. to infringe a ~

**trade-off** v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ for (she ~d in her old car for a larger car from a smaller one) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ against (to ~ the advantages against the disadvantages)

**trade up** v. (colloq.) (D; intr.) to ~ from; to (to ~ to a larger car from a smaller one)

**trader** n. 1. a fur ~ 2. a ~ in (a ~ in fur(s))

**tradition** n. 1. to hand down, pass down a ~ 2. to establish, start a ~ (we started a new ~) 3. to cherish; have; keep up, maintain, preserve, uphold a ~ 4. to break with, depart from; defy a ~ 5. an ancient, old; deep-rooted, deep-seated, established; long ~ (they have a long ~ of spending summers in the country) 6. a cherished; great; hallowed; popular ~ 7. a family; oral; religious ~ 8. according to, by (they’re still ~ing (the leaders) by a few points) 9. in a ~ (in our ~; a new release in the great / best ~ of Hollywood musicals)

**traditional** adj. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ around here to fly the flag on holidays)

**traffic I** n. ["movement of vehicles, aircraft"] 1. to direct ~ (the police officer was directing ~) 2. to control, regulate ~ (traffic lights control/regulate ~) 3. to block, hold up, obstruct, tie up ~ 4. to divert ~ 5. bumper-to-bumper, heavy; light; rush-hour; slow-moving ~ 6. air; highway (AE), motorway (BE); pedestrian; vehicular ~ 7. inbound; outbound ~ 8. local; long-distance ~ 9. merging; through, thru (AE) ~ 10. one-way; two-way ~ 11. ~ backs up; builds up; thins out 12. (misc.) the flow of ~; the volume of ~; a lane of ~; an update on ~ conditions; a ~ report ["commerce, trade esp. illegal"] 13. brisk, lively ~ 14. illegal, illicit ~ 15. ~ in (illicit ~ in drugs) ["misc."] 16. (colloq.) to charge what the ~ will bear ("to charge as much as people are willing to pay")

**traffic II** v. (d; intr.) to ~ in (to ~ in drugs)

**traffic light, traffic lights** n. see **light II** n. 16–19

**traffic ticket** (AE) see **ticket I** n. 17–21

**tragedy** n. 1. to avert a ~ 2. a great; personal; terrible ~ 3. (a) ~ strikes (~ struck their family) 4. a ~ for 5. a ~ that + clause (it was a ~ (for their families) that there were no survivors) 6. (misc.) a Greek ~; to end in ~ (the story of Romeo and Juliet ended in ~)

**tragic** adj. ~ that + clause (it was ~ that they all perished)

**trail I** n. 1. to blaze; make; lay out a ~ 2. to leave a ~ (the wounded animal left a ~ of blood) 3. to follow a ~ 4. to cover up a ~ 5. a steep; winding ~ 6. a hiking; nature; ski; vapor ~ (to lay out a ski ~) 7. a campaign; comeback ~ (she was on the campaign ~ for months; to hit the comeback ~) 8. on smb.’s ~, on the ~ of (the police were on his ~); hard on the ~ of a scientific discovery) 9. (misc.) the ~ goes/leads/runs/winds through the forest; to leave a paper ~ ("to leave a record of one’s activities behind")

**trail II** v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ after, behind (to ~ behind the leaders (by a few points)) 2. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ by (they’re still ~ing (the leaders) by a few points) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ to (the police ~d them to their hideout)

**trailer** n. 1. a house ~ (AE; BE has caravan) 2. a flatbed ~ 3. a semitrailer (AE), tractor-trailer (AE; AE also has semi, trailer truck; BE has articulated lorry) 4. the ~ jackknifed

**trail off** v. (D; int.) to ~ to a whisper

**train I** n. ["row of connected railroad cars"] 1. to drive a ~ to 2. to shunt ~s (onto different tracks) 3. to board, get on; catch; get off; miss; take a ~ (we took a ~ to the city) 4. to change ~s (we’ll have to change ~s in/at Chicago) 5. to flag down; hold; stop a ~ (to stop a ~ by pulling the communication/emergency cord) 6. a boat; commuter; express, fast (esp. BE); intercity (BE); local (AE), stopping (BE); long-distance; shuttle; suburban; through ~ 7. a down ~ ("from a city"); up (BE) ("to a city") ~ 8. an inbound; outbound ~ 9. a freight (AE), goods (BE); hospital; passenger; troop ~ 10. an electric; elevated; subway (AE); tube (esp. BE); underground (BE) ~ 11. a ~ arrives, pulls in; leaves; pulls out; runs late; runs on time; stops 12. a ~ for, to; from; (from the ~ from Exeter to London) 13. by ~ (to travel by ~) 14. aboard, on a ~ (we met on the ~) ["column"] 15. a mule; supply; wagon ~ ("mechanism for transmitting power") 16. a power ~ (see also set smt. in train at set II) v.) **USAGE NOTE:** In BE, a train, tram, or underground/tube (train) is driven by an "engine/train driver". In AE, a train is driven or operated by an “engineer”; a subway or streetcar is driven or operated by a “motorman” (or, to avoid sexist language, an “operator.”)

**train II** v. 1. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ as (she ~d as a ballet dancer) 2. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ for (to ~ for the ballet) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ in (to ~ smb. in ballet dancing) 4. (d; tr.) ("to aim") to ~ on (the ~d his gun on
trained

trained

the intruder) 5. (d; intr.) to ~ with (she ~ed with a champion) 6. (E) to ~ to be a dancer 7. (H) they ~ed her to be a dancer; they were ~ed to react instantaneously to an attack; they ~ed the workers to be precise

trained adj. 1. poorly; well ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (she is ~ to be a dancer; the dogs are ~ to attack) 3. (misc.) house-trained (esp. BE; AE prefers house-broken) (also fig.) (I’m afraid my husband still isn’t house-trained; he doesn’t even do the washing-up!); potty-trained (BE); toilet-trained

trainer n. an animal ~

training n. 1. to demand; require; give; provide ~ to do; get; receive; undergo ~ 3. intense; thorough ~ 4. basic; specialized ~ (see also basic training) 5. hands-on; in-service; on-the-job (AE); professional; vocational ~ 6. assertiveness; manual; military; physical; sensitivity; voice; weight ~ 7. ~ in (hands-on ~ in the use of computers) 8. the ~ to + inf. (the soldiers did not have the necessary ~ to carry out the mission) 9. by ~ (she’s an engineer by ~) 10. in ~ (he was in ~ for the big fight; she was in ~ with a champion; she was in ~ to be a dancer) (see also transfer of training at transfer 1 n.)

traipse v. (colloq.) (P; intr.) they were ~sing

tray n. 1. to display, show; have a ~ 2. an acquired; character; genetic, hereditary; negative; personality; positive ~

traitor n. 1. a ~ to (a ~ to one’s country) 2. (misc.) to turn ~

transm. (BE) see streetcar

tramp v. (P; intr.) to ~ through the woods

trap n. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ on, upon (to ~ on smb.’s rights) 2. (misc.) to ~ underfoot; to ~ smb. to death

trance n. 1. to fall; go into a ~ to come out of a ~ 3. a deep; hypnotic; light ~ 4. (to be) in a ~ (see also trance state at state 1 n.)

tranquility, tranquility n. 1. to disturb; shatter smb.’s ~ 2. domestic; inner ~ ("We the People of the United States, in Order to ... insure domestic Tranquility..." – the Constitution of the USA, 1787) 3. (misc.) an air of ~

transqualizer, tranquilizer n. 1. to take a ~ to pre- scribe a ~ (for) (3) (to be) on ~ 4. to come off ~

transaction n. 1. to carry out; conduct ~ 2. a deli- cate ~ 3. business; financial ~ 4. ~s between (the ~s between us went well)

transcribe v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ from; into (to ~ testimony from a tape; to ~ a text into Cyrillic) 2. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ in (to ~ speech in phonetic script)

transcript n. 1. a complete; full; official; verbatim ~ 2. (AE) a grade ~ ("a student’s record")

transcription n. 1. to make a ~ 2. (ling.) a broad; narrow; phonemic; phonetic ~

transfer I n. ["act of transferring"] 1. to make a ~ 2. an electronic; technology ~ 3. a ~ from; to 4. (misc.) a peaceful ~ of power; ~ of training (see also transfer payment at payment) ["ticket allowing a passenger to change from one vehicle to another on public transportation"] (esp. AE) 5. a bus; streetcar; subway ~

transfer II v. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ from; to (she was ~red from New York to Toronto)

transfixed adj. ~ with (~ with horror)

transform v. 1. to ~ beyond/out of~ all recogni- tion; to ~ completely, drastically, greatly, radically; suddenly; totally; overnight 2. (D; tr.) to ~ from; into; to (to ~ current from one voltage to another)

transformation n. ["radical change"] 1. to effect; undergo ~ 2. a complete, radical, total; sudden, overnight ~ 3. a ~ from; into; to (his ~ from a brute to a good citizen took place almost overnight!) (see also the transformation process at process) ["transformational rule"] (ling.) 4. to formulate ~ 5. to apply a ~ 6. to order ~ 7. a dative-movement; indirect-object; imperative; insertion; negative; particle-movement; passive; question ~ 8. a ~ applies

transformer n. a step-down; step-up ~

transfuse v. (D; tr.) to ~ into, to

transfusion n. 1. to administer, do, give a ~ to get, have, receive a ~ 3. a ~ – plasma ~ (see also blood transfusion)

transgress v. (formal) (D; intr.) to ~ against

transgression n. to commit a ~ against

transistor n. a solid-state ~

transit n. 1. (esp. AE) mass, rapid ~ 2. in ~ (dam- aged in ~) (see also transit camp at camp)

transition n. 1. to make; undergo ~ 2. a gradual; peaceful; rapid ~ 3. a ~ from; to 4. a ~ between (the country is in a state of ~ between socialism and capitalism) 5. during; in ~ (at present, our economy is in ~, so please bear with us during the ~) 6. (misc.) in a state of ~

transitional adj. ~ between

translate v. 1. to ~ freely; literally; verbatim; word-for-word; simultaneously 2. (D; tr.) to ~ as (to ~ chien as dog) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ from; into (to ~ a book from Russian into Spanish) 4. (misc.) to ~ at sight

translative n. 1. to do; make a ~ 2. (a) close, lit- eral, verbatim, word-for-word; free, loose, rough; on-sight ~ 3. an authorized ~ 4. (a) loan ~ 5. (a) machine; running; simultaneous ~ 6. a ~ from; into (a ~ from Russian into Spanish) 7. in ~ (to read a novel in ~; the poem is very effective even in free/in a free~; some poetry loses a lot in ~)

transliterate v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ as (to ~ a Russian letter as ch) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ from; into (to ~ a text from Cyrillic into Roman letters)

translation n. to do a ~

transmission n. ["gearbox"] 1. an automatic; stan- dard; synchronesh ~ ["act of transmitting"] 2. to
arrest, check, halt, stop; prevent the ~ (of a disease)
3. a ~ from; to (we did our best to prevent the ~ of the disease from parents to children)

transmit v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ from; to (the results were ~ed to all local stations from the network; we did our best to prevent the disease from being ~ed from parents to children) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ through (the infection was ~ed through contaminated food) 3. (misc.) to ~ by satellite; to ~ live

transmitted adj. sexually ~ (sexually ~ diseases (= STDs))

transmitter n. 1. a longwave; radar; radio; shortwave ~ 2. a television, TV ~

transmute v. (formal) (D; tr.) to ~ from; into, to (to ~ a song ~) transpose n.

trash n. trapper an animal; fur ~ (esp. AE; CE has ~)

trap n. 1. a longwave; radar; radio; shortwave ~ 2. a radar; radio; shortwave ~

transshipment n.

travesty n. 1. to make a ~ of 2. a mere; shocking ~ 3. a ~ of, dump ~ (BE prefers ~)

treasury n. 1. an experienced, seasoned ~ 2. an air ~ 3. a commercial ~ (old-fashioned; BE; CE has traveling salesman) 4. (misc.) a fellow ~ (“a Communist sympathizer”)

travels n. on one’s ~ (on our ~ we saw many interesting places)

tread II v. 1. to ~ extensively, widely; far and wide; overseas 2. to ~ business-class; deluxe; economy; first-class; second-class; tourist-class 3. to ~ incognito; light 4. (D; intr.) to ~ across; in; through (to ~ in Canada; to ~ through the Rockies) 5. (D; intr.) to ~ by (to ~ by air) 6. (D; intr.) to ~ from; to (to ~ from London to Tokyo) 7. (d; intr.) to ~ with (to be ~ing with a group of students) 8. (misc.) to ~ on business; to ~ downstream; to ~ upstream; to ~ the world
treasure, traveller n. 1. an experienced, seasoned ~ 2. an air ~ 3. a commercial ~ (old-fashioned; BE; CE has traveling salesman) 4. (misc.) a fellow ~ (“a Communist sympathizer”)

treadle n. to work a ~
treadmill n. on a ~ (often fig.)
treason n. 1. to commit; plot ~ 2. high ~ 3. an act of ~ (against one’s own country) 4. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ to sell military information to a foreign power)
treacherous adj. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ to sell military information to a foreign power)
treasure n. 1. an art ~ 2. a national; priceless; real ~ (also fig.) (my dear, your cleaning lady is a real ~!) 3. (a) buried; sunken ~ (to find ~ buried) 4. to ~ on smb.’s toes) 2. (P; intr.) to ~ softly (“Tread softly because you ~ on my dreams.” – W.B. Yeats, “He Wishes for the Cloths of Heaven,” 1899)
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treasureable see treasurous
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with”) to ~ badly; cruelly; fairly; harshly; kindly; leniently; successfully; unfairly; unsuccessfully; well 3. (d; tr.) to ~ as (“to deal with”) (they ~ed us as honored guests; she ~s me as if I was/were dirt) 4. (d; tr.) (“to try to cure”) to ~ for; with (to ~ smb. for a cold with a new drug; to ~ walls for dry rot with chemicals) 5. (d; tr.) (“to deal with”) to ~ like (they ~ed us like honored guests; he ~ed him like his own brother; she ~s me like dirt) 6. (formal) (d; intr.) to ~ of (“to deal with”) (her books ~ of economic problems) 7. (D; refl., tr.) to ~ to (“to provide with at one’s own expense”) (to ~ smb. to a decent meal) 8. (d; tr.) (“to deal with”) to ~ with (to ~ smb. with kindness)

**treatise** n. (formal) 1. to write a ~ 2. a learned; scientific; theoretical ~ 3. a ~ on, upon (she’s written several learned ~s on economic problems)

**treatment** n. (colloq.) the full; VIP (~ (“special”) ~ (they got the cruel, harsh, inhumane ~ (“brutal ~ of prisoners) 14. unfair ~ 13. atrocious, barbarous, barbaric, brutal, cruel, harsh, inhumane ~ (“brutal ~ of prisoners) 14. (colloq.) the full; VIP (“special”) ~ (“they got the full/VIP ~) 15. the silent ~ (“to give smb. the silent ~”) (description, study) 16. a definitive; exhaustive, lengthy ~ 17. a cursory; superficial ~

**treaty** n. 1. to conclude, sign; negotiate, work out a ~ 2. to confirm, ratify; throw out a ~ (the Senate must confirm all ~s) 3. to honor a ~ 4. to break, violate a ~ 5. to abrogate, denounce, repudiate a ~ 6. a draft ~ 7. a bilateral, bipartite; multilateral ~ 8. a commercial, trade; extradition ~ 9. a nonaggression; peace ~ 10. a nonproliferation; test-ban ~ 11. a ~ between; with (a ~ between former foes) 12. a ~ to ~ inf. (they signed a ~ to settle all border disputes by arbitration) 13. (misc.) the articles; provisions; terms of a ~ (under the terms of the ~, we have to give up our nuclear weapons); the parties to a ~ = the signatories of a ~; the ~ obliges all its signatories to give up their nuclear weapons

**tree** n. [“woody plant with a trunk”] 1. to grow; plant a ~ 2. to prune, trim a ~ 3. to chop down, cut down, fell a ~ 4. to uproot a ~ (the gale uprooted several ~s) 5. a shade ~ (see also Christmas tree) 6. a deciduous; evergreen ~ 7. a tall ~ 8. a ~ grows 9. an avenue, line; clump, cluster; grove; stand of ~s 10. in; on a ~ (monkeys live in ~s; fruit grows on ~s) 11. (misc.) to climb a ~; (colloq.) up a ~ (AE), up a gum ~ (BE) (“stymied”); to be barking up the wrong ~ (“to be mistaken”) [“something resembling a tree”] 12. a family, genealogical ~ 13. a clothes; shoe ~ [misc] 14. they cannot see the forest (AE)/wood (BE) for the ~s (“they see all of the details, but they do not recognize the essence of the problem”)

**trek** I n. [“long trip”] to go on, make a ~ from; to
trek II v. (P; intr.) to ~ across the fields; “None will break ranks, though nations ~ from progress.” – Wilfred Owen, 1893–1918, “Strange Meeting”

**tremble** v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ at (to ~ at the thought of going back to the front line) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ from, with (to ~ from the cold; to ~ with fear) 3. (E) I ~ to think of going back to the front line!

**tremor** n. 1. a nervous ~ 2. a perceptible; slight ~ 3. uncontrollable; violent ~s (uncontrollable ~s of nervousness) 4. an earth ~

**trench** n. 1. to dig a ~ 2. a slit ~ (misc.) in the ~es (during World War I) (see also trench warfare at warfare)

**trend** n. 1. to create, set, start a ~ 2. to buck (colloq.) (AE); reverse a ~ 3. a discernible, noticeable; general; marked ~ 4. a growing; recent ~ 5. a downward; upward ~ 6. an unwelcome; welcome ~ 7. an economic; political ~ 8. a ~ away from; towards 9. a ~ in (is there a trend in fashion away from long skirts and towards shorter ones?)

**trepidation** n. fear and ~ (the very idea of work fills him with ~ and trepidation)

**trespass** I n. criminal ~

**trespass** II v. 1. (obsol.) (D; intr.) to ~ against (“And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that ~ against us,” – “The Lord’s Prayer”; The (Anglican) Book of Common Prayer, 1662) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ on, upon (to ~ on a neighbor’s property)

**trespassing** n. No Trespassing!

**trial** n. [“legal proceedings”] 1. to conduct, hold a ~ 2. to bring smb. to ~; to put smb. on ~ 3. to await ~ 4. to face; stand ~ for (he stood ~ for embezzlement) 5. to come, go to ~ (the case went to ~) 6. to waive a (jury) ~ (the accused waived a jury ~) 7. a fair; speedy ~ (to get a fair ~) 8. a ~ closed; open, public; show ~ 9. a court; jury (or: a ~ by jury); summary ~ 10. a murder; war-crimes ~ 11. at a ~ (she testified at his ~) 12. on ~ (for) (he was on ~ for murder) [“test, experiment”] 13. to carry out, conduct a ~ 14. to undergo ~ 15. a clinical; controlled; field ~ 16. a ~ shows; suggests (the clinical ~s suggest that the new drug may not be effective or safe) 17. (misc.) by ~ and error (see also trial period at period) [“source of worry”] 18. a ~ to (they are a ~ to their parents) 19. (misc.) ~s and tribulations

**triangle** n. 1. to draw, make a ~ 2. an acute; congruent; equilateral; isosceles; obtuse; right (AE), right-angled (BE); scalene ~ 3. the apex of a ~ 4. (fig.) the eternal ~; a love ~

**tribe** n. 1. to lead a ~ 2. a native; nomadic, wandering; primitive ~ 3. (misc.) to belong to a ~; a member of a ~ (misc.)

**USAGE NOTE:** Because of such collocations as “primitive tribe,” “tribe” is nowadays often replaced by people, so that “a nomadic tribe”
becomes “a nomadic people” and “the Cherokee tribe” becomes “the Cherokee people.” In North America, the word nation is also used, esp. in connection with political or territorial rights, so that in such contexts “the Cherokee people” becomes “the Cherokee nation.”

tribulation n. 1. to bear, endure a ~ 2. (misc.) trials and ~s

tribunal n. 1. to go to; set up a ~ 2. a military; war-crimes ~ 3. (GB) an industrial ~ 4. at, before a ~ (to appear before a military ~)

tribute n. ["money paid under duress"] 1. to exact ~ from 2. to pay ~ to ["testimonial"] 3. to pay (a) ~ to 4. a fitting; glowing; moving, touching ~ 5. a floral ~ ("a bunch of flowers") 6. a ~ to 7. in ~ (see also tribute band at band I n.)

trick I n. ["dexterous feat, as of sleight of hand"] 1. to do, perform a ~ 2. a card; hat; magic; party ~ (performed the hat ~ of hitting three homers in one game) ["prank"] ["deceitful act"] 3. to play a ~ on smb.; to fall for a ~ 4. a clever ~ 5. a cheap, contemptible, dirty, low, mean, nasty, shabby, sneaky ~ (our clever ~ worked off their sneaky ~ failed) 6. a con, confidence ~ (BE; AE has confidence game) ["scoring unit in a card game"] 7. to lose; take, win a ~ ["misc."] 8. to do the ~ ("to be exactly what is needed") ; smb.'s bag of ~s ("smb.'s expertise"); ~ to treat (at Halloween); she doesn’t miss a ~ ("she notices everything"); the ~ is to know when you’re beaten and give up quickly (see also trick question at question I n.; tricks)

trick II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ smb. into doing smt.) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ out of (she was ~d out of her money)

trickle I n. 1. a mere ~ 2. (misc.) to dwindle/slow to a ~ and then increase to a flood

trickle II v. (P; intr.) stragglers kept ~ling into camp; blood ~d from the cut

trickledown v. (D; intr.) to ~ to (to ~ to the general population from the elite)

tricks n. 1. (often pol.) dirty ~ 2. (misc.) they are up to their old ~ again

trifle I n. a mere ~

trifle II v. (d; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with smb.'s affections; they are not to be ~d with)

trigger n. ["device for releasing the hammer of a firearm"] 1. to press, pull, release, squeeze a/the ~ 2. a hair ("delicate") ~ 3. (misc.) quick on the ~ (also fig.: "quick to take offense and get hot under the collar") (see also trigger finger at finger I n.) ["device that fires an explosive"] 4. a ~ for (also fig.) (the ~ for their rebellion was an insult to their chief)

trim I n. ["good condition"] ["condition"] 1. fighting ~ (in fighting ~) 2. in ~ (to be in ~) ["ornamental metalwork on a car"] 3. chrome ~ (he scratched my chrome ~!)

trim II v. 1. to ~ neatly (a neatly ~med beard) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ away; from, off (to ~ the fat from the budget)

trimmings n. ["garnishings"] ["extras"] with all the ~ (roast turkey with all the ~; they got the full treatment with all the ~)

trip I n. 1. to go on, make, set off on, take a ~ (she went on a ~; I’ve made this ~ many times; we would like to take a ~) 2. to arrange, organize, plan a ~ 3. to cancel; postpone a ~ 4. an extended, long; short ~ 5. a boat; business; camping; day; field; overseas; pleasure; return; round; round-the-world; wedding ~ (we are planning a round-the-world ~) 6. a ~ along; around 7. a ~ from; to (they went on a ~ to Canada; to take a ~ from England to Australia) 8. a ~ through (a ~ through the west) 9. on a ~ (she was away on a ~) 10. (misc.) a ~ abroad; a bad ~ (on drugs); an ego ~ ("behavior that satisfies one’s ego") (see also guilt trip)

trip II v. (D; intr.) ("to stumble") to ~ over, on, to ~ on a rock and fall; she was ~ping over every word

triplets n. 1. to have, give birth to ~ 2. a set of ~

triplicate n. in ~ (to prepare all documents in ~)

tripod n. 1. to set up a ~ 2. on a ~ (the camera rested on a ~)

triumph I n. 1. to achieve, score a ~ 2. a glorious, signal, splendid, stunning; hard-won; short-lived ~ 3. a ~ against (a ~ against overwhelming odds) 4. a ~ for (the result was a personal ~ for her) 5. a ~ over (a ~ over evil/adversity) 6. in ~ (to return home in ~)

triumph II v. (D; intr.) to ~ over

triumphant adj. ~ in; over

trolley n. ["small wheeled conveyance"] (BE) 1. to load; push; unload a ~ 2. a (shopping) ~ (in a supermarket) (AE has shopping cart) 3. a tea ~ (AE has tea wagon) 4. a sweet ~ (in a restaurant) ["streetcar, tram"] (AE) 5. see streetcar

USAGE NOTE: Wheeled conveyances that are called trolleys in BE are often called carts in AE. In a library, for example, books are moved on a trolley (BE) or on a cart (AE).

trombone n. to play the ~

troop I n. 1. a cavalry ~ 2. a (Boy) Scout; Girl Scout (AE); Guide ~

troop II v. (P; intr.) the children ~d into school

trooper n. 1. (US) a state ~ 2. (misc.) to swear like a ~ ("to use vile language")

troops n. 1. to commit; deploy; dispatch; lead; rally ~ 2. to review ~ 3. to station ~ (in a country) ; to withdraw ~ (from a country) 4. green; seasoned ~ 5. victorious ~ 6. defeated; demoralized ~ 7. airborne; armored; ground; motorized; mounted; ski ~ 8. elite; irregular; regular; shock ~ 9. ~ fight; serve; withdraw

trophy n. 1. to award, give, present a ~ 2. to get, lift (BE) (colloq.), receive, win a ~ 3. to display a ~ 4. a sports; war ~ 5. a ~ for (they proudly displayed the ~ they’d received for winning the tournament)

tropic n. the Tropic of Cancer; Capricorn (see also tropics)
tropics n. in the ~ (to live in the ~)
trot I n. 1. at a ~ 2. (misc.) (BE; colloq.) on the ~ all day ("busy all day"); that driver has won four races on the ~ ("that driver has won four races in succession")
trot II v. (P; intr.) the horses ~ted (a)round the track
troth n. (old-fashioned) to pledge, plight one's ~ ("to make a promise of marriage, to get engaged to smb.")
trouble I n. 1. to cause, foment, make, start, stir up 2. (d; refl., tr.) to ~ about (don't ~ trouble)
troublesome adj. 1. deeply ~ 2. ~ by, with (she is ~ troubled)
trousers n. 1. to have ~ on, to wear ~ 2. to put on ~ 3. to take off ~ 4. to button up; unbutton; unzip; zip up one's ~ 5. baggy; long; short; tight ~ 6. a pair of ~ 7. in ~ 8. (misc.) a trouser leg
trowel n. a bricklayer's; gardener's; plasterer's ~
truant n. to play ~ (see also truant officer at officer)
truce n. 1. to agree (BE), agree on, agree to, arrange, call, work out a ~ 2. to announce, declare a ~ 3. to violate a ~ 4. to denounce a ~ 5. an armed; uneasy ~ 6. a ~ between 7. during a ~
truck I n. ["vehicle"] 1. (esp. AE; BE often has lorry, van) to drive, operate; steer a ~ 2. to load; unload a ~ 3. (AE) a delivery, panel ~ (BE has delivery van) 4. a dump (esp. AE), dumper (BE), tipper (BE) ~ 5. (AE) a garbage, trash ~ (BE has dustbin lorry, dustcart) 6. (AE) a pickup; trailer ~ (BE has articulated lorry) 7. a breakdown (BE), tow (AE) ~ (BE also has breakdown lorry, breakdown van) 8. a railway ~ (BE; AE has flatcar) 9. a sound ~ 10. a ~ jackknives
truck II n. ["dealings"] to have no with ~
trudge v. (P; intr.) to ~ through the mud
true adj. 1. historically ~ 2. to (~ to one’s principles; ~ to form; ~ to life) 3. to + inf. (it's simply not ~ to assume that all politicians are corrupt!) 4. ~ that + clause (it’s just not ~ that all politicians are corrupt!) 5. (misc.) to come ~; to ring ~; to hold ~ ("to be valid")
truism n. 1. to mouth, utter a ~ (he’s always mouthing ~s) 2. a well-worn ~ 3. (misc.) in ~s (to speak in well-worn ~)
truly adv. (as in the complimentary close of a letter) (esp. AE) yours ~; yours very ~; very ~ yours (see yours)
trump n. ["winning card"] to play a ~
trump card n. ["final resource, ace in the hole"] to play one’s ~
trumpet n. 1. to blow, play a ~ 2. a ~ blares, sounds (see also horn n. 6)
trumps n. to lead ~ (when playing cards)
trunk I n. ["reliance"] 1. a tree ~ ["main stem"] 2. to pack; unpack one’s ~ 3. to ship a ~ 4. a railway ~ (BE; AE has train) 5. (AE) a garbage, trash ~ (BE has dustbin lorry, dustcart) 6. a ~ between 7. during a ~ 8. a railway ~ (BE; AE has flatcar) 9. a sound ~ 10. a ~ jackknives
trunks n. 1. swimming ~ 2. a pair of ~
trust I n. ["reliance"] 1. to place, put one’s ~ in 2. to earn, gain, win; have smb.’s ~ 3. to abuse, betray, violate smb.’s ~ 4. absolute; blind, unquestioning; universal ~ 5. public ~ ("A public office is a public ~""); attributed to US President Grover Cleveland, 1837-1908) 6. on ~ (to sell on ~) 7. a breach of ~ ["cartel"] 8. to break up a ~ ["fund"] 9. to set up a ~ (for a child) (see also trust fund at fund) 10. a unit ~ (BE; AE has mutual fund) 11. a blind; perpetual ~ (to place one’s holdings in a blind ~ during one’s term of office) 12. in ~ for (the money is held in ~ for a child)
trust II v. 1. to ~ blindly, implicitly 2. (d; intr.) ("to believe") to ~ in (to ~ in God; "In God We Trust,
trusty adj. 1. (esp. AE; BE often has lorry, van) to drive, operate; steer a ~ 2. to load; unload a ~ 3. (AE) a delivery, panel ~ (BE has delivery van) 4. a dump (esp. AE), dumper (BE), tipper (BE) ~ 5. (AE) a garbage, trash ~ (BE has dustbin lorry, dustcart) 6. (AE) a pickup; trailer ~ (BE has articulated lorry) 7. a breakdown (BE), tow (AE) ~ (BE also has breakdown lorry, breakdown van) 8. a railway ~ (BE; AE has flatcar) 9. a sound ~ 10. a ~ jackknives
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5. (H) (“to entrust”) I ~ed her to deposit the funds 6. (L) (“to believe”) we ~ that you will keep your word 7. (misc. (ironic)) ~ them to do smt. silly!

**truth n.** 1. to ascertain, elicit, establish, find; face, face up to; get at; search for, seek the ~ to admit; expose, reveal; speak, tell the ~ to distort, pervert, stretch the ~ to the 4. the absolute, basic, fundamental, Gospel, naked, plain, unvarnished, whole ~ (“I swear by Almighty God that the evidence I shall give shall be the ~, the whole ~ and nothing but the ~” – formula used by court witnesses in England and Wales) 5. the awful; bitter; ultimate ~ 6. (the) historical ~ 7. an element, grain, kernel of ~ 8. (there is) not an iota, shred of ~ (in that) 9. the ~ about (I finally discovered the ~ about their origins) 10. ~ in (there is some ~ in their allegations; is there any ~ in that?) 11. in ~ 12. (misc.) where does the ~ lie?; it had a ring of ~ about it; the ~ is that she actually did serve in the army!; the ~ will out!

**truthful adj.** ~ about; in

**try I n.** 1. to have, make a ~ at 2. (colloq.) to give smt. a ~ 3. (rugby) to convert, score a ~ (against) 4. a valiant ~ 5. a ~ at, for 6. a ~ to + inf. (they made a ~ at the machine) 7. a ~ to + inf. (they made a ~ to get the machine to work) 8. (there is) not an iota, shred of ~ (in that) 9. the ~ of ~ 10. from ; in ; to the ~ (I finally discovered the ~ about their origins) 11. in ~ 12. (misc.) where does the ~ lie?; it had a ring of ~ about it; the ~ is that she actually did serve in the army!; the ~ will out!

**try II v.** 1. to ~ hard ; to ~ one’s best 2. (D ; intr.) (“to attempt”) to ~ for (to ~ for a prize) 3. (D ; tr.) (“to subject to trial”) to ~ for (they tried her for murder) 4. (E) (“to attempt”) she tried to jog but couldn’t ~ 5. (G) (“to attempt”) she tried jogging, but her ankles would hurt

**USAGE NOTES:** 1. The phrase try and do smt. is a colloq. variant of try to do smt., but has no past tense. 2. The sentence she ~ed to jog usu. means that she never was able to jog; she ~ed to jog means that she was able to jog, but gave it up after a while.

**try on v.** (misc.) he tried the hat on for size = he tried on the hat for size

**tryout n.** to hold a ~ for (to hold a ~ for the team) (see also tryouts)

**try out v.** 1. (D ; intr., tr.) (~ for) to ~ for (esp. AE) ~ for a major part in a play) 2. (D ; tr.) ~ on (they tried out the new drug on animals = they tried the new drug out on animals)

**tryouts n.** (esp. AE) to hold ~ for (to hold ~ for the team)

**tryst n.** (formal) 1. to make, keep a ~; 2. a ~ with (“Long years ago we made a ~ with destiny” – Jawaharlal Nehru, August 14th, 1947)

**tsar (BE) see czar**

**tsunami n.** 1. a ~ hits, strikes (the ~ struck the coastal areas of several cities) 2. (misc.) the ~ has already claimed many lives

**tub n.** [“bathtub”] (esp. AE; BE prefers bath) 1. to fill the ~ (for a bath) 2. to empty the ~ (after a bath) 3. to clean out; scrub (out) a ~

**tube n.** [“channel within the body”] 1. bronchial; Eustachian; Fallopian ~s [“rubber casing”] 2. an inner ~ [“hollow cylinder”] 3. an electron; picture, television; test ~ 4. a vacuum ~ (AE; BE has valve) 5. (slang) the bobob ~ [“television”] [“container”] 6. to squeeze a ~ (of toothpaste) [“underground”] (esp. BE) 7. to take the/a ~ 8. by ~ (to go/travel) by ~ 9. on the ~ (to travel to work on the ~) (AE has subway) (see also Usage Note at train I n.) [“system of tube trains and stations”] 10. from; in; to the ~ (I couldn’t find the right entrance to the ~, the right platform in the ~, or the right exit from the ~) (see also tube station at station I n.; tube system at system; tube train at train I n.) [“misc.”] 11. along; down; up a ~

**tuberculosis n.** to contract, develop, get; have ~

**tubing n.** 1. copper; glass; flexible; plastic; rubber ~ 2. a length, piece of ~

**tuck v.** 1. (d; tr.) to ~ inside; into (to ~ a child into bed; he ~ed his shirt inside, into his trousers) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ behind; under (she ~ed her cigarette behind her ear; she ~ed the napkin under her chin)

**tug I n.** [“pull”] 1. to give a ~ at; on [“tugboat”] 2. a seagoing ~

**tug II v.** 1. (D; intr.) to ~ at; on (to ~ at a rope) 2. (P; tr.) they ~ed the ship out of the harbor

**tuition n.** [“instruction”] (BE) 1. to give ~ 2. to get, have, receive ~ 3. private ~ (in) 4. to ~ for 6. ~ in (she’s getting ~ in Italian from Signor Da Ponte for the exam) [“payment for instruction”] (esp. AE) 7. to pay ~ for 8. free; full; half; ~ to pay full ~; to get/have/receive free ~

**tumble I n.** (colloq.) [“fall”] 1. to have, take a ~ 2. a bad, nasty ~ (she took a nasty ~; shares have taken quite a ~ recently) 3. a sharp, steep ; sudden ~ 4. a ~ from [“sign of recognition”] (AE) 5. to give smb. a ~ (they wouldn’t give us a ~) (see also tumble dryer at dryer)

**tumble II v.** 1. (d; intr.) to ~ into (to ~ into bed) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ out of (to ~ out of a chair) 3. (colloq.) (esp. AE) (d; intr.) to ~ to (to “catch on to, comprehend”) (they didn’t ~ to the meaning of the clues) 4. (P; intr.) to “fall” ~ to ~ down the stairs

**tummy n.** [“stomach”] 1. to upset smb.’s ~ 2. an empty; full; ~ 3. smb.’s ~ aches, hurts; growls, rumbles 4. on one’s ~ (to lie on one’s ~) USAGE NOTE: In AE, tummy is used typically by or to children. In BE it is also used frequently by or to adults as a kind of euphemism for stomach.

**tumor, tumour n.** 1. to excise, remove, take out a ~ 2. a benign; inoperable; malignant ~ 3. a brain ~ 4. a ~ in ; on

**tumult n.** [“violent, noisy agitation”] 1. to cause ~ in ~ over 3. (misc.) “The ~ and the shouting dies; The Captains and the Kings depart” – Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936), “Recessional”

**tune I n.** [“melody”] 1. to compose, write a ~ 2. to hum; play; sing; whistle a ~ (to play a ~ on the piano) 3. to carry (“sing the notes of”) a ~ a ~ of, to (the ~ to a song) 5. a catchy; haunting; lilting ~
tune II
(d; tr.) to ~ to (we ~d our sets to the local v.

1. to bore, build, construct, dig a ~ 2. a

fine ~ (also fig.) (the fine ~ of the economy
1. to do a ~ (of an engine) ; to give (an
engine) a ~

a piano ~

tuner
n.
tuning
in.
tune in
(D; intr.) to ~ on (esp. AE), to (to ~ to
a station)
tune II
(d; tr.) to ~ to (we ~d our sets to the local station to hear the local news ; stay ~d to this station for the latest news)
tune in. v. (D; intr.) to ~ on (esp. AE), to (to ~ to a station)

tuner
n.
tune-up
n.
tuning
in.
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tune up
1. v.

1. (D; tr.) to ~ to (please ~ the heater
turn down
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2. (D; intr.) to ~ from

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to") (she ~ed to her family in her time of need ; they had to ~ somewhere for help) 4. (d; intr.) ("to shift") to ~ from ; to (let's ~ from this topic to a more pleasant one ; to ~ to a new field) 5. (D; intr.) ("to change direction") to ~ into ; onto (to ~ into a side street) 6. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ from ; into, to ("to be converted, transformed into") ; ("to convert, transform into") (caterpillars ~ into butterflies ; freezing water ~s (in)to ice ; his love ~ed to hate ; they ~d the meeting into a brawl ; the incident ~d to her into a better person ; he’s ~d from a boy into a man ! ; the good news ~ed her tears to smiles ; ~ your junk into cash by selling it to us !) 7. (D; intr.) to ~ off ; onto ("to leave") (to ~ off the main road and onto the first side road) 8. (d; intr.) to ~ on ("to attack") (to ~ on smb. in anger ; the speaker finally ~d on the hecklers) 9. (d; intr.) to ~ on, upon ("to depend, hinge on") (everything ~s on the judge’s interpretation of the law) 10. (D; intr.) ("to change direction") to ~ to (to ~ to the right) 11. (d; intr.) ("to direct one’s attention, efforts") to ~ to (to ~ to a new subject ; she ~ed to the study of art ; she ~ed to shouting (in order to get attention) 12. (d; tr.) ("to direct") to ~ to, towards (to ~ one’s attention to a new problem ; ~ your face towards the mirror ; you should not ~ your back to the audience) 13. (D; intr.) to ~ towards ("to face") (~ towards me) 14. (E) he ~ed to go ; he ~ed to face the audience ("he turned and faced the audience") 15. (N; used with an adjective) ("to cause to become") we ~d the dog loose ; worry ~ed her hair gray 16. (S) to ~ traitor ; she ~ ed pale ; the light has ~ed green 17. (misc.) to ~ anticlockwise (BE)/counterclockwise (AE) ; to ~ left/right ; to ~ smt. inside out ; to ~ smt. upside down ; to ~ sixteen ("to reach one’s sixteenth birthday") ; the road twists and ~s (see turn one’s back on smb.; turn one’s back to smb. at back II n. ; the Usage Note for grow)
turnabout n. ("reversal") to do a ~
turn away v. (D; intr.) to ~ from

turn back v. (D; intr.) to ~ from ; to

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turn II v. 1. ("to change direction") to ~ abruptly, sharply 2. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ against ("to become antagonistic towards") ; ("to make antagonistic towards") (to ~ against one’s friends ; what ~d him against us?) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ for ; to ("to resort to") (she ~ed to her family in her time of need ; they had to ~ somewhere for help) 4. (d; intr.) ("to shift") to ~ from ; to (let’s ~ from this topic to a more pleasant one ; to ~ to a new field) 5. (D; intr.) ("to change direction") to ~ into ; onto (to ~ into a side street) 6. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ from ; into, to ("to be converted, transformed into") ; ("to convert, transform into") (caterpillars ~ into butterflies ; freezing water ~s (in)to ice ; his love ~ed to hate ; they ~d the meeting into a brawl ; the incident ~d to her into a better person ; he’s ~d from a boy into a man ! ; the good news ~ed her tears to smiles ; ~ your junk into cash by selling it to us !) 7. (D; intr.) to ~ off ; onto ("to leave") (to ~ off the main road and onto the first side road) 8. (d; intr.) to ~ on ("to attack") (to ~ on smb. in anger ; the speaker finally ~d on the hecklers) 9. (d; intr.) to ~ on, upon ("to depend, hinge on") (everything ~s on the judge’s interpretation of the law) 10. (D; intr.) ("to change direction") to ~ to (to ~ to the right) 11. (d; intr.) ("to direct one’s attention, efforts") to ~ to (to ~ to a new subject ; she ~ed to the study of art ; she ~ed to shouting (in order to get attention) 12. (d; tr.) ("to direct") to ~ to, towards (to ~ one’s attention to a new problem ; ~ your face towards the mirror ; you should not ~ your back to the audience) 13. (D; intr.) to ~ towards ("to face") (~ towards me) 14. (E) he ~ed to go ; he ~ed to face the audience ("he turned and faced the audience") 15. (N; used with an adjective) ("to cause to become") we ~d the dog loose ; worry ~ed her hair gray 16. (S) to ~ traitor ; she ~ ed pale ; the light has ~ed green 17. (misc.) to ~ anticlockwise (BE)/counterclockwise (AE) ; to ~ left/right ; to ~ smt. inside out ; to ~ smt. upside down ; to ~ sixteen ("to reach one’s sixteenth birthday") ; the road twists and ~s (see turn one’s back on smb.; turn one’s back to smb. at back II n. ; the Usage Note for grow)
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teacher; he refused to ~ himself in to the authorities 2. (D; tr.) (“to trade in”) (esp. AE) to ~ for (she ~ed her old car in for a new one) 3. (s) to ~ early (“to go to sleep early”)

turnover n. (esp. BE) to take a ~ (take the first ~ on the right)

turning point n. 1. to be, constitute, mark, represent a ~ (in history) 2. to reach a ~ 3. a ~ for (for us the ~ came when we realized what to do) 4. a ~ in 5. at a ~ (we are at a ~ in history)

turn-off n. 1. to take a ~ 2. a ~ for (take the next ~ for the side road) 3. a ~ from; into, onto (take the next ~ from the main road into a side road)

turn off v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ from; into (we ~ed off from the main road into a side road) 2. (misc.) they ~ed off at the last corner/minute

turn on v. (slang) 1. (D; tr.) to ~ to (“to become excited about”) (to ~ to Beethoven) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ to (“to excite about”) (to ~ smb. on to Beethoven)

3. (R) it really ~s me on to hear Beethoven 4. (Q) (BE) (“hinge on”) (the outcome of the election will ~ which candidate the voters trust more)

turnout n. ['attendance'] ['participation'] 1. to attract a (large) ~ 2. an above-average; big, enormous, heavy, huge, large; good; record, unprecedented ~ 3. a disappointing; light, poor, small ~ 4. (a) voter ~ (the election has attracted an unprecedented voter ~)

turn out v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ to ~ (for a large crowd ~ed out for her first concert) 2. (E) (“to prove”) a large crowd ~ed out to attend her first concert; the test ~ed out to be positive; they ~ed out to have been away on a trip at the time = they had been away on a trip at the time, as it ~ed out; Samuel L. Clemens ~ed out to have written the works of Mark Twain. = the works of Mark Twain ~ed out to have been written by Samuel L. Clemens 3. (L) it ~ed out that they had been away on a trip at the time 4. (s) the test ~ed out positive

turnover n. ['movement of goods or personnel'] 1. to have; record a ~ 2. a brisk, quick, rapid ~ 3. a disappointing; light, poor, small ~ 4. (a) voter ~ (the election has attracted an unprecedented voter ~)

turn out v. 1. (D; intr.) (“to appear”) to ~ for (a large crowd ~ed out for her first concert) 2. (E) (“to prove”) a large crowd ~ed out to attend her first concert; the test ~ed out to be positive; they ~ed out to have been away on a trip at the time = they had been away on a trip at the time, as it ~ed out; Samuel L. Clemens ~ed out to have written the works of Mark Twain. = the works of Mark Twain ~ed out to have been written by Samuel L. Clemens 3. (L) it ~ed out that they had been away on a trip at the time 4. (s) the test ~ed out positive

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turn over v. (B) (“to hand over”) to ~ a thief over to the police

turnpike n. ['toll expressway'] (AE) 1. (to travel) by ~ 2. (to drive) on a ~

turnstile n. 1. to go through, pass through a ~ 2. a subway (AE), underground (BE) ~

turn up v. (“to appear”) 1. (D; intr.) to ~ as (she ~ed up as the new principal of the school) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ for (they did not ~ for the ceremony) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ in (she finally ~ed up in London) 4. (D; tr.) to ~ to (please ~ the heater up to a higher setting) 5. (D; intr.) to ~ with (she ~ed up with the missing money) 6. (E) things were looking bad but he was sure smt. or smb. would ~ to and save him 7. (s) he ~ed up drunk at /for work 8. (misc.) they ~ed up unexpectedly; they ~ed ~ the radio/the volume /the sound ~ up high (“they turned the radio on very loud”)

turnip n. moral ~

turtle n. 1. a fresh-water; land (AE); mud; sea; snapping ~ 2. (misc.) to turn ~ (“to capsize”) USAGE NOTE: Although CE has both turtle and tortoise, the two are distinguished much more clearly in BE than in AE. In BE, turtles are aquatic; tortoises, terrestrial. In AE, the word turtle often serves as a generic term covering tortoises as well as turtles.

tusk n. an elephant; walrus; wild-boar ~
tussle I n. (colloq.) 1. to get into, have a ~ 2. a ~ about, over; between; for; with (there was quite a ~ between them for control of the company) 3. a ~ to + inf. (there was quite a ~ between them to control the company)

tussle II v. (colloq.) (D; intr.) to ~ about, over; for; with (they ~d with each other for control of the company)

tutelage n. under smb.’s ~
tutor I n. 1. a course (BE); private ~ 2. a ~ of, to under smb.’s ~
tutor II v. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ in (to ~ smb. in physics)
tutorial n. ['course'] 1. to give smb. a ~ 2. to have a ~ with 3. a ~ about, on

TV see television; television set

TV set see television set

twang n. (typically somewhat derog.) 1. to have a nasal ~ 2. (misc.) to speak with a ~ (they speak with a nasal ~)
tweed n. 1. Harris; herringbone ~ 2. in ~s (dressed in ~s)
tweezers n. a pair of ~
twilight n. 1. at ~ in the ~ (in the ~ of smb.’s career) (see also twilight zone at zone I n.)
twin v. (D; tr.) to ~ with (which town is your town ~ned with ?) (see also twins)
twine I n. a ball of ~
twine II v. (d; intr., refl.) to ~ around, round (the vines ~d themselves) around the tree
twinkle I n. 1. a ~ in smb.’s eyes (there was a ~ of amusement in her eyes) 2. with a ~ in one’s eyes
twinkle II v. (D; intr.) to ~ with (her eyes ~d with amusement)
twin n. 1. to have, give birth to ~ 2. conjoined, Siamese; fraternal; identical ~ 3. a pair, set of ~
twins 8. every ~ and turn in /of the road

twist I v. (“twist -ing or being twisted”) 2. to give smt. a ~ 3. to have a ~ (the rope has a ~ in it) ["unexpected turn"] 4. to take a ~ 5. a bizarre, strange, unusual; ironic ~ (the matter took a bizarre ~) ["interpretation"] 6. to give a (new) ~ (to the news) ["approach, method"] 7. a new ~ (to) ["misch"] 8. every ~ and turn in /of the road

twist II n. ["type of dance"] 1. to dance, do the ~ ["twisting or being twisted"] 2. to give smt. a ~ 3. to have a ~ (the rope has a ~ in it) ["unexpected turn"] 4. to take a ~ 5. a bizarre, strange, unusual; ironic ~ (the matter took a bizarre ~) ["interpretation"] 6. to give a (new) ~ (to the news) ["approach, method"] 7. a new ~ (to) ["misch"] 8. every ~ and turn in /of the road
twist II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ (a)round (she ~ed the thread around her finger) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ smt. into a certain shape) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ off (he ~ed the cap off the bottle) 4. (D; tr.) to ~ out of (to ~ smt. out of shape) 5. (D; tr.) to ~ to (~ the knob to the right) 6. (N; refl.) the prisoner ~ed himself free of his captors 7. (s) the prisoner ~ed free of his captors 8. (misc.) to ~ smb.’s arm (“to coerce smb.”); to ~ smb. around one’s little finger (“to manipulate smb.”); the road ~s and turns

**twitch I** n. a nervous; uncontrollable ~

twitch II v. 1. to ~ nervously; uncontrollably 2. (D; intr.) to ~ in; with (to ~ in with pain)

two n. to put ~ and ~ together (“to comprehend the significance of smt.”)

two cents’ worth n. (slang) (AE) [“opinion”] to add, get in, put in one’s ~
twopenn’orth n. (colloq.) (BE) [“opinion”] to add, get in, put in one’s ~
tycoon n. a business ~

type I n. [“metal blocks used in printing”] 1. to set ~ (to set ~ by hand) 2. bold, boldface, boldfaced; elite; italic; pica; regular; roman ~ 3. a font (esp. AE)/fount (BE) of ~ 4. in ~ (to set a book in ~) [“sort, category”] 5. a blood ~ 6. of a certain ~ (of all ~s; of several ~s; a person of that ~ = that ~ of person) 7. (misc.) ~ of thing (always going on about his enemies, his problems — that ~ of thing); to like all ~s of music; true to ~; a reversion to ~

type II v. (D; tr.) (“to typewrite”) to ~ for (~ this letter for me)

typecast v. (D; tr.) to ~ as; in (to be typecast in a certain role; that actor has been typecast as a villain)

typewriter n. 1. to operate, use; pound (colloq.) a ~ 2. an electric; electronic; manual; portable ~ 3. a ~ skips 4. on a ~ (I did the letter on my electric ~)

**typhoid** n. to contract, develop, get; have ~

typhoon n. 1. a ~ hits, strikes; rages (the ~ struck several cities) 2. a ~ blows itself out, blows over, dies down, subsides

**typhus** n. to contract, develop, get; have ~

typical adj. 1. ~ of 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of her to say such things) 3. (misc.) how very ~ (it was) of her to say such things!

typing n. 1. to do (the) ~ 2. hunt-and-peck ~ (colloq.) 3. touch ~

**typist** n. 1. a copy; shorthand ~ (BE; AE has stenographer) 2. a clerk-typist; a hunt-and-peck ~ (colloq.); a touch-typist

tyranny n. 1. to impose ~ on 2. to overthrow (a) ~ 3. cruel, merciless; ruthless ~ 4. petty ~ 5. an act of ~ 6. ~ over (“I have sworn upon the altar of God … eternal hostility against every form of ~ over the mind of man.” – Thomas Jefferson, 1800) 7. under (a) ~

tyrant n. 1. to overthrow a ~ 2. a cruel, merciless; ruthless ~ 3. a petty ~ 4. a ~ oppresses 5. the rule of a ~ 6. under a ~

tyre (BE) see **tire** I n.
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UFO n. [‘unidentified flying object, flying saucer’] 1. to sight a ~ 2. (misc.) a ~ abduction; sighting

ukase n. [‘edict’] 1. to issue a ~ 2. a ~ that + clause; subj. (the tyrant issued a ~ that all prisoners should be beheaded)

ulcer n. 1. to have an ~ 2. a bleeding; duodenal; gastric, stomach; mouth; peptic; perforated ~

ultimate n. [‘acme, the nth degree’] 1. the ~ in (the ~ in comfort) 2. (carried) to the ~

ultimatum n. 1. to deliver, give, issue, present an ~ 2. to get, receive an ~ 3. to accept an ~ 4. to defy; ignore; reject an ~ 5. to rescind, withdraw an ~ 6. an ~ demands, insists 7. an ~ that + clause; subj. (their government issued an ~ to our government demanding that all our troops be should be disarmed at once.)

umbilical cord n. 1. to tie (off) an ~ 2. to cut the ~ (also fig.)

umbrage n. [‘offense’] 1. to give ~ 2. to take ~ at

umbrella n. 1. to open an ~ 2. to fold (up) an ~ 3. a beach ~ 4. under an ~ (also fig.) (need Europe still shelter under the American nuclear ~?) (see also umbrela organization at organization; umbrella term at term I n.)

unable adj. (typically cannot stand alone) ~ to + inf. (she was ~ to reach him today; she tried to reach him but she was ~ to) USAGE NOTE: In passive constructions, unable to is replaced by cannot – X is sometimes unable to replace Y = Y can’t always be replaced by X.

unacceptable adj. 1. completely, totally, wholly; socially ~ 2. ~ to (the conditions proved/were completely ~ to all concerned) 3. ~ to + inf. (it’s wholly ~ to behave like that) USAGE NOTE: Perhaps under the influence of cultural relativism, the word unacceptable is used increasingly where people of an older generation would use wrong. Malcolm Bradbury’s novel Eating People Is Wrong (1959) might if published today be called Eating People Is Unacceptable.

unaccounted adj. ~ for (several items are still ~ for)

unaccustomed adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ to ~ to public speaking) USAGE NOTE: It was a cliché attributed to inexperienced public speakers that they would begin their speeches by saying: Unaccustomed as I am to public speaking, …

unaffected adj. 1. ~ by 2. to remain ~

unafraid adj. 1. ~ of 2. ~ to + inf. (she was ~ to dive off the high board)

unaided adj. ~ by; in

unnamable adj. (formal) ~ to

unanimity n. 1. to reach ~ 2. virtual ~ 3. ~ in

unanimous adj. 1. almost, virtually, well-nigh ~ 2. ~ in

unanswerable adj. ~ for; to (bureaucrats who think they are above the law and ~ for their actions to anybody)

unanswered adj. to go, remain ~ (that question remained ~)

unappreciative adj. ~ of (he was ~ of our help)

unasked adj. ~ for

unattended adj. to leave ~

unaware adj. (cannot stand alone) 1. blissfully; completely, totally ~ 2. of (they were completely ~ of the harmfulness of smoking) 3. ~ that + clause (they were totally ~ that smoking is harmful)

unawaress adv. [‘unexpectedly’] 1. to catch, take smb. ~ 2. completely, totally ~

unbalanced adj. mentally ~

unbeatable adj. ~ at, in (~ at chess)

unbecoming adj. ~ of; to (conduct ~ to an officer = conduct ~ an officer)

unbeknown adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ to (~ to us, they had already left)

unbeknownst adj. (formal) (cannot stand alone) ~ to (~ to us, they had already left)

unbelievable adj. 1. absolutely ~ 2. ~ to 3. ~ that + clause (it was absolutely ~ to me that nobody should have paid attention to the new invention = I find it absolutely ~ that nobody should have paid attention to the new invention)

unbracing adj. ~ in (~ in one’s manner)

unbiased adj. 1. completely, totally ~ 2. ~ towards (they were completely ~ towards foreigners)

unburden v. 1. (B; refl.) he finally ~ed himself to his family 2. (D; refl.) to ~ of (he finally ~ed himself of his secret)

uncalled adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ for (that remark was completely ~ for! = that was a completely uncalled-for remark!)

uncanny adj. 1. positively ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to see how closely the twins resemble each other) 3. ~ that + clause (it’s positively ~ that the twins resemble each other so closely) 4. (misc.) it’s ~ how much the twins resemble each other

uncared adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ for (the children were ~ for)

uncensured adj. to go ~

uncertain adj. 1. ~ about, as to, of (~ about the outcome; we were ~ of his support) 2. (misc.) it is ~ whether (or not) they will sign the contract; I am still ~ (as to) when they are coming

uncertainty n. 1. to express ~ 2. grave, great ~ 3. ~ surrounds a degree, element of ~ (there is still an element of ~ surrounding their time of arrival) 5. ~ about, as to, over (there was no ~ about the matter; there is still some degree of ~ as to when they are coming)

unchallenged adj. to go, pass ~ (Mr. Chairman, I cannot let the last speaker’s scurrilous remark go ~!)

unchanged adj. to remain ~

uncharacteristic adj. 1. ~ of 2. ~ to + inf. (it was
uncharitable adj. 1. ~ of 2. ~ towards 3. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of her to say that)
unchecked adj. to go, remain ~
unclaimed adj. to go, remain ~
uncle n. 1. a great ~ 2. (misc.) (colloq.) (AE) to say “(to admit defeat)”
unclear adj. 1. ~ about (are you still ~ about the situation?) 2. ~ from (the answer is still ~ from these facts) 3. ~ to (the answer was still ~ to us) 4. ~ how; whether; why (it was still ~ to us why she quit her job; it was ~ whether (or not) they would attend)
uncomfortable adj. 1. to feel ~ 2. to make smb. ~ 3. ~ about; with (I felt ~ about discussing this matter in public) 4. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ to sit here in the blazing sunshine = it is ~ sitting here in the blazing sunshine)
uncommitted adj. ~ to (~ to any principles)
uncommon adj. ~ to + inf. (it is not ~ to find people here who know several languages)
uncommunicative adj. ~ about, regarding
uncompromising adj. ~ in; on; towards (~ in one’s attitude; ~ towards their proposal)
unconcerned adj. ~ in; over; with (see Usage Note for concerned)
unconscious I adj. 1. to become; remain ~ 2. ~ of 3. to beat smb. ~
unconscious II n. in smb.’s ~
unconsciousness n. to lapse into ~
unconstitutional adj. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ to censor the press)
unconventional adj. 1. ~ in (~ in one’s tastes) 2. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ to go to work in shorts)
unconvincing adj. 1. to remain ~ 2. ~ of (they’re still ~ of the feasibility of our project) 3. ~ that + clause (they remain ~ that our project will succeed)
uncooperative adj. 1. ~ about; in; towards (~ in working out a compromise) 2. ~ to the point of (the witness was ~ to the point of refusing to testify)
uncorrected adj. to go, remain ~ (see also uncorrected proofs at proof)
uncouple v. (D; tr.) (“to separate”) to ~ from (to ~ a trailer from a tractor)
uncritical adj. ~ of (he was ~ of my work)
unction n. (rel.) 1. to give ~ 2. to receive ~ 3. Extreme Unction USAGE NOTE: The term the Anointing of the Sick is now preferred to Extreme Unction.
undaunted adj. ~ by; in (~ in one’s resolve)
undecided adj. 1. to remain ~ 2. ~ about, as to (we are ~ as to whether we will attend) 3. ~ whether (we are ~ whether we will attend) 4. ~ whether + inf. (we are ~ whether to attend)
undemonstrative adj. ~ towards
undeniable adj. ~ that + clause (it’s ~ that she is the best candidate)
underbrush n. (AE) in the ~ (see underground)
undercharge v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ by (they ~d us (by) twenty percent) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ for (they ~d us for the book; we were ~d for it by twenty percent)
undercoating n. (AE) (on a car) to apply ~ (BE has underseal)
dercover adv. ["acting in secret"] 1. to work ~ 2. to go ~
dergraduate n. 1. a college (esp. AE), university ~ 2. a first-year; second-year; etc. ~
derground I adv. 1. to go ~ (during the war they went ~) 2. buried ~
derground II n. ["transportation"] (BE; AE has subway) 1. to take the ~ 2. by ~ (I always travel by ~) 3. on the ~ (we went there on the ~) (see also Usage Note at train I n.) ["system of underground trains and stations"] 4. from; in; to the ~ (I couldn’t find the right entrance to the ~, the right platform in the ~, or the right exit from the ~?) (see also underground station at station I n.; underground system at system; underground train at train I n.)
dergrowth n. 1. to chop away, clear, remove the ~ 2. dense, heavy; tangled; thick ~ 3. from; in; into; through; out of the ~ (we cleared a path through the tangled ~)
derpass n. 1. a pedestrian ~ 2. an ~ under (an ~ under a road) 3. in; into; through an ~
derseal (BE) see undercoating
understand v. 1. to ~ clearly, fully, perfectly 2. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ about (they do not ~ (anything) about computers) 3. (d; tr.) to ~ by (what do you ~ by this term?) 4. (G) I can ~ lying (by her) that she would attend the meeting 6. (K) I just cannot ~ her not attending the meeting! 7. (L) I understood (from what she said) that she would attend the meeting and I thought it was understood that she would! 8. (Q) I fail to ~ why she didn’t ~ the meeting! 9. (misc.) she gave me to ~ that she would attend the meeting = I was given to understand (by her) that she would attend the meeting (see also understood)
understandable adj. 1. barely; perfectly, quite (esp. BE) ~ 2. to (we want this dictionary to be ~ to its users) 3. ~ that + clause (it was perfectly ~ that they would refuse) 4. (misc.) it was perfectly ~ why they refused
understanding I adj. ~ of, about
understanding II n. ["agreement"] 1. to arrive at, come to, reach an ~ 2. to have an ~ 3. a clear; complete, full; secret; tacit; verbal; written ~ 4. an ~ about; with (we have a tacit ~ with them about the matter) 5. an ~ to + inf. (we reached an ~ to keep the dispute out of the newspapers) 6. an ~ that + clause (it was my ~ that we would share the expenses) 7. on an ~ (we bought the supplies on the ~ that we would be reimbursed) ["harmony"] ["comprehension"] 8. to bring about, create, develop, promote ~ 9. to display, evidence, evince, show ~ (for, of) 10. deeper; genuine; mutual ~ 11. a lack;
degree, level of ~ 12. ~ between (to promote deeper ~ between nations; to develop mutual ~)

**understatement** n. 1. to make an ~ 2. to go in for ~ 3. a massive ~ (to say I was pleased would be a massive ~ I was absolutely ecstatic!) 4. (misc.) a masterpiece of ~; the ~ of the year (to say I was pleased would be the ~ of the year I was absolutely ecstatic!)

**understood** adj. 1. generally, usually ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ of (~ of any help)

**undeniable** adj.

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**undeserving** adj.

**undemanding** adj.

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**underwear** n. 1. long; thermal ~ 2. children’s; men’s; women’s ~ 3. a change of ~ 4. an item of cal; racial ~ (the dispute took on nasty political ~)

**understatement** n. 1. to make an ~ 2. ~ for; to 2. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ for certain groups) 3. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ to take advantage of the situation) 4. ~ that + clause (it’s ~ that she has to work so hard)

**unemployment compensation** n. (esp. AE) 1. to pay ~ 2. to draw, get, receive ~ 3. to be on ~ 4. to go on ~ 5. to apply for ~

**unemployment insurance** (esp. AE) see **unemployment compensation** 1, 2, 5

**unequal** adj. 1. in (they are ~ in every way) 2. ~ to (she felt ~ to the task)

**unequalled, unequalled** adj. 1. ~ as (she was ~ as a dancer) 2. ~ at, in; by; for

**unerring** adj.

**unethical** adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of them to ~)

**unexelled adj.** ~ at; in (~ at sports)

**unfavorable, unfavourable** adj. ~ for, to

**unfavorable, unfavourable** adj. ~ to, with (the area was ~ to me I was ~ with the area)

**unfavorability** n. ~ to; with (my ~ with the area = the area’s ~ to me)

**unfavorable** adj. ~ to, with (the area was ~ to me I was ~ with the area)

**unfair** adj. 1. grossly, very ~ 2. ~ for (~ to certain groups) 3. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ to take advantage of the situation) 4. ~ that + clause (it’s ~ that she has to work so hard)

**unfaithful** adj. ~ in; to

**unfaithfulness** n. ~ in; to

**unfaithful** adj. ~ in; to

**unfastened** adj. ~ at, in (~ at sports)

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ungrateful adj. ~ for; to (he was ~ to us for our help)

unhappy adj. 1. bitterly, very ~ 2. about, at, over; in; with (she was ~ about/at/over the bad news; we felt ~ about being alone; he was ~ in his boring work; they were ~ with the poor results) 3. ~ to + inf. (we felt ~ to be alone; she'll be ~ to leave here) 4. ~ that + clause (we felt ~ that we were alone) 5. (misc.) she'll be ~ working there

unharmed adj. 1. to go, remain ~ 2. ~ by 3. (misc.) to escape ~

unhealthy adj. 1. ~ for (smoking is ~ for you) 2. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ for you to smoke)

unheard-of adj. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to come to a reception without an invitation)

unneeded adj. 1. to go ~ (her advice went ~) 2. ~ by

unembarrassed adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ of (~ of advice/danger/threats)

unification n. 1. to achieve, bring about (the) ~ (to achieve the ~ or re-unification – of Germany) 2. ~ with (to achieve the ~ or re-unification – of East Germany with/and West Germany)

uniform 1 adj. ~ in; with

uniform 11 n. 1. to don, put on a ~ 2. to have on, wear a ~ 3. to take off a ~ 4. a dress, full-dress; fatigue; military; naval; nurse’s; parade; regulation; school ~ 5. in ~; out of ~ (he was out of ~ when he was picked up by the military police)

uniformity n. ~ in

unify v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ into (East Germany and West Germany were ~d – or re-unified – into one nation) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ with (East Germany was ~d – or re-unified – with West Germany = East Germany and West Germany were ~d – or re-unified (with each other))

unimportant adj. 1. ~ for; to 2. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ for everyone to attend the meeting provided they make their views known to the chairman) 3. (misc.) it is ~ whether or not anyone attends the meeting

uninformed adj. ~ about, of

uninhibited adj. ~ about, from, in (after a few drinks, he felt ~ about/talking to women)

unintelligible adj. 1. mutually ~ (are Old English and Modern English mutually ~?) 2. ~ to (is Old English ~ to speakers of Modern English?)

uninterested adj. ~ in (we are ~ in politics)

uninvited adj. to appear, show up, turn up ~

union n. 1. to form a ~ 2. to break up, dissolve a ~ 3. a company; craft; credit; currency, monetary; customs; industrial; labor (AE), trade (BE); postal; student ~ 4. a ~ forms; breaks up, dissolves 5. a ~ between; with (the ~ between East Germany and West Germany = the ~ of East Germany with West Germany = the ~ of East Germany and West Germany with each other) 6. (misc.) to recognize a labor/trade ~; a civil ~ (as between partners of the same sex) (the registrar performed a civil ~ between Adam and Steve)

unique adj. 1. ~ in 2. ~ to (~ to a certain area) USAGE NOTE: More unique and most unique are used: “She’s the most ~ person I ever met.” – Arthur Miller (1915–2005). Nevertheless, some people would apparently prefer, even here, some such phrase as “the most remarkable person.” Likewise, such people would prefer “very remarkable” to “very unique.”

union n. in ~ (with)

unit n. [“single constituent of a whole”] 1. a basic, primary; discrete; individual ~ the intensive care ~ of/in a hospital [“united whole such as a military formation”] 2. to activate; form; weld into a ~ 3. to commit; manage a ~ (to commit a ~ to combat) 4. to deactivate; disband a ~ 5. an advance, advanced; airborne; armored; coherent, cohesive; combat; crack, elite; efficient, productive; mechanized, motorized; naval; tactical ~ (advance armored ~s have reached the river; the CEO welded the team he managed into a cohesive and productive ~) [“standard”] 6. a message ~ (used for telephone calls) 7. a currency; monetary ~ (the Euro is the monetary ~ of most of the EU; a pound can be a ~ of money or a ~ of weight) [“single residence”] 8. a rental ~ [“computer terminal”] 9. a Visual Display Unit = VDU (CE; AE also has Video Display Terminal = VDT)

unite v. 1. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ against (to ~ against aggression; to ~ one’s allies against the common foe) 2. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ for (we must ~ for the common good; the nation was ~d for the struggle against terrorism) 3. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ in (we must ~ in our struggle against terrorism; to ~ a nation in the fight against inflation) 4. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ into (we had to ~ the competing factions into a cohesive whole) 5. (D; intr.) to ~ with (our countries must ~ with each other against the common enemy; East Germany and West Germany (were) ~d or re-united – (with each other) into one country) 6. (misc.) to ~ (~ in order/so as~) to succeed

united adj. ~ in (a nation ~ in the fight against inflation)

United States n. 1. the contiguous ~ (without Alaska and Hawaii) 2. the ~ of (the ~ of America; the ~ of Brazil; the ~ of Mexico)

unity n. 1. to achieve, bring about ~ 2. to destroy, shatter ~ 3. national; party ~ to achieve national ~ 4. ~ among; between; with (who brought about such ~ between the factions?) 5. in ~ (in ~ there is strength) 6. (misc.) the USA’s motto “E Pluribus Unum” expresses its commitment to ~ in diversity

universe n. 1. the entire, whole; known ~ 2. in; throughout the ~

university n. 1. to establish, found a ~ 2. ~o go to a ~ (~ to go to (BE)) (~ she goes to a good ~) 3. a free, open; people’s ~ 4. an ancient (BE); Ivy-League (US); redbrick (GB); state (US) ~ 5. at; in ~ (to teach at a ~; there is a spirit of cooperation at/in our ~; BE: what did you read at ~? = AE: what did you major in at college?) USAGE NOTE: In
CE “a university” is a building or an institution (there’s a big prestigious university in another town but she goes to a university near her home). In BE “university” is the educational activity that goes on in a university (university takes up a lot of her time; she goes to university near her home; we lost touch with each other after university). In AE, the examples above would have to be re-phrased (e.g. university work takes up a lot of her time; she attends a university near her home; we lost touch with each other after we got our university degrees). A very likely alternative in AE would be to use “college” (college takes up a lot of her time; she goes to college near her home; we lost touch with each other after college). See also the Usage Notes for college, school.

unjust adj. 1. ~ of 2. ~ to, towards 3. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of him to accuse me without proof) 4. ~ that + clause (it’s ~ that he ~accused/should have accused~ me without proof)

unjustified adj. 1. completely, totally ~ 2. ~ in (she was ~ in complaining)

unkind adj. 1. ~ of (that insult was very ~ of you) 2. ~ to (~ to animals) 3. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of you to insult him)

unknown adj. ~ to (the facts were ~ to us)

unlawful adj. 1. ~ for (smoking is ~ for minors) 2. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ for minors to smoke)

unleash v. (D; tr.) to ~ against; on (to ~ a new arms race on the world)

unlike prep. ~ to + inf. (it was very ~ them to be late)

unlikely adj. 1. equally; highly, very ~ 2. ~ to + inf. (she is ~ to show up; it is ~ to snow) 3. ~ that + clause (it is ~ that she will show up; it is ~ that it will snow)

unload v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ cargo from a ship) 2. (D; tr.) (fig.) to ~ on (they were ~ing defective merchandise on unsuspecting customers)

unlucky adj. 1. ~ at, in; for; with (~ at cards; ~ in love; ~ for some people; they were ~ with their old car) 2. ~ to + inf. (some people feel that it is ~ to walk under a ladder) 3. ~ that + clause (it was ~ that we got there late = we were ~ to have gotten there late)

unmarked adj. ~ by

unmarred adj. ~ by (the ceremony was ~ by any untoward incidents)

unmatched adj. 1. ~ as (she was ~ as a dancer) 2. ~ at, in; by; for

unmerciful adj. ~ to, towards

unmindful adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ of (~ of danger; ~ of one’s responsibilities)

unmoved adj. ~ by (they were left ~ by her tears)

unnamed adj. to remain ~ (I was told so by a certain person who shall remain ~)

unnatural adj. 1. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ of parents to reject their own children) 2. ~ that + clause (it’s ~ that parents should reject their own children)

unnecessary adj. 1. ~ for ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ for you to get involved) 3. ~ that + clause (it’s ~ that you should get involved)

unnoticed adj. to go, pass ~ (the incident went/passed ~)

unobserved adj. to go, pass ~ (the incident went/passed ~)

unopposed adj. ~ to

unorthodox adj. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ to bypass the channels of command in the army)

unparalleled adj. ~ in (~ in ferocity)

unperturbed adj. ~ by (she was ~ by the loud noise)

unpleasant adj. 1. ~ to (he is ~ to everyone) 2. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to talk to him = it’s ~ talking to him = he’s ~ to talk to = he’s an ~ person to talk to)

unpopular adj. 1. ~ as (she became ~ as a nightclub singer) 2. ~ among, with (she became ~ with teenagers)

unprepared adj. 1. ~ for (I am ~ for such a responsibility) 2. ~ to + inf. (I am ~ to take on such a responsibility)

unprofessional adj. 1. ~ in (she was ~ in not investigating the matter) 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of her not to investigate the matter = she was ~ to have investigated the matter) 3. (misc.) (she was ~ in that she didn’t investigate the matter)

unprofitable adj. ~ to + inf. (is it ~ to work this mine?)

unpunished adj. 1. to go, remain ~ (the criminals went ~) 2. ~ for

unqualified adj. 1. clearly; grossly ~ 2. ~ for 3. ~ to + inf. (she is ~ to work as a teacher)

unquote n. see quote I n.

unrealistic adj. 1. ~ about 2. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ to hope for an improvement so soon = you are being ~ to hope for an improvement so soon)

unreasonable adj. 1. ~ about (let’s not be ~ about this) 2. ~ of (that was ~ of you) 3. ~ to + inf. (it is ~ of/for you to demand that employees work without a break)

unrecognized adj. 1. to go, pass, remain ~ 2. ~ by

unreported adj. to go, remain ~ (the story went ~)

unresponsive adj. ~ to (~ to flattery)

unrest n. 1. to foment, stir up ~ 2. to crush, quell ~ 3. industrial; labor; political; social ~ (see also civil unrest) 4. violent ~ 5. a wave of ~ (a wave of ~ swept through the whole country) 6. during; throughout the ~

unrivaled, unrivalled adj. 1. ~ as (she was ~ as a dancer) 2. ~ at, in; by; for

unsafe adj. 1. ~ for (it is ~ for children) 2. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to drive without putting on seat belts)

unsaid adj. to leave smt. ~

unsanctioned adj. ~ by (~ by custom)

unsatisfactory adj. 1. highly, very ~ 2. ~ for (her qualifications are ~ for our needs) 3. ~ in (they were ~ in their job performance) 4. ~ to (~ to all concerned) 5. ~ to + inf. (she finds it ~ to spend her
unsound adj. 1. completely, very ~ 2. emotionally; intellectually ~ 3. ~ to + inf. (she finds it ~ to spend her days doing nothing) 4. ~ that + clause (we find it ~ that all the requirements have still not been met)

unscathed adj. 1. ~ by 2. to emerge ~ 3. to go ~

unschooled adj. ~ in (completely ~ in the martial arts)

unscrupulous adj. 1. ~ in (~ in his business dealings) 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of their lawyer to withhold evidence)

unseemly adj. (formal) ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of them to show up at the reception without an invitation)

unseen adj. 1. to remain ~ 2. (misc.) to buy smt. sight ~

unselfish adj. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of her to make the offer)

unsettle v. (R) it ~d me to see them quarrel; it ~d me that they were quarreling

unsettling adj. 1. profoundly, very ~ 2. to + inf. (it was ~ to see them quarrel) 3. ~ that + clause (it was ~ that they were quarreling)

unshakable adj. ~ in (~ in one’s faith)

unshaken adj. ~ in (~ in one’s faith)

unshaven adj. to go ~ (he went ~ for a week)

un sightly adj. [“not pleasing to the sight”] it was ~ to behold such a thing

unskilled, unskilful adj. ~ at, in; with (~ at/in using a computer; ~ with one’s hands)

unskillful, unskillful adj. 1. very ~ 2. ~ at, in; with (~ at/in using a computer; ~ with one’s hands)

unsound adj. [“healthy”] 1. ~ in, of (~ in mind and body) [“sturdy”] 2. structurally ~

un sparing adj. ~ in, of (~ in one’s criticism; ~ of praise; ~ of herself)

unspoiled, unspoilt adj. ~ by (~ by success)

unstinting adj. ~ in (~ in one’s praise)

unstuck adj. [“ruined”] (colloq.) to come ~ (the whole scheme came ~)

unsuccessful adj. ~ as; at, in; with (~ in business; ~ with women)

unsuitable adj. 1. highly, very ~ 2. ~ for; to 3. ~ to + inf. (“would it really be so ~ to discuss this matter at lunch?” “yes, it would be: it’s a highly ~ matter for discussion at lunch!”)

unsuited adj. 1. ~ for, to (~ for the job; ~ to each other) 2. ~ to + inf. (he was turned down as psychologically ~ to be a police officer)

unsure adj. 1. ~ about 2. ~ of

unsurpassed adj. 1. ~ at, in (~ at learning languages) 2. ~ by (~ by any competitor)

unsuspicious adj. ~ of

unserv ing adj. ~ in (~ in one’s determination to stamp out corruption)

unsympathetic adj. 1. very ~ 2. ~ to

untainted adj. ~ by, with (~ by scandal)

untarnished adj. ~ by

unthinkable adj. 1. ~ to + inf. (it would be ~ to build a house so close to the river) 2. ~ that + clause (it is ~ that they would ever build a house so close to the river)

untiring adj. (usu. does not stand alone) ~ in (~ in one’s efforts)

untold adj. to remain ~ (the story remained ~ for years)

untouched adj. ~ by

untreated adj. to go, remain; leave ~ (the disease went ~ = the disease was left ~)

untroubled adj. ~ by

untrue adj. 1. historically ~ 2. ~ to (~ to one’s principles) 3. ~ to + inf. (it’s simply ~ to assume that all politicians are corrupt!) 4. ~ that + clause (it’s simply ~ that all politicians are corrupt!)

untruth n. 1. to tell an ~ 2. a blatant, deliberate, transparent ~

untruthful adj. 1. ~ about, in 2. ~ to + inf. (it would be ~ to deny it)

untutored adj. ~ in

untypical adj. 1. ~ of 2. ~ to + inf. (it was altogether ~ of them to come without calling first)

unusable adj. ~ for

unused adj. [“unaccustomed”] (cannot stand alone) ~ to (they are ~ to hard work = they are ~ to working hard)

unusual adj. 1. ~ for 2. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to visit a class without ~asking/asking for~ permission first; it’s ~ for two world records to be set in/on one day) 3. ~ that + clause (it’s ~ that two world records should be set in/on one day)

versed adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ in (~ in the ways of big business)

unwarranted adj. ~ by

unwavering adj. ~ in (~ in one’s support; ~ in one’s determination to stamp out corruption)

unwilling adj. 1. ~ to + inf. (she is ~ to help; I’d like her to help but she’s ~ to) 2. (misc.) we are ~ for them to share in the benefits – although some of us are not ~ for them to

unwillingness n. 1. to demonstrate, show ~ 2. to express ~ 3. the ~ to + inf. (we deplored her ~ to work for us)

unwise adj. 1. ~ of 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of you not to remain silent = you were ~ not to remain silent)

unworthy adj. 1. ~ of (~ of praise; such behavior is ~ of you) 2. ~ to + inf. (~ to be praised)

unyielding adj. ~ in (~ in one’s demands)

up I adv. (cannot stand alone) [“abreast”] 1. ~ on (are you ~ on the news?) [“dependent”] 2. ~ to (the decision is ~ to you; it’s ~ to you to decide; it’s ~ to you whether we go) [“misc.”] 3. inflation is ~ by ten percent; the dollar was ~ against the yen; she is ~ for reelection; that topic was ~ for discussion; my car is ~ for sale

up II v. 1. (D; tr.) (“to increase”) ~ by (they ~ed the price (by) ten percent) 2. (misc.) (colloq.) they
just ~ped and left! (see also up stakes at stake; up sticks at stick I n.)

upbraid v. (D; tr.) to ~ for (they ~ed him for his sloppy work)

upbringing n. 1. a bad; good; strict ~ 2. smb.'s family; religious ~ 3. (misc.) she had a good ~ because she was brought up well

update I n. (colloq.) "bringing up to date" 1. to give an ~ on (I’ll give you an ~ on the situation) 2. an ~ on (here is an ~ on the situation)

update II v. (colloq.) (D; tr.) to ~ on (could you ~ me on the situation?)

upgrade v. (D; tr.) to ~ to (recent events have been very upsetting)

upset I adj. 1. to feel; get; have the ~ 2. to lose the ~ 3. the ~ in; over (we gained the ~ over them in that contest)

upright adv. to sit bolt ~

uprising n. 1. to foment, incite, spark (esp. AE), to sit bolt ~ adv.

uproot v. (D; tr.) to ~ to (our legation was ~d to an embassy)

upheaval n. 1. to experience, undergo an ~ 2. to cause, provoke, give rise to an ~ 3. a big, great; dramatic; violent ~ 4. an economic; political; social ~ 5. during, throughout an ~ (we stayed calm throughout the whole great economic ~ provoked by the credit crunch)

upholstery n. leather; plastic; vinyl ~

upkeep n. ["cost of maintenance"] the ~ of, on (esp. AE) (the ~ on this machinery is very costly) (see also keep up)

upper hand n. ["control"] 1. to gain, get; have the ~ 2. to lose the ~ 3. the ~ in; over (we gained the ~ over them in that contest)

urge I n. 1. to feel; get; have an ~ 2. to satisfy an ~ 3. to control; resist; overcome; stifle an ~ 4. an irrepresible, irresistible, uncontrollable; natural; sudden ~ 5. an ~ to + inf. (she felt an irresistible ~ to respond)

urge II v. 1. to ~ forcefully, strongly 2. (H) we ~d her not to respond 3. (L; subj.) we ~d that she ~not/should not ~ respond

urgency n. 1. great, utmost ~ 2. ~ about, in (there is no ~ about this matter) 3. with ~ (she spoke with great ~) 4. (misc.) a matter of great ~ (it is a matter of great ~ that they all ~be/should be/are (BE)= present); a note of ~ (their repeated warnings lent a note of ~ to our appeals); a sense of ~

urgent adj. 1. in (she was ~ in her demands) 2. ~ that + clause; subj. (it is ~ that they all ~be/should be/are (BE)= present)

urging n. at smb.'s ~ (at our ~ they accepted the invitation)

urge on v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ to (they ~d me on to make greater efforts) 2. (H) they ~d me on to make greater efforts

urn n. a burial; coffee ~

usable, useable adj. ~ for

usage n. 1. common; constant; correct; incorrect ~ 2. in ~ (this word is not in common ~)

use I /juːs:/ n. 1. to make ~ of 2. to put smt. to (good) ~ 3. to find, have a ~ for 4. to have; lose; regain the ~ of (she lost the ~ of one arm) 5. to deny; grant the ~ of (the visitors were denied ~ of the library) 6. constant; daily; emergency; official; practical ~ 7. exclusive; extensive; free; full, maximal, maximum; optical; universal; wide ~ (they made extensive ~ of computers) 8. external; internal ~ (this medicine is for external ~ only!) 9. (legal) fair ~ 10. ~ for (do you have any ~ for this old paper?) 11. ~ (is there any ~ (in) trying again?) 12. ~ of (what's the ~ of ~worrying/trying again?) 13. for ~ (for official ~ only; only for ~ as directed) 14. in ~ (the copying machine is in ~) 15. of ~ to (it was of no earthly ~ to us; can I be of any ~ to you?; computers are of great ~ when (it comes to) compiling statistics) 16. (misc.) she has no ~ for them ("she dislikes them"); to come into ~; to go
out of ~; her ~ of a candle as a paperweight; it’s no ~ trying to convince her (see also for (greater) ease of use at ease) USAGE NOTE: The following constructions are variants; the constructions with no prepositions are colloquial – is there any use in trying again? – is there any use trying again? what’s the use of worrying? – (AE) what’s the use worrying?

**use II** /ju:z/ v. 1. to ~ widely 2. (D; tr.) to ~ as (she ~d the candlestick as a paperweight) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ for (let’s ~ paper plates for the picnic; she ~d the candlestick for holding down the papers) 4. (misc.) she ~d the candlestick (in order) to hold down the papers 5. (E; in positive sentences and negative sentences with never this verb is used only in the past tense to denote a former practice or state; in interrogative sentences the infinitive of this verb occurs with didn’t, did not) she ~d to use candlesticks as paperweights; she ~d to work there; there ~d to be an open field here; she never ~d to work there, did she?; didn’t she ~ to work there? USAGE NOTE: In negative sentences with didn’t, did not, this verb occurs with the infinitive and, in colloquial writing, with the past tense – she didn’t use/used to work there. In old-fashioned BE, constructions such as the following may occur – used she (not) to work there?; she used not to work there.

**used I** /ju:st/ adj. (cannot stand alone) [“accustomed”] to be; get ~ to (they are ~ to working hard = they are ~ to hard work; to get ~ to hard work)

**used II** /ju:zd/ adj. [“employed”] 1. ~ for (this machine is ~ for making copies) 2. ~ to + inf. (this machine is ~ to make copies)

**useful adj.** 1. highly, very ~ 2. ~ as (a combinatorial dictionary is ~ as an aid to learning a language) 3. ~ for, to (a combinatorial dictionary is ~ for/to students) 4. ~ for, in, when (it comes to) (computers are ~ when (it comes to) compiling statistics) 5. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to know several foreign languages when you are traveling abroad = it’s ~ knowing several foreign languages when you are traveling abroad)

**usefulness n.** 1. great; limited ~ 2. ~ for; to 3. ~ for, in, when (it comes to) 4. of ~ (computers are of great ~ when (it comes to) compiling statistics)

**useless adj.** 1. absolutely, completely ~ 2. ~ as (I’m absolutely ~ as a carpenter!) 3. ~ at, when it comes to (I’m absolutely ~ at putting up shelves!) 4. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to try to convince her = it’s ~ trying to convince her)

**user n.** 1. a casual ~ (of drugs) = a casual drug-user 2. a wheelchair-user (access is provided for wheelchair-users)

**usher v.** 1. (d; tr.) to ~ into (they ~d the guests into a large waiting room) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ out of 3. (d; tr.) to ~ through (the guests were quickly ~d through the crowd) 4. (d; tr.) to ~ to (we were ~d to our seats)

**usual adj.** 1. ~ for 2. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to ~ask/ask for~ permission before visiting a class) 3. (misc.) as ~, as per ~ (colloq.) (everything will go on as (per ~) (see also business as usual at business)

**usury n.** 1. to engage in practice ~ 2. to condemn; outlaw ~

**utensils n.** cooking; kitchen; household ~

**utility n.** [“company providing a public service”] a public ~ (have public ~ties been privatized in your country?)

**utilize v.** (more formal than use) 1. to ~ extensively, widely; fully 2. (D; tr.) to ~ as (she ~d the candlestick as a paperweight) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ for (she ~d the candlestick for holding down the papers) 4. (misc.) she ~d the candlestick (in order) to hold down the papers

**utmost n.** [“maximum effort”] to do one’s ~ (we did our ~ to help)

**utter v.** (B) she ~d a few words to them

**utterance n.** 1. (formal) to give ~ to 2. a prophetic; public ~

**U-turn n.** 1. to do, execute, make, perform a ~ 2. a complete, dramatic; sudden, unexpected 3. a ~ on (the government made a sudden dramatic ~ on foreign policy)
vacancy n. 1. to create a ~ 2. to have a ~ 3. to fill a ~; (of) their holdings have little ~) 5. (a) great, high; inestimable ~ 6. (a) little; low ~ 7. a book; cash; face; market; nominal; re-sale; trade-in ~ (your car has a cash ~ of five thousand dollars) 8. entertainment; intrinsic; material; nuisance; rarity; scarcity; sentimental; strategic; symbolic, token ~ 9. (math.) an absolute; numerical; relative ~ 10. a fair ~ (the commission set a fair ~ of five million dollars on the property) 11. (economics) surplus ~ 12. (economics) present ~ 13. a (market) ~ falls, goes down; goes up, rises 14. at a certain ~ (at face ~) 15. in ~ (land tends to appreciate in ~ with time) 16. of ~ (to) (a discovery of great ~; it’s of great ~ to know languages to anyone who works in an export firm) 17. (misc.) they took her story at face ~; to get ~ for (your) money; the street ~ (as of illegal drugs) ["principles, qualities"] 18. to cherish; foster ~ 19. basic; core; enduring; lasting; traditional ~ (a return to traditional ~s) 20. esthetic; family; human; moral; religious, spiritual; social ~ 21. middle-class; Victorian ~ ["misc"] 22. a set, system of ~es (see also value system at system)

value I n. 1. to ~ completely 2. (D; intr.) to ~ from a certain ~ ~ (to commit an act of mindless ~) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ as (to ~ smb. as a friend) 3. (d; tr.) to ~ at (to ~ a painting at five thousand pounds) 4. (D; tr.) to ~ for (to ~ smb. for sentimental reasons)

value II n. ["device that regulates flow"] 1. to close, shut; fit, install; open a ~ 2. to grind ~s 3. a ball; blocked; butterfly; check; exhaust; gate; globe; needle; safety; shunt; suction ~ ["membranous fold that permits body fluids to flow in one direction"] (anat.) 4. a heart ~ (the patient has a defective heart ~)

van I n. ["road vehicle"] 1. to drive a ~ 2. (BE) a breakdown ~ (BE also has breakdown lorry, breakdown truck; AE has tow truck) 3. (BE) a delivery, Transit (T) ~ (AE has delivery truck, panel truck) 4. a moving (AE), removal (BE) ~ 5. a guard’s ~ (BE; AE has caboose) 6. a baggage ~ (BE; AE has baggage car) 7. a minivan (esp. AE)

van II n. ["vanguard"] in the ~

vandalism n. 1. to commit ~ 2. mindless ~ 3. an act of ~ (to commit an act of mindless ~)

vane n. a weather ~

vanguard n. in the ~ (of)

vanilla adj. plain ~ ("basic, no-frills") (colloq.) (our plain-vanilla plan is the cheapest but offers the fewest advantages)

vanish v. 1. to ~ completely 2. (D; intr.) to ~ from (to ~ from sight) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ into (to ~ into thin air) (see also vanish without trace at trace I n.)

vanity n. 1. to appeal to, flatter, tickle smb.’s ~ 2. personal; sheer ~

vantage point n. from a certain ~

vapor, vapour n. 1. to emit (a) ~ 2. water ~ 3. (a) ~ condenses, forms; rises 4. a cloud of ~

vapor trail, vapour trail n. to leave a ~ (high-flying aircraft leave ~s)
variable n. (math.) a dependent; independent; random ~

variance n. ["permission to bypass a regulation"] (legal)
(AB; AE has derogation, esp. for EU regulations)
1. to grant a ~ to apply for a ~ 3. a zoning ~
["disagreement"] 4. at ~ with (a theory at ~ with the facts)

variation n. ["deviation, change"] 1. (a) considerable, great; slight; wide ~ according to, by, across; between; within 3. ~ from; to (day-to-day price ~ from ten to fifteen dollars) 4. in (there is considerable ~ in price across and even within our range of products according to quality; there is wide ~ in/of opinion throughout our party) ["modified repetition of a theme"] 5. a ~ on a theme (the government’s new position is merely a ~ on the same old theme)

varied adj. 1. highly, very ~ 2. ~ in (those birds are very ~ in color)

variety n. 1. to add, lend ~ to 2. (a) great; wide ~

varied adj. 1. highly, very ~ 2. ~ in (those birds are very ~ in color)

varied adj. 1. highly, very ~ 2. ~ in (those birds are very ~ in color)

vendetta n. 1. to exact, take, wreak ~ on, upon 2.
vengeance

vanned adj. 1. thinly ~ (a thinly ~ reference) 2.

vegetables 1. to cook; eat, have; grow ~
canned/tinned (BE); fresh; frozen; organic ~ 3.
green; leafy; root ~ 4. garden ~ 5. boiled; cooked;
raw; steamed; stir-fried ~

vehicle n. ["conveyance"] 1. to drive, operate; register
a ~ 2. an all-purpose; amphibious; armored; half-
track(ed) ; motor; passenger; recreational (esp. AE);
re-entry ~ (see also space vehicle) 3. a hired
(BE), rented, self-drive (BE) ~ ["means"] 4. a ~ for
(a ~ for spreading propaganda; the film was nothing more than a ~ for a top movie star!)
USAGE NOTE: Bear in mind also the AE expressions
ATV ("All-Terrain Vehicle"). Humvee (a military
"High-Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle"),
SUV ("Sport-Utility Vehicle").

to draw a ~ (over) 2. to lift, raise a ~ 3. a
bridal ~ 4. (misc.) under a ~ of mystery/secrecy;
to the ~ ("to become a nun") USAGE NOTE:
A veil can cover the head and shoulders (as a nun’s
veil does) or the face (as a bridal veil does), or
perhaps even both.

veiled adj. 1. thinly ~ (a thinly ~ reference) 2.
(misc.) ~ in secrecy

vessel n. ["blood vessel"] 1. to open a ~ 2. the jugular ~
3. varicose ~ 4. a ~ stands out; throbs (a ~ in
his forehead stands out and throbs when he’s angry)
["mood"] ["manner"] 5. a happy; humorous; light;
lighter; merry ~ 6. a gloomy; melancholy; serious
~ 7. a different; the same, a similar ~ 8. in a certain
~ (let’s continue our discussion in a lighter ~) 9.
(misc.) a rich ~ of humor runs through her works

velocity n. 1. to develop; gain, increase; lose ~
to reach a ~ (to reach maximum ~) 3. to decrease,
reduce; lose ~ 4. escape; high; low; maximum ~
5. muzzle ~ 6. at a certain ~ (at the ~ of sound)

velvet n. (misc.) as smooth as ~

vendetta n. 1. to conduct, lead, pursue, wage a ~
a personal ~ 3. a ~ against

vendor n. a fruit; street ~

venetian blinds n. 1. to close, shut; lower; open;
raise ~ 2. to install ~

vendange n. 1. to exact, take, wreak ~ on, upon 2.
to vow ~ 3. to seek ~ 4. an act of ~ 5. ~ for
(on ~ to ~ on smb. for smt.) 6. (misc.) with a ~ ("to
an extreme degree") (it started snowing with a ~)

venom n. ["poison"] 1. to neutralize ~ 2. snake ~
["malice"] 3. to spew, spit, spout ~ 4. unadulterated,
pure ~ 5. with ~

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vent I n. ["opening"] 1. an air ~ 2. through a ~ ["outlet"] 3. to give ~ to (he gave ~ to his pent-up feelings) vent II v. (d; tr.) ~ on (to ~ one’s fury on smt.) ventriloquism n. to practice ~

vent II n. 1. to undertake a ~ 2. a business, commercial; collaborative, cooperative, joint ~ 3. (misc.) to join smb. in a ~ (see also venture capital at capital)

venture I v. (formal) I ~ to suggest that your whole idea is unworkable 2. (L; to) (rare) (“to express”) she ~d (to us) that our whole idea might be unworkable 3. (P; intr.) to ~ into the unknown; to ~ out of doors

venture II n. (formal) 1. (E) I ~ to suggest that your alibi but they could not obtain ~ of where the money had been deposited

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verdict n. ["law"] 1. to arrive at, reach a ~ 2. to announce; bring in, deliver, hand down (AE), render, return a ~ 3. to sustain, uphold a ~ (the higher court sustained the ~) 4. to overturn, quash, set aside a ~ 5. to appeal (AE), appeal against a ~ 6. a ~ for (the best ~ for a pop concert) 3. at; in a ~

verse n. ["site of a trial"] (AE) 1. a change of ~ (her lawyer requested a change of ~) ["site"] (BE) 2. a ~ for (the best ~ for a pop concert) 3. at; in a ~

verify v. 1. (L) the police ~d that she had an airtight alibi 2. (Q) they could not ~ where the money had been deposited

vermin n. 1. to exterminate ~ 2. (misc.) infested with ~

vernacular n. in the ~ (to express oneself in the ~)

versatile adj. 1. very ~ 2. at, in; with

versatility n. 1. to demonstrate, display, show ~ 2. great, remarkable ~ 3. at, in; with

verse n. 1. to compose, write; recite ~s 2. to scan ~ 3. blank; free; heroic; light; macaronic; rhymed, rhyming; unrhymed ~ 4. in ~ (see also chapter and verse at chapter; verse form at form I n.)

versed adj. (cannot stand alone) (well) ~ in

version I n. 1. to give one’s ~ (of a story) 2. to corroborate smb.’s ~ (of an event) 3. an abridged, condensed; expurgated; watered-down ~ 4. an unabridged, uncut; unexpurgated ~ (an uncut ~ of a film) 5. an accepted, authorized, official ~ 6. a conflicting; different, differing ~ (the police heard conflicting ~s of the incident) 7. an unauthorized, unofficial ~ 8. a censored; uncensored (an un cen- sored ~ of the book was smuggled into the country) 9. an oral; written ~ 10. a film, movie (AE); stage ~ (of a novel) 11. a cover ~ (of a pop song) 12. (misc.) to bring out, produce a ~ (the band is going to bring out a cover ~ of a Beatles hit); a ~ appears, comes out (the unexpurgated ~ appeared only very recently)

vertebra n. a cervical; lumbar; sacral; thoracic ~

vest I n. ["shirt, boat"] 1. to charter a ~ 2. to launch a ~ 3. a cargo; escort; fishing; naval; oceangoing, sea- going ~ (for more combinations, see boat; ship) ["for liquids"] 4. a drinking ~ (see also blood vessel)

vest II n. 1. a bulletproof; stab ["stab-proof"]; life (AE) (CE has life jacket); string (BE) ~ 2. in a ~ USAGE NOTE: In BE, the basic meaning of vest is "undershirt"; in AE, it is "waistcoat".

vested adj. (cannot stand alone) 1. ~ in (the power to impose taxes is ~ in Congress; by the power ~ in me) 2. with (to ~ smb. with power)

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vestiges n. ["traces"] 1. to lose all (remaining) ~ of 2. the last ~ of

vet v. (BE) 1. to ~ thoroughly 2. (D; tr.) ~ for (all candidates are ~d thoroughly for loyalty before appointment)

veteran n. a disabled; war ~ (to retrain disabled ~s)

vested adj. (cannot stand alone) 1. ~ in (the power to impose taxes is ~ in Congress; by the power ~ in me) 2. with (to ~ smb. with power)

veto n. 1. to exercise, impose, use a ~ 2. to sustain a
vexing

n.
vexation

n.
viable
commercial, financial ~

1. to stamp out ~ 2. legalized ~ 3. (misc.)

n.
vice I

v.
(formal) 1. to become, get ; grow ~ 2.

adj.
vexed

victorious
~ in ; over (~ in a long and bloody struggle ; a ~

over an enemy) 12. (misc.) to snatch, wrest ~ from

the jaws of defeat

video n. 1. to make, produce, record a ~ (of) 2. to

play, run, show a ~ 3. to watch a ~ 4. a blank ~ 5.

on ~ (to record on ~ ; the film came out on ~) (see

also video recorder & video-cassette recorder at

recorder ; video recording at recording)

videotape n. see video

vie v. 1. (formal) (d ; intr.) to ~ for ; with (she had to ~

for the prize with formidable competitors) 2. (E) she

~d with formidable competitors to win the prize

view I n. (["opinion"]/["outlook"] 1. to air, express, make

known, present, put forth, put forward, voice a ~ 2.

to harbor, hold a ~ 3. to advance, advocate, support ;

reject a ~ 4. to exchange ~s 5. to have ; take a ~ 6.

a cheerful, favorable, optimistic, rosy ; positive ;

sound ~ (she expressed very optimistic ~s about the project) 7. a cynical ; dim ; grave, grim, pessimistic ;

slanted ; unpopular ~ (she took a dim ~ of the matter) 8. a contrary, unfavorable ; divergent ; diverse ;

opposing ~ (they hold opposing ~s on various matters) 9. a extreme ; strong ~ (they aired strong ~s

about the candidates) 10. a conservative ; liberal, progressive ; moderate ; radical ; reactionary ~ (she

presented moderate ~s at the rally) 11. an ideologi-

cal ; philosophical ; political ; world ~ (we do not

support that political ~) 12. an advanced ; modern

~ 13. a conventional, majority, orthodox, popular ;

prevailing, widespread ; minority, unorthodox ~

14. an old-fashioned ; out dated, outmoded ~ 15. a

~ about, of, on 16. a ~ that + clause (they disputed

my ~ that taxes should be raised because they took

the ~ that taxes should be reduced) 17. in smb.'s

~ (in my ~ the offer is unacceptable) ["sight"] 18.

to get ; have a ~ of 19. to block smb.'s ; to hide

from ~ 20. a beautiful, breathtaking, magnificent,

majestic, marvelous, superb, wonderful ~ 21. a

clear, unhampered, unimpaired ~ 22. a bird's-eye-

close-up ; full ; full-length ; panoramic ; sectional ~

23. in, within ; on ~ (in full ~ of the public ; the

exhibition will be on ~ for a month) 24. (misc.) to

come into ; disappear, vanish from ~ ["perspective"]

25. an exploded ~ ["what can be seen"] 26. a rear ~

27. a ~ across ; from (the ~ across the lake from the

window) 28. (misc.) a room with a (nice) ~ (of the

ocean) ["aim"] 29. with a ~ (we entered talks with a

~ to reestablishing diplomatic relations) ["misc"] 30.

in ~ of ("in consideration of") ; of a ~ (they are of

the ~ that taxes should be reduced) ; your ~ reflects

your environment (see also exchange of views at

view I n. ; point of view ; viewpoint)

view II v. ("to consider") 1. to ~ favorably ; generally,

widely ; increasingly ; unfavorably 2. (d ; tr.)

to ~ as (she was increasingly ~d as a serious threat

to the party leadership) 3. (d ; tr.) to ~ with (to ~

recent developments with alarm)

viewer n. 1. a regular ~ (regular ~s of the channel

will note some changes) 2. younger ~s (a TV pro-

gram unsuitable for younger ~s)
viewpoint n. 1. a ~ that + clause (he explained his ~ that taxes should be increased) 2. from smb.'s ~ (from his ~, taxes should be increased) (see also point of view; view I 1–17)

vigil n. 1. to hold a ~; to keep (a) ~ 2. an all-night; bedside; lonely; prayer ~ 3. a ~ for

vigilance n. 1. to display, show; exercise ~ 2. constant; eternal (~“Eternal ~ is the price of liberty.” — attributed to Wendell Phillips, 1852)

vigor, vigour n. 1. of a certain ~ (a mansion of ~“period”) 2. to sap smb.'s ~ 3. to sap ~ for that country ?) 11. on a ~ (to enter a country on a student ~)

violin n. 1. to play the ~ 2. to string, tune a ~ 3. a ~ for ~ and piano; to play smt. on the ~)

viola n. 1. to play the ~ 2. to string, tune a ~ 3. a ~ for ; a ~ at car; vintage port at port II n. ; vintage wine at wine

vise n. 1. to loosen ; tighten a ~ 2. in a ~ USAGE NOTE: The AE form is ~“tool for holding an object being worked on” I. to loosen; tighten a ~ 2. in a ~ USAGE NOTE: The AE form is vise; the BE form is vice; they have the same pronunciation.

virgin n. a vestal ~ (historical)

virginity n. to keep one’s ~; to lose one’s ~

virtue n. [“admirable feature”][“moral excellence”] 1. to have a ~ (our budget has the ~ of providing for a small surplus) 2. a cardinal ~ 3. (misc.) a paragon of ~; to extol the ~ of ~“misch” 4. by, in ~ of (“because of”); a woman of easy ~ (old-fashioned) (“a sexually promiscuous woman”); to make a ~ of necessity (“to make the best of smt. bad”)

virus n. 1. to culture a ~ 2. to isolate a ~ 3. to apply for a ~ 2. to get, receive a ~ 3. to get a ~ for (do I need a ~ for that country ?) 11. on a ~ (to enter a country on a student ~)

vise, vice n. [“tool for holding an object being worked on”] I. to loosen; tighten a ~ 2. in a ~ USAGE NOTE: The AE form is vise; the BE form is vice; they have the same pronunciation.

visibility n. [“degree of being visible”] 1. clear. good; unlimited ~ 2. limited, poor, reduced; marginal; zero ~ (all planes were grounded because of poor ~) 3. (misc.) ~ is down to fifty yards [“exposure to publicity”] 4. high; increased; low; maximum ~

visible adj. 1. barely, hardly, scarcely; clearly, plainly ~ 2. from; to (the house was not ~ from the road; not ~ to the naked eye) 3. (misc.) (fig.) a highly/very ~ public figure

vision n. [“sight”] 1. acute; clear; keen; normal; twenty-twenty ~ 2. blurred; deteriorating, failing; dim; double; impaired; tunnel ~ 3. binocular; peripheral ~ 4. to lose; regain one’s ~ 5. (misc.) a field of ~ (“a visual field”); a ~ of the future; a ~ of loveliness [“foresight”] 6. the ~ to + inf. (she had the ~ to + inf. (she had the ~ to + inf. (she had the ~ to + inf.) 7. a formal; delicious, ~“narrow horizons” [“imaginary picture”] 9. a ~ that + clause (she had a ~ that her country would be liberated) 10. in a ~ (to see smt. as if in a ~)

visit I n. 1. to make, pay a ~ (to) 2. to schedule a ~ (to) 3. to have a ~ from 4. to cancel; postpone a ~ 5. to cut short; prolong a ~ 6. a brief, flying, short; extended, lengthy, long ~ 7. a formal; friendly; home ~ (esp. BE: AE prefers house call); informal; official; return; state; unscheduled; weekend ~ 8. a ~ lasts (how long did his visit last ?) 9. a ~ to (this is my first ~ to your country) 10. during a ~

visit II v. 1. (obol. or formal) (d; tr.) to ~ (on the Lord’s anger was ~ed on the people) 2. (AE) (d; intr.) to ~ with (“to meet up and chat with”) (she likes to ~ with the neighbors on the front porch)

visitor n. 1. to greet, welcome; introduce a ~ 2. to
get; have, receive a ~ (this town doesn’t get many ~s; we had some ~s this weekend) 3. a frequent ~ 4. a weekend ~ 5. (BE) a prison ~ 6. (BE) a health ~ (AE has public-health nurse) 7. a ~ from (~s from abroad) 8. a ~ to (~s to our city)

**vista**

**n.**

1. to command a ~ 2. to build, develop,

describes a "view"

**voice**

**n.**

1. to raise ~ 2. (d; tr.) to ~ as

**visualize**

**v.** 1. to easily, readily 2. (d; tr.) to ~ as

**vocation**

**n.**

1. to have a ~ 2. a ~ genuine, real ~ 3. (misc.) to have missed one’s ~ true ~ “not have chosen an occupation or vote at which one is particularly adept”; to have a (genuine) ~ for the priesthood = to have a (genuine) ~ to the priesthood = to have a (genuine) ~ to be a priest = to have a (genuine) ~ as a priest

**vogue**

**n.** ["popularity"] ["current fashion"] 1. to be the ~ (home computers are the latest ~) 2. to be in ~; to come into ~ (home computers have come into ~) 3. to enjoy, have (BE) ~ 4. to go out of ~ the current; latest ~ 6. a ~ for (the latest ~ is for home computers) 7. (misc.) to be all the ~

**volunteer**

1. (D; intr.) to ~ as (she ~ed as a tutor) 2. a ~ for (I recruited ~s for the job of tutor) 3. (E) she ~ed to be a tutor

**voluminous**

1. to amplify; increase, turn up the ~ 2. to decrease, turn down the ~ 3. at a certain ~ (at full ~) ["space occupied in three dimensions"] 4. molecular ~ ["book"] 5. a rare; single ~ (Shakespeare’s complete works ~in a single / in one ~, whereas they often run to several ~s !) 6. a companion ~ (this work is a companion ~ to our first dictionary) 7. bound ~s (of a periodical) 8. (misc.) to speak ~s ("to imply a lot") a single glance can speak ~s

**vomiting**

1. to cause, induce ~ 2. projectile ~

**voodoo, voodooism**

n. to practice ~

**vortex**

n. to draw, suck into a ~

**vote**

n. ["collective opinion as determined by voting"] 1. to have, take a ~ on (a motion) 2. to put a motion to a ~; to bring a motion to a ~ to 3. to influence, swing a ~ (recent events swung the ~ in our favor; the press can influence the ~) 4. to count, tabulate, tally; recount the ~ 5. a close; free (as in Parliament); lopsided (esp. AE); majority; No; overwhelming; popular; solid; unanimous; Yes ~ 6. a straw ~ vote; write-in ~ 7. a ~ on (a ~ on an issue) 8. (esp. BE) a ~ to + inf. (we took a ~ to adjourn) 9. by a ~ (by an unanimous ~) 10. a ~ of censure; confidence; no confidence; thanks 11.
vote II

v. 1. to cast a ~. 2. (C; usu. used without for) Congress ~d him a pension. 3. (D; intr.) to ~ against. 4. (d; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ smb. into office). 5. (D; intr.) to ~ out of (to ~ smb. out of office). 6. (E) Parliament ~d to approve the report. 7. (L; subj.) Parliament ~d that the report ¬be / should be ¬ approved. 8. (N; used with an adjective, noun) she was ~d most likely to succeed. 9. (misc.) to ~ by a show of hands or by a secret ballot (see also the right to vote at right III n.). 10. ~d onto a committee and smb. else off the committee; most MPs ~d with their party but some rebelled.

voter n. 1. an absentee; floating (BE); swing (“unattached”); independent; registered; undecided ~ 2. a ~ casts a vote; registers (to vote) (see also voter registration at registration).

voting n. absentee; bloc; tactical ~ (see also voting irregularities = irregularities in voting at irregularity ; voting machine at machine).

voting lists n. to tamper with ~

vouch v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ for (I can ~ for the truth of her statement). 2. (L) I can ~ that her statement is true

vouche n. 1. an education; gift (BE); hotel; lunch; luncheon; AE has meal ticket; travel; tuition (AE) ~ 2. a ~ for

vouchsafe v. formal or ironic; rare 1. (B) (“to grant”) she ~d me a word. (E) (“to condescend”) she ~d to help.

vow I n. 1. to make, take a ~ to fulfill, keep one’s ~ 3. to break, repudiate, violate a ~ 4. a formal, sacred, solemn ~ 5. clerical; marriage; monastic; religious ~s (priests take religious ~s). 6. a ~ to + inf. (she made a solemn ~ not to drink again). 7. a ~ that + clause (she made a solemn ~ that she would not drink again). 8. (misc.) to exchange; renew marriage ~s; a ~ of silence.

vow II v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ to (she was ~d to secrecy). 2. (E) she ~ed not to drink again. 3. (L; to) she ~ed (to them) that she would not drink again.

vowel n. 1. to articulate, pronounce a ~. 2. a back; closed; front; high; lax; long; middle; nasal; open; reduced; rounded; short; stressed; tense; unstressed ~ (see also vowel sound at sound II n.).

voyage n. “journey” 1. to begin, embark on, go on, set off on, start on a ~. 2. to make, undertake a ~. 3. a long; maiden; ocean; sea; round-the-world; short; space ~ 4. a ~ around (a ~ around the world). 5. a ~ from; to (a ~ to the islands). 6. a ~ through (a ~ through the Panama Canal). 7. during; throughout a ~. 8. on a ~ (they were on a ~ to Europe). 9. (misc.) the ~ out; the ~ back; home; bon ~! (have a) safe journey!

V-sign n. 1. to give, make the /a ~ (showing triumph or encouragement). 2. (BE) to give, make a/the ~ (showing vulgar contempt or rage).

vulgar adj. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to spit in public).

vulnerable adj. 1. very ~.

vulture n. 1. ~s feed on carrion. 2. (misc.) ~ are supposed to gather near the dead or dying (also fig.).

vying see vie
wad n. (slang) (AE) "[a large amount, as of money]" to shoot one's ~ ("to spend all of one's money" or "to make a last-ditch effort")

waddle v. (P; intr.) to ~ across the road

wade v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ into (to ~ into a river) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ into ("to attack") (the speaker ~d into the opposing candidate) 4. (d; intr.) to ~ through (to ~ through deep water) 5. (d; intr.) to ~ through ("to read through with difficulty") (to ~ through a long report) (see also wading pool at pool II n.)

wade in v. (colloq.) (D; intr.) to ~ with (she ~d in with a few choice comments)

waft v. (P; intr.) an aroma ~ed in from the kitchen

wagon n. (BE) see

wage I 1. to lay, make, place a ~ on 2. a ~ that +

v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ across (to ~ across a stream)

wait II n. 1. a slender, slim ~ 2. around, round the ~

v. 1. (BE) (d; intr.) to ~ at (to ~ at table) (cf. 1) 4. (d; intr.) to ~ on, upon ("to attend to") (to ~ on smb. hand and foot) 5. (E) we are ~ing to go; I can’t ~ to find out the results! 6. (misc.) to keep smb. ~ing; they ~d until she returned; ~ and see; ~ a minute/moment/second (see also a wait-and-see attitude at attitude; wait with bated breath at breath)

waiter n. 1. to call a ~ over 2. to catch a waiter's eye

waitress n. see

waiver n. to agree to, sign a ~

wake I n. "[vigil over a corpse]" to hold a ~

wake II n. "[aftermath]" in the ~ (of) (war brings misery in its ~; security was beefed up in the ~ of the explosion)

wake III v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ from, out of (she woke from a deep sleep) 2. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ to (I woke to bright sunlight; it woke the community to the danger of pollution; "I woke to black flak and the nightmare fighters" – Randall Jarrell, 1914–65, "The Death of the Ball Turret Gunner") 3. (E) they woke to find the house in flames 4. (s) I woke refreshed

wait up v. (D; intr.) to ~ for (they ~d up for her until she returned = they ~d up for her to return)

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walk I n. "[journey on foot]" 1. to have (BE), take a ~ 2. to take smb. for a ~ (BE also has: to take smb. a long ~ round the grounds) 3. to go for, go on a ~ 4. a brisk; easy; leisurely; long; nature; short; sponsored (money-raising) ~ (to take a brisk ~) 5. a ~ lasts, takes (the ~ from here to school takes only 5 minutes) 6. a ~ from; to (we took a ~ from our house to the center of town; it’s an easy 5-minute ~ from here to school) 7. a ~ (we set off at a brisk ~) 8. during, on a ~ (see also walk II v. for more prepositions used also with walk I n.) ["profession"] ["class"] 9. from ¬every ~ / ~all ~ of life

walk II v. 1. to ~ fast; slow 2. (d; intr.) to ~ across (to ~ across the street) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ along (to ~ along a river bank) 4. (d; intr.) to ~ around, round (to ~ around a house) 5. (d; intr.) to ~ by, past (to ~ past the library) 6. (d; intr.) to ~ down; up (to ~ down the street and then back up it again) 7. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ from; to, towards (we ~d from the park to the station; 1 ~d her to the library; 1 ~d my bicycle to the garage) 8. (d; intr.) to ~ into (to ~ into a room; to ~ into an ambush; to ~ into a
walkabout (colloq.) n. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ from (he ~ed away)

walk away v. (d; intr.) to ~ from ; to (he ~ed over
walk over v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ on ("to leave") (she ~ed out
walkout n. 1. to stage a ~ 2. to end a ~ 3. a
n. ~ out of (to ~ out of a meeting)

walk in v. (d; instr.) to ~ from ; to (they ~ed down
walk down v. (d; intr.) to ~ from ; to (they ~ed down
to the river bank)

walker n. a tightrope ~
walk in v. 1. (d; instr.) to ~ from (they ~ed in from
walk in 2. (d; intr.) to ~ from (the street)

walking n. 1. heel-and-toe ~ 2. power ~ (see also
walking papers n. (colloq.) (AE) ["notice of dis-
misal"] to give people their ~ (BE has marching orders)

walk off v. (d; instr.) to ~ with ("to win") (she ~ed off with first prize)

walkout n. 1. to stage a ~ 2. to end a ~ 3. a sympathy ~

walk out v. 1. (D; instr.) to ~ from ("to leave") (she ~ed out on her husband)
walk over v. (d; instr.) to ~ from ; to (he ~ed over
to her table ; she ~ed over from her house to our house)

walk up v. (d; instr.) to ~ to (I ~ed up to them and said a few words)

wall n. 1. to build, erect, put up a ~ 2. to demolish,
tear down a ~ 3. to climb, scale a ~ 4. to paint ;
panel ; paper ; plaster a ~ 5. to line a ~ (to line a ~
with bookshelves) 6. a high ; low ; solid, thick ~ 7. a brick ; fire ; inside ; load-bearing ; outside ; retaining
~ ; seawall ; stone ; supporting ~ 8. a (Chinese)
~ between (also fig.) (the (Chinese) ~ of strict
separation) between church and state) 9. against the ~ (they were lined up/stood up against the ~
and shot) 10. on a ~ (there were several pictures on
the ~) 11. (misc.) we had our backs to the ~ ("we
were in a desperate situation"); (slang) to drive
smb. up the ~ ("to frustrate smb. completely")

wallet n. 1. a leather ~ 2. (misc. his ~ was bulging
with banknotes

wall off v. (D; tr.) to ~ from

walllop n. (colloq.) ["force"] 1. to pack a ~ (the winds
packed a real ~) ["blow"] 2. to give smb. a ~ (on

wallow v. (d; instr.) to ~ in (to ~ in the mud ; to ~ in
self-pity)

wallpaper n. 1. to hang, put up ~ 2. to scrape (off),
take off ~ 3. a roll of ~

waltz I n. 1. to perform, play a ~ 2. to dance, do a ~
(see also waltz time at time I n.)

waltz II v. 1. (colloq.) (d; instr.) to ~ through ("to
complete with ease") (she was so good she just ~ed
through the exams!) 2. (P; intr.) they ~ed around

waltz off v. 1. (d; instr.) to ~ with (she ~ed off with first prize) 2. (P) "You … ~ed me off to bed Still
clinging to your shirt." – Theodore Roethke, "My
Papa’s Waltz" (1948)

wan adj. pale and ~

wand n. 1. to wave a ~ 2. a magic ~

wander v. 1. (d; instr.) ("to stray") to ~ from (from ~
from the subject) 2. (P; instr.) we ~ed across the
park ; they ~ed along the river bank ; she ~ed into
the village ; he ~ed through the town. 3. (misc.) his
mind is ~ing, poor man!

wander away v. (D; instr.) to ~ from (the children
~ed away from their parents)

wanderer n. a homeless ~

wane I n. ["decrease"] ["period of decrease"] on the ~
(the moon is on the ~ ; the Roman Empire was on the ~
for several centuries before it fell)

wane II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ into (to ~ into insignifi-
cance) 2. (misc.) to wax and ~

wangle v. (colloq.) 1. (C) could you ~ an invitation
for me ? ; or : could you ~ me an invitation ? 2. (D;
tr.) to ~ from, out of (she ~d an invitation out of

want II v. 1. to ~ badly, desperately, very much
they ~ed very badly to see us) 2. (d; instr.) to ~ for
("to be in need of") (they will never ~ for anything)
3. (J) I ~ them singing in

want I n. ["need"] 1. to fill, meet, satisfy a ~ 2. to
minister to smb.’s ~s ~ 3. a long-felt ~ 4. for ~ of (to
die for ~ of medical care) 5. in ~ of (in ~ of a job
["poverty"] 6. in ~ to (live in ~)

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["poverty"] 6. in ~ to (live in ~)

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minister to smb.’s ~s ~ 3. a long-felt ~ 4. for ~ of (to
die for ~ of medical care) 5. in ~ of (in ~ of a job
["poverty"] 6. in ~ to (live in ~)
one hour; she ~s the house painted tomorrow 12. (s; used with a past participle) (BE) (nonstandard) your shirts ~ mended 13. (misc.) I ~ them out of the house by tomorrow; (esp. AE) they ~ out of the deal but we ~ in (on it)!; your present is just what I've always ~ed!; all I've ever ~ed is your love! USAGE NOTE: It should be noted that the construction want + for + to + inf. can be acceptable in CE as in – what they want is for us to finish the job today; they want very much for us to finish the job today. In addition, a construction such as they want very much that we should finish the job today (Pattern L) is acceptable in CE, but typically only when a modifier such as very much appears between want and the dependent clause introduced by that. Nevertheless, want does appear in Pattern L in certain regional varieties of English and sometimes in literature: “How long ago Hector took off his plume, Not wanting that his little son should cry” – Frances Cornford (1886–1960), “Parting in Wartime”.

**wanted adj.** [*sought*] 1. ~ by (he is ~ by the police) 2. ~ for (he is ~ed by the police) for murder in three states

**wanting adj.** [*deficient, lacking*] 1. ~ in 2. (misc.) to be found ~

**wapi** see **elk**

**war** 1. n. 1. to conduct, fight, wage ~ against, with 2. to make ~ (Make Love, Not War)! 3. to declare ~ on; to go to ~ over 4. to drift into; plunge into (a) ~ 5. to provoke (a) ~ 6. to escalate, step up a ~ 7. to avert (a) ~ 8. to survive (a) ~ 9. to lose; win a ~ 10. to ban, outlaw ~ 11. to a ~ 12. an all-out, full-scale, total; global, world ~ 13. a limited, local ~ 14. (a) civil; class; guerrilla; revolutionary ~ 15. a cold; hot, shooting ~ 16. a defensive; offensive ~ 17. a holy, religious ~ 18. a trade ~ 19. an atomic, nuclear, thermonuclear ~ 20. star ~ 21. a gang; price ~ 22. an ~ of aggression; attrition; extermination; nerves 23. a ~ breaks out; rages; spreads (the ~ spread to the north) 24. an act of ~ 25. a ~ against; between (a ~ against an aggressor; a ~ between former allies) 26. a ~ on (a ~ on drugs/poverty) 27. at ~ (with) (to be at ~ with one’s neighbors) 28. during, throughout a ~ 29. in ~ (all’s fair in love and ~) 30. (misc.) a theater of ~; a state of ~ (to be in a state of ~ with a country) (see also the brink of war at *brink*; war crime at *crime*; war criminal at *criminal*; war footing at *footing*; war hero at *hero*; prisoner of war)

**war II** v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ against, with (to ~ with one’s neighbors) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ over (to ~ over disputed territory)

**ward** n. [*hospital room*] 1. an emergency; maternity, obstetrics; pediatrics; private (BE) (“not under the National Health Service”) ~ 2. in, on a ~ (to work in the emergency ~; who works in/on this ~?) (see also ward round; ward sister at *sister*

**warden** n. 1. a prison ~ (AE: BE has governor) 2. (BE) a traffic ~ 3. an air-raid ~ USAGE NOTE: An AE prison *warden* should not be confused with a BE prison *warder*, who in AE is a prison *guard*.

**wardrobe** n. [*clothes*] 1. an autumn (esp. BE), fall (AE); spring; summer; winter ~ 2. (misc.) I bought a whole new ~ for the cruise

**ward round** n. to do, make a ~ (the consultant will be making his ward rounds about now)

**ware** n. earthenware; glassware USAGE NOTE: *Ware* is often used in naming goods of a certain type. See also *wear* 1 n.

**warehouse** n. a bonded ~

**wares** n. to display; hawk, peddle one’s ~

**warfare** n. 1. to engage in ~ 2. armored; guerrilla; naval; trench ~ 3. conventional; push-button ~ 4. atomic, nuclear, thermonuclear ~ 5. bacteriological, germ; biological; chemical ~ 6. desert; jungle; tribal ~ 7. all-out; class; global; total ~ 8. economic; psychological; modern ~ 9. ~ against; between (~ against an aggressor; ~ between former allies)

**warhead** n. 1. to fire, launch a ~ 2. a conventional; multiple; nuclear ~

**warn** v. (d; intr.) to ~ to (~ to begin to like”) (I was just ~ing to the task)

**warning** n. global ~

**warnth** n. 1. body ~ 2. ~ spreads

**warn up** v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ for (the players were ~ing up for the game) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ to (after a few drinks he ~ed up to the other guests)

**warn v.** 1. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ about, against, of (they ~ed me about his bad temper; I ~ed her against smoking; the police ~ed us of the pickpockets; the newspapers are ~ing of a severe winter) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ off (esp. BE) (the police ~ed us off the landlord’s property; I ~ed her off smoking) 3. (H) they ~ed him to be careful; I ~ed her not to smoke 4. (L; typically has a personal object) they warned him that he should be careful; I warned her that she shouldn’t smoke; the newspapers are ~ing (their readers) that the winter will be severe

**warn away** v. (D; tr.) to ~ from (the police ~ed us away from the burning building)

**warning** n. 1. to give, issue, send, sound a ~ 2. to shout a ~ 3. to get, receive; have; heed a ~ 4. to disregard, ignore a ~ 5. a cryptic; dire; tacit; timely ~ 6. (an) advance; fair ~ 7. ample, plenty of ~ 8. a storm ~ 9. a ~ comes (your ~ came just in time!) 10. a word of ~ (let me give you a word of ~, young man: don’t mess with me!) 11. a ~ about (they gave me a ~ about his bad temper) 12. a ~ against (a ~ against smoking) 13. a ~ to (a ~ to all; let this ~be/serve as a ~ to you!) 14. a ~ + inf. (a ~ to her not to smoke) 15. a ~ that + clause (they issued a ~ to her that she shouldn’t smoke) 16. without ~ 17. (misc.) (formal) take ~: something awful may happen to you if you don’t stop smoking! (see also warning light at *light II* n.; warning signal at *signal* 1 n.)
warpath n. (usu. colloq. and humorous) 1. to go on the ~ 2. to be on the ~ (they are on the ~ again)

warrant I n. 1. to issue a ~ (the court issued a search ~ 2. (AE) to swear out a ~ against smb. 3. to serve a ~ on (a ~ was served on her) 4. a bench; death; search ~ (to sign smb.'s death ~) (also fig.) 5. a ~ for (the court issued a ~ for her arrest) 6. a ~ to + inf. (the police have a ~ to search the house) 7. (misc.) a ~ is out for her arrest (see also arrest warrant)

warrant II v. 1. (K) ("to justify") the insult hardly ~ed his behaving like that! 2. (L) ("to guarantee") I cannot ~ that the coins are genuine 3. (formal and rare) (M) I cannot ~ the coins to be genuine

warranty n. 1. to give, provide, offer a ~ 2. an ~

wash I n. ["laundry"] 1. to do the ~ 2. to hang out the ~ (to dry) 3. the weekly ~ (see also laundry n. 1–3) ["installation for washing"] 4. a car ~

wash II v. 1. (d ; intr.) to ~ for 2. (esp. AE) (L ; used in the imper.) ~ for (to ~ for the train) 3. (d ; intr.) to ~ over (the waves ~ed over the deck) 5. (D ; tr.) to ~ with (I ~ed my hands with soap) 6. (misc.) to be ~ed overboard

wash down v. (D ; tr.) to ~ with (I like ~ing a meal down with a glass of beer)

wash I n. (esp. BE) see laundry n. 1–3; wash II n. 1–3

wash machine n. 1. to run, use a ~ 2. to load; empty, unload a ~ 3. an automatic ~

washing-up machine n. (BE colloq.; CE has dishwasher) 1. to run, use a ~ 2. to load, stack; empty, unload a ~ 3. an automatic ~

wash up v. (D ; intr.) to ~ on (the wreckage ~ed up on shore) USAGE NOTE: In AE, to wash up means "to wash one’s dirty hands (and perhaps face)"; in BE, it means "to wash the dirty dishes".

wasp n. 1. ~ buzz; sting 2. ~ live in nests

wastage n. (esp. BE) natural ~ (the staff will be reduced by natural ~) (CE has attrition)

waste I n. 1. to cause ~ 2. to cut down on ~ 3. hazardous; nuclear; radioactive; solid; toxic ~ (s) 4. complete, sheer, total, utter ~ 5. (misc.) to go to ~ ("to be wasted"); to lay ~ to ("to destroy"); a terrible ~ of time, money, and effort (see also waste disposal at disposal) USAGE NOTE: Note the following equivalence: (1) The fire laid waste to the land. = (2) The fire laid the land waste. However, (2) is nowadays more formal and less common than (1).

waste II v. 1. (D ; tr.) to ~ on (we ~d a lot of time, money, and effort on that project) 2. (misc.) we ~d a lot of time going through the files

wasteful adj. 1. ~ of (~ of natural resources) 2. ~ to + inf. (it’s ~ to use so much fuel)

wasteland n. 1. to reclaim ~ 2. (a) barren; desolate; cultural; industrial ~

watch I n. ["timepiece"] 1. to adjust; set; wind (up) a ~ 2. to synchronize ~es 3. to clean; repair a ~ 4. a pocket; self-winding ~; stopwatch; waterproof; wrist ~ 5. an analog; digital ~ (by/according to my digital ~, it’s ten thirty) 6. a ~ is fast; right; slow 7. a ~ goes; runs; keeps time, tells the time (BE), tells time (AE); runs; ticks 8. a ~ gains time; loses time; runs down; stops 9. the dial, face; hands of a ~ 10. the crystal (esp. AE) of a ~ (see also watch band at band II n.; watch bracelet at bracelet; watchstrap at strap I n.) 11. (misc.) to put, set, turn a ~ ahead/forward/back (by) one hour ["surveillance"] 12. to keep, maintain a ~ on 13. a close ~ 14. on the ~ (for) (to be on the ~ for bargains) ["sailor's duty"] 15. to stand ~ 16. on ~ (several sailors were on ~) (also fig.) (that would never happen on my ~!) ["volunteers organized to prevent crime"] 17. a crime (esp. AE); neighborhood; town (esp. AE) ~ ["preliminary warning"] (esp. AE) 18. a storm ~

watch II v. 1. to ~ closely; like a hawk 2. (d ; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for the train) 3. (d ; intr.) to ~ over (to ~ over one’s property) 4. (I ; no passive) we ~ed them enter the auditorium 5. (I) we ~ed them entering the auditorium 6. (L ; used in the imper.) ~ that they don’t take everything! 7. (Q) ~ how it’s done 8. (misc.) we could only ~ helplessly as/while they took everything!

watchdog n. a consumer ~ (esp. BE) (profiteers exposed by consumer ~s)

watcher n. ["observer"] a bird; poll ~

watching n. ["observation"] 1. to bear ~ (her activities bear ~) ("her activities should be watched") ["act of watching"] 2. bird; poll ~

watchman n. a night ~

watch out v. 1. (D ; intr.) to ~ for (2. (esp. AE) (L ; used in the imper.) ~ that they don’t take everything! = ~ or they’ll take everything!

water I n. 1. to turn on the ~ 2. to turn off the ~ 3. to cut off, disconnect the ~ 4. to draw, run ~ (for a bath) 5. to add ~ 6. to drink; sip ~ 7. to pour; spill ~ 8. to drain (off) ~ (from) 9. to splash; sprinkle; squirt ~ on 10. to boil, sterilize; chlorinate; distill; filter; fluoridate; purify; soften ~ 11. to pollute ~ (see also water pollution at pollution) 12. drinking; safe ~ 13. carbonated, fizzy (BE); mineral; soda ~ 14. clear; fresh; running ~ 15. distilled; soft ~ (see also rainwater) 16. hard ~ 17. salt, sea ~ 18. holy ~ (to sprinkle holy ~ on smb.) 19. heavy ~ 20. boiling; hot ~ 21. cold; cool; ice ~ 22. lukewarm; tepid; warm ~ 23. contaminated,
polluted; murky; stagnant ~ 24. ~ boils; evaporates; freezes; vaporizes 25. ~ drains (off) from; flows, pours, runs; leaks; oozes; rises; splashes; spills; sprinkles; squirts 26. a body; drop of ~ 27. by ~ (to travel by ~) 28. under ~ (after the flood our basement was under ~) 29. (misc.) a bottle of ~; a glass of ~; to make/pas ~ (to "urinate"); to hold ~ ("to be valid") (your theory doesn’t hold ~); to tread ~ (when swimming); ~ under the bridge ("past events that are done with; bygones"); to pour cold ~ on ("to discourage"); to keep one’s head above ~ ("to keep out of difficulty"); toilet ~ ("liquid used as a skin freshener"); hot ~ ("trouble"); to be in hot ~; to get in/into hot ~; he got into hot ~ with his boss for being late; the boat was shipping ~ ("the boat was taking in water") (see also deep water; water cure at cure I n.; water level at level II n.; water power at power; water pressure at pressure I n.; water shortage at shortage; water table at table; water wheel at wheel I n.; waters)

water II v. (misc.) to make smb.’s mouth ~ ("to create a desire or appetite in smb."); her mouth ~s at the sight of popcorn

watercolors, watercolours n. to paint in ~

waterfront n. along, on the ~

watermark n. 1. to reach a ~ 2. a; high; low; record ~

waters n. 1. flood ~ (the raging rising flood ~ eventually receded/subsided) 2. coastal; international; navigable; territorial; uncharted ~ 3. in ~ (the ship was in international ~) 4. (misc.) to fish in muddy (AE)/troubled ~ ("to attempt to stir up trouble"); to take the ~ ("to take a water cure")

watershed n. 1. to be, constitute, mark, represent a ~ (in history) 2. to reach a ~ 3. a ~ for (for us the ~ was when we realized what to do) 4. a ~ in 5. at a ~ (we are at a ~ in history)

waterway n. an inland ~

waterworks n. 1. a municipal ~ 2. (misc.) to turn on the ~ ("to start to cry") (colloq.)

wave I n. ["moving ridge on the surface of water"] 1. a high, tall; mountainous; perfect ~ (looking for a perfect ~ to ride) 2. a tidal ~ 3. ~ break (on the rocks); crest; lap; rise (see also on the crest of a wave at crest) 4. beneath the ~ ("a wave-like motion made by a crowd at a sporting event") USAGE NOTE: In colloq. BE, a ~ can also mean a “sudden bright idea”; which in AE is a brainstorm. In colloq. BE, a brainstorm is a “sudden mental aberration”. However, the verb to brainstorm (as in a brainstorming session) is now CE.

wave II v. 1. (A) ~ goodbye to them; or: ~ them goodbye 2. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ at, to (we ~d to her and she waved back at/to us; she ~d her arm at me; she ~d to them to come closer; she ~d at us from the airplane) 3. (P) she ~d them ahead/away/on

wave back v. (D; intr.) to ~ at, to (we waved to her and she ~d back at/to us)

wavelength n. ["manner of thinking"] (colloq.) to be on the same ~; to operate on different ~

waver v. (D; intr.) to ~ between (to ~ between two possibilities)

wax I n. beeswax; sealing ~ (see also earwax)

wax II v. (formal or humorous) 1. (s) ("to become") to ~ indignant; to ~ eloquent over ("to express one’s enthusiasm concerning") 2. (misc.) to ~ and wane

way n. ["path, route"] 1. to blaze, clear, cut, open, pave, prepare the ~ for (to pave the ~ for reform) (see also give way) 2. to smooth the ~ for 3. to take the easy ~ out (of a difficult situation) 4. to lead; point, show the ~ to (point the ~ to reform) 5. to edge; elbow; fight; force; hack; inch; jostle; make; muscle; push; shoulder; shove; slash; squeeze; thread; tunnel; wedge; work one’s ~ through; to (to elbow one’s ~ through a crowd; the battalion fought its ~ through enemy lines to the coast; he pushed his ~ through the mob; to shove one’s ~ through the revelers; we made our ~ to the door; to tunnel one’s ~ to freedom) 6. to twist; weave, wend, wind one’s ~ (the river winds its ~ to the sea) 7. to feel; find one’s ~ to 8. to wangle, worm one’s ~ (into smb.’s confidence) 9. to know the ~ to (do you know the ~ to the station?) 10. to lose one’s ~ 11. to bar, block the ~ 12. (BE) a permanent ~ ("a railroad track") 13. the ~ from; to (he kept chattering all the ~ from our house to the airport) 14. the ~ into, to (the ~ into the park; can you show me the ~ to the station?) 15. the ~ out of (the ~ out of the city; show me the ~ out of this building; there is no easy ~ out of this mess) 16. along; on the ~ (a letter is on the ~; she is on her ~ to the airport; there were lots of problems along the ~) 17. (misc.) to work one’s ~ through college; to make one’s ~ in life; they went their separate ~s; my gift is winging its ~ to you by airmail; to come to a parting of the ~s; by ~ of ("via") ("Before we go to Paradise by ~ of Kensual Green." – G.K. Chesterton (1874–1936). “The Rolling English Road”); to know one’s ~ around ("to be familiar with procedures"); to bluff one’s ~ out of a predicament (see also way of all flesh at flesh; harm’s way at harm) ["room for movement"] 18. to make ~ for (make ~ for the king!) 19. in the ~ (to be/stand in the ~; to get in smb.’s ~) 20. out of the ~ (to get out of the ~) ["progress"] 21. under
weak at, in (he's weak in mathematics) (see adj.
weakness n. in a statesmanlike ~ ; in an awkward ~ ; everything ~ ; in such a ~ that… ; in a small ~ ; they behaved
learn a new language) 31. in a certain ~ (in her own
machine ; that's the ~ to do it ; there is no easy ~ to
the ~ to + inf. (show me the ~ to work this washing
machine ; that's the ~ to do it ; there is no easy ~ to
learn a new language) 31. in a certain ~ (in her own
~ ; in such a ~ that… ; in a small ~ ; they behaved
in a statesmanlike ~ ; in an awkward ~ ; everything
was done in a well-organized ~ 32. (misc.) to
mend one’s ~s ; to fall into evil ~s "[purpose]" 33.
by ~ of (by ~ of apology ; by ~ of example ; by ~
of illustration) "[effective manner]" 34. to have a ~
with (she has a ~ with children /words) "[goal]" 35.
to get, have one’s (own) ~ (she always gets her ~ ;
you can’t always have everything /things your own
~! ; OK, have it your own ~, then !) "[misc]" 36.
to know the ~s of the world ; to know one’s ~ around ;
to make one’s ~ in the world ; to get under ~ ("to
start out") ; in a ~ ("to some degree") ; to go out of
one’s ~ ("to make a special effort") ; to give ~ ("to
collapse") ("to yield") ; to pay one’s own ~ ("to pay
for oneself") ; (old-fashioned) to be in the family ~
("to be pregnant") ; by the ~ ("incidentally") ; on
the ~ out ("becoming obsolescent") ; the box says
"This Way Up" ; there are no two ~s about it ("it
is definitely true") ; out our ~ (esp. AE), down our ~
(esp. BE) ("where we live") ; we are in a fair ~ to
get our new library ("it appears as if we will get
our new library"); this compromise goes a long ~
towards resolving our differences ; can you see
your ~ (clear) to accepting their compromise ? ;
our new library") ; this compromise goes a long
way (colloq.) (AE) (d ; intr.) to ~ out of ("to
 evade") (to ~ out of one’s obligations)
weather n. 1. to forecast, predict the ~ 2. (good)
beautiful ; clear, fair ; dry ; fine, good, nice, pleasant ;
mild ; seasonable ~ (we had nice ~ all week) 3.
(bad) atrocious, bad, beastly, bleak, dismal, dreary,
foul, gloomy, inclement, nasty, stormy ; threatening ;
ugly ; unseasonable ~ 4. (rainy) cloudy, overcast ;
damp ; foggy ; overcast ; rainy ; stormy ; unsettled ; wet ~ 5. (warm) hot ; humid, muggy ; sultry ; sunny ; sweltering ; tropical ; warm ~ 6.
(cold) arctic ; cold ; cool ; freezing ; windy ; wintry
~ 7. the ~ clears up ; the ~ turns cold / ~ permitting ; under the ~ ("slightly ill") (see also weather conditions at conditions)
weather stripping n. to install, put on

weave I n. a coarse; fine; loose; plain; satin; tight; twill

weave II v. 1. (C) she wove a basket for us; or: she wove us a basket 2. (d; tr.) to ~ around, round (she wove the story around a specific theme) 3. (d; tr.) to ~ from, out of; into (she wants to ~ a scarf from this wool = she wants to ~ this wool into a scarf) 4. (d; tr.) ("to insert") to ~ into (to ~ some humor into a plot) 5. (misc.) to ~ together (she wove several themes together into a coherent plot); to ~ in and out of traffic

web n. 1. to spin; weave a ~ 2. an intricate, tangled ~ (a tangled ~ of intrigue) 3. a spider, spider’s ~ ['computers'] 4. to browse; cruise; surf the ~ 5. the World Wide Web 6. on the ~ (to find smt. on the ~) USAGE NOTE: Spiders spin webs. People weave webs: “Oh what a tangled ~ we weave, When first we practise to deceive!” — Sir Walter Scott (1771–1832), Marmion

weave II v. 1. to spin; weave a ~ heavily, strongly 2. (d; intr.) ("to weigh") to ~ heavily in your favor, fact, it ~s 10 pounds!" 6. (misc.) my testimony will ~ heavily in your favor

webbed adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ (firmly) ~ to tradition (see also wedded bliss at bliss)

wedding n. ['ceremony'] 1. to have, hold a ~ to officiate at, perform a ~ 3. to attend a ~ (see also wedding anniversary at anniversary; wedding bells at bell; wedding cake at cake; wedding date at date I n.; wedding day at day; wedding guest at guest) 4. a big; church; (humorous) shotgun ~ (where the bride is already pregnant); white ~ (where the bride wears white esp. because it’s her first marriage) 5. a ~ takes place 6. at a ~ ["anniversary"] (esp. BE) 7. see anniversary

wedgie I n. to drive a ~ between; into

wedgie II v. 1. to ~ firmly; tightly, tight 2. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ between; into; under 3. (N; used with an adjective) she ~d the door open / ~ firmly in place

wedged adj. (cannot stand alone) 1. ~ firmly; tightly, tight 2. ~ between; in

wedlock n. (formal or old-fashioned) 1. to join in ~ 2. holy ~ 3. out of ~ (born out of ~)

wee n. (colloq.) to have, take; need a ~

weed out v. (D; tr.) to ~ from (they ~ed out the fit from the unfit = they ~ed the fit out from the unfit)

weeds n. 1. to pull ~ to ~ kill ~ (as with weed-killer)

week n. 1. to spend a ~ (somewhere) 2. every; last; next; this ~ 3. the coming; current; past ~ 4. future; past; recent ~ 5. a ~ from (Tuesday) 6. by the ~ (she is paid by the ~) 7. by ("before or in") a ~ (by next ~, prices may have risen again) 8. during the ~ 9. for a ~ (they came here for a ~) 10. for ~ (she hasn’t been here for ~s; esp. AE is: she hasn’t been here in ~s) 11. in a ~ (we can’t finish the whole job in just one ~; they will get here in a ~, (esp. BE) they will get here in a ~’s time) 12. (misc.) a ~ ago; once a ~; ~ after ~; ~ by ~; ~ in, ~ out; from ~ to ~; to take a ~ off; all ~ (long); the first time in (esp. AE), for (BE) a ~; she is five ~s old; ~up to/until ~ last ~; mid-week; the working ~; (AE) freshman ~ USAGE NOTE: In the meaning “a week from Tuesday”, BE also has ~ a week on Tuesday, (on) Tuesday week. Note also the BE expressions ~ she arrived a week last Tuesday; she will arrive next Tuesday.

weekday n. on ~s; AE also has: ~s (she works ~s/on ~s)

weekend n. 1. to spend a ~ somewhere 2. at (BE), during, over (esp. AE) the ~ 3. (AE) on ~s (she works on ~s) 4. (AE) ~s (she works ~s) 5. (BE) at ~s, at the ~ (she works at ~s) 6. (misc.) a long ~; a holiday ~; a ~ away/off/in the country~; have a nice ~!

weeknight n. on ~s; AE also has: ~s (she works ~s/on ~s)

weep v. 1. to ~ bitterly 2. (d; intr.) ~ about, at, over (to ~ over one’s misfortune; she wept at the sight of all the poor people) 3. (d; intr.) ~ for, with (to ~ for joy at the good news) 4. (E) she wept to see them so poor 5. (misc.) she wept at seeing them so poor

weevil n. an alfalfa; boll ~

weigh v. 1. to ~ heavily, strongly 2. (d; intr.) ("to count") to ~ against (his testimony will ~ heavily against you) 3. (d; tr.) ("to balance") to ~ against (to ~ one argument against another = to ~ the arguments against each other) 4. (d; intr.) ("to press") to ~ on (legal problems ~ed heavily on her mind) 5. (S) ("to have a certain weight") "~how much/what~ does the suitcase ~?" “it ~s quite a lot; in fact, it ~s 10 pounds!” 6. (misc.) my testimony will ~ heavily in your favor

weigh down v. 1. (D; tr.) to ~ by, with (we were ~ed down with packages) 2. (esp. AE) (D; intr.) ~ to ~ on (snow ~ed down on the roof)

weigh in v. (D; intr.) ~ at (the boxer ~ed in at 150 pounds)

weight I n. ["amount weighed, heaviness"] 1. to carry; gain, put on ~ (see also weight gain at gain I n.) 2. to lose, take off ~ (see also weight loss at loss 3) to check; control; watch one’s (body) ~ (see also weight control at control I n.) 4. to bear a ~ (the central beam must bear a very heavy ~s) 5. (a) dead; gross; minimum; net ~ 6. atomic; avoidipoids; birth; molecular; ideal, optimum ~ 7. under a ~ (the table gave way and collapsed under the sheer ~ of the food) 8. (misc.) excess ~ (as in air travel); ~ can ~go down/increase, ~go down/decrease, or fluctuate (see also weight problem at problem) ["device used in athletic exercises for its heaviness"] 9. to lift ~s (see also weight training at training 10) heavy; light ~s 11. a set of ~s ["importance"] 12. to carry ~ (with) 13. to add; attach, give, lend ~ to; place considerable ~ on 14. considerable; great ~ 15. (misc.) to throw one’s ~ about (BE) around ("to flaunt one’s influence"); to pull one’s ~ ("to
do one’s fair share”); to take a (great) ~ off smb.’s mind (“to ease or relieve smb.’s mind”); it was/ took a (great) ~ off my mind (“I felt relieved”); of ~ (that will be an argument of considerable ~ with the directors)

weight II v. 1. to ~ heavily 2. (D ; tr.) (“to slant”) to ~ against (in favor of the evidence was ~ed heavily against me and in favor of her)

weighting n. (BE) ["salary supplement"] to get (the) London ~

weigh up v. 1. (d ; tr.) (“to balance”) to ~ against (to one argument against another = to ~ the arguments against each other) 2. (BE) (Q) to ~ whether to do smt.

weird adj. (colloq.) 1. ~ about (there is smt. ~ about them) 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ to see her again = it was ~ seeing her again) 3. ~ that + clause (it’s ~ that you never noticed her) 4. (misc.) it was really/ very ~ when I saw her again

welcome I adj. 1. perfectly, very ~ 2. ~ to (you are ~ welcome I

welcome II n. 1. to bid, extend, give a ~ to 2. to ~ with tears = tears ~ed up in her eyes)
welt n. to raise a ~ (on the skin)
wend v. (P ; intr.) the procession ~ed its way through the town

west I adv., adv. 1. directly, due, straight ~ 2. ~ of (~ the states into a nation) 2. (D ; tr.) to ~ onto, to (to ~ one thing to another = to ~ two things together)

west II n. 1. from the ~; in the ~; to the ~ 2. (AE) ~ in years 3. ~ on (the latest styles)

wet adj. 1. dripping, soaking, sopping, wringing; very ~ 2. ~ from; with (~ with dew) 3. (misc.) she got her shoes ~; he got ~ through (and through)

well-advised adj. ~ to + inf. (you would be ~ to come early)

well-being n. 1. to threaten smb.’s ~ 2. material; physical; psychological ~ 3. (misc.) a sense of ~

well-disposed adj. (formal) (cannot stand alone) ~ to, towards (they are not ~ towards me)

well-grounded adj. ~ in

well-informed adj. ~ about, on

well-intentioned adj. ~ towards

well on adv. 1. ~ in (he’s ~ in years) 2. ~ with (he’s ~ with his latest novel)

well up I adv. 1. (AE) ~ in years 2. ~ on (the latest styles)

well up II v. (D ; intr.) to ~ in; with (her eyes ~ed up with tears = tears ~ed up in her eyes)

whale n. ["sea mammal"] 1. to harpoon a ~ 2. a blue; bowhead; right; sperm; white ~ 3. a pod, school of ~s 4. a young ~ is a calf 5. a female ~ is a cow 6. a male ~ is a bull 7. (misc.) they managed to rescue a beached ~ ["misc"] 8. ~ of a good time”

whammy n. (slang) (esp. AE) ["jinx"] 1. to put a (the ~ on smb. 2. a double ~

wharf n. at; on a ~ (the ship was tied up at a ~)

what determiner, pronoun 1. ~ about, of (~ about them) ? 2. (used in exclamatory sentences) ~ (~ a (wonderful) day !) 3. (misc.) ~ (wonderful) days !; she has ~ it takes (colloq.) (“she is very capable”); ~ else is new ? (esp. AE); so ~ ? ~¬on earth/ever¬ can she mean ? ; ~’s new ? ; ~ else ?

wheat n. 1. to grow; harvest; plant ~ 2. to grind; thresh ~ (to grind ~ into flour = to grind flour out of ~) 3. summer; winter ~ 4. club; common; durum; hybrid ~ 5. cracked; whole ~ 6. an ear; grain of ~ (see also a wheat field = a field of wheat at field)

USAGE NOTE: AE has whole wheat bread, whole wheat
wheat flour; BE has wholemeal bread, wholemeal flour.

wheeled v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ from, out of (to ~ information from smb.) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ into (to ~ sbm. into doing dtmg.)

wheel 1 n. ["circular rim or solid disc joined to a hub that turns"] 1. to spin; turn a ~ 2. to align; balance; rotate ~s (on a car) 3. a balance; driving; front; idler; mill; paddle; potter’s; ratchet; rear; retractable; roulette; spinning; sprocket; undershot; water ~ 4. a big (BE), Ferris ~ (in an amusement park) 5. a ~ spins; turns 6. (misc.) on ~s (towing a box on ~s); to break on the ~; (humorous) to reinvent the ~ ["device that turns a car"] 7. to take the ~ 8. a steering ~ (to turn the steering ~ 9. (to be) at, behind the ~ (who was at the ~ when the accident occurred?) [misc] 10. a big ~ ("an influential person") (AE; CE has bigwig) USAGE NOTE: For vehicles, AE has "change a tire"; BE, "change a wheel". CE has "spare tire/tyre"; BE, "spare wheel". CE has "spare tire/tyre" ‘roll of fat around the waist’.

wheelbarrow n. to maneuver; push, roll a ~

wheelchair n. 1. to maneuver; push; use a ~ 2. a motorized ~ 3. by ~ 4. in a ~ (see also wheelchair access at access 1 n.: wheelchair-accessible at accessible; confined to a wheelchair at confine; wheelchair-user at user)

wherewithal n. ["resources"] 1. the ~ for (they didn’t have the ~ for a trip abroad) 2. the ~ to + inf. (they didn’t have the ~ to take a trip abroad)

which determiner, pronoun ~ of (~ of them did you see?; ~ three of (them) did you see?) USAGE NOTE: The use of the preposition of is necessary when a pronoun follows. When a noun follows, the use of which of the limits the meaning – which student(s) did you see? which of the students whom we had discussed did you see?

whiff n. (colloq.) ["smell, odor"] 1. to catch; get; have; take a ~ of (to get a good ~ of tear gas) 2. to give sbm. a ~ of smt. 3. at a ~ (she lost consciousness at the first ~ of ether)

while n. 1. a good, long; little; short ~ (I had to wait a (good) long ~) 2. after; for; in a ~ (he came back after a ~) (misc.) it was worth our ~ (to do it = doing it) USAGE NOTE: The use of which of the limits the meaning – which student(s) did you see? which of the students whom we had discussed did you see?

whim n. 1. to have, pursue; satisfy a ~ 2. to indulge a ~ 3. an idle; passing; sudden ~ 4. a ~ to + inf. (I had a sudden ~ to go for a walk) 5. at; on a ~ (they went there on a ~) 6. (misc.) sbm.’s every ~ (courtiers who indulged the king’s every ~)

whine v. 1. (B) she ~d a few words to them 2. (D; intr.) to ~ about (she kept ~ing about how she had been cheated) 3. (L; to) she ~d (to them) that she had been cheated = “I’ve been cheated!” she ~d (to them)

whinge v. (colloq.) (BE) see whine 2, 3

whip I n. ["lash used for whipping"] 1. to crack, snap a ~ (see also the crack of a whip at crack I n.) ["dessert made by whipping"] 2. a prune ~ ["member of a political party who enforces party discipline"] 3. a government (GB); majority; minority; opposition (GB); party ~ ["official party editct"] (GB) 4. to defy a ~ (against) 5. a three-line ~ ("most insistent") (the rebels who defy a government three-line ~ may have the party ~ withdrawn as a punishment)

whip II v. 1. (d; tr.) ("to beat") to ~ into (I ~ ped the eggs into a froth) 2. (colloq.) (d; tr.) ("to bring") to ~ into (the speaker ~ ped the recruits into shape) 3. (d; tr.) ("to incite") to ~ into (the speaker ~ ped the crowd into a frenzy) 4. (P; intr.) ("to move very quickly") they ~ ped into position

whip hand n. ["control"] to get; have the ~ over

whipping n. ["beating"] 1. to get, receive, take a ~ (from) 2. to give sbm. a ~

whip-round n. (BE) ["collection"] to have a ~

whip up v. 1. (d; tr.) ("to beat") to ~ into (I ~ ped the eggs into a froth = I ~ ped the eggs up into a froth) 2. (d; tr.) ("to incite") to ~ into (the speaker ~ ped the crowd into a frenzy) 4. (P; intr.) ("to move very quickly") they ~ ped into position

whirl I n. (colloq.) ["try"] 1. to give smt. a ~ ["hectic activity"] 2. the social ~ 3. (misc.) my mind is in a (mad) ~

whirl II v. (P; intr.) the leaves ~ ed through the air

whirlpool n. to be drawn into a ~

whisk I n. an egg ~ (BE; AE has eggbeater)

whisk II v. (P; intr.) to have a ~

whisper I v. 1. a loud, stage ~ 2. in a ~ (to speak whisper II v. 1. (E) he ~ ed a few words to her 2. (d; intr.) to ~ about (what was he ~ ing (to her) about?) = what was he ~ ing about (to her)?) 3. (d; intr.) to ~ into (he ~ ed a few words into her ear) 4. (B) he ~ ed to her to be careful 5. (L; to) he ~ ed (to her) that she should be careful = “Be careful!” he ~ ed (to her) (see also whisper sweet nothings at nothing)
whistle I n. "[instrument that produces a whistling sound]" 1. to blow (on) a ~ (the guard blew a blast on his whistle to attract our attention) 2. a bird; factory; police; referee’s ~ 3. a ~ blows, sounds ["act of whistling"] 4. to give a ~ 5. a loud; shrill ~ ["misch" 6. a wolf ~ (to show sexual interest)]; as clean as a ~ ("very clean"); to blow the ~ on smb. ("to reveal smb.’s evil intentions, to be a whistle-blower")

whistle II v. 1. (A) she ~d a song to me; or, she ~d me a song 2. (D; intr.) to ~ at; to (who ~d at you?) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with surprise) USAGE NOTE: One whistles to people to attract their attention. One whistles at people to express one’s feelings about them.

white I n. (colloq.) 1. to buy; sell ~ wholesale adv. 2. to sell ~

whiptail I n. 1. full ~ 2. in ~ (ten feet in ~)

whirlpool n. 1. to demonstrate, show ~ 2. great; willpower n.

width n. 1. (old-fashioned) to take a ~ 2. to beat; desert; leave; divorce one’s ~ 3. an abused, battered; common-law; estranged ~; ex-wife, former; future; jealous; late; unfaithful ~ 4. (misc.) he had two children by his first ~; husband and ~; I now pronounce you man and ~; you may kiss the bride; smb.’s lady ~ ("smb.’s wife") (BE) (considered somewhat condescending to women) (and how’s your lady ~?) (see also smb.’s good lady at lady) wig n. 1. to wear a ~ 2. to put on; take off a ~ 3. in a ~ 4. (misc.) a bigwig (CE; AE also has big wheel)

wild I adj. ["enthusiastic"] (colloq.) 1. to go ~ (the spectators went ~) 2. ~ about, over (the audience went ~ over the new play) ["furious"] 3. ~ with (~ with anger) 4. (misc.) to drive smb. ~ ["out of control"] 5. to run ~

wild II n. ["wilderness"] in the ~ (to live in the ~) (see also wilds)

wilderness n. 1. a desolate; trackless; unexplored ~ 2. in the ~

wildfire n. to spread like ~ ("to spread very quickly")

wild oats n. ["youthful excesses"] to sow one’s ~

wilde n. see wild II; lost in the ~ of the Yukon

will I n. ["desire"] 1. to impose one’s ~ (on) 2. to implement the ~ (of the majority) 3. the ~ to + inf. (lacking the ~ to live) 4. (misc.) to lose the ~ to live; a clash of (strong) ~s; against smb.’s ~; with a ~ to (work with the/a ~ to succeed) ["attitude"] 5. to show good ~ (see also ill will) ["choice"] 6. at ~ (to fire at ~) (see also free will) ["legal document disposing of an estate"] 7. to draw up, make, make out a ~ 8. to change a ~ to 9. to administer; execute; read (out) a ~ 10. to probate, validate a ~ 11. to challenge, contest a ~ 12. to break, overturn, set aside a ~ 13. to repudiate a ~ 14. a deathbed ~ 15. a living ~ (an advance directive by smb. requesting no life support in case of terminal illness) 16. the terms of a ~ (under the terms of the deceased’s ~, you inherit his estate) 17. (misc.) to be cut out of a ~; to be named in a ~; to be remembered in smb.’s ~; smb.’s last ~ and testament ["spirit"] ["power to make decisions, willpower"] 18. to break smb.’s ~ 19. an indomitable, strong; inflexible, unbending ~; an iron ~ = a ~ of iron 20. an effort of ~

will II v. 1. (A) he ~ed his entire estate to her; or: he ~ed her his entire estate 2. (H) the runner ~ed herself to keep going

will III v. (auxiliary) 1. (F) she ~ return, won’t she? 2. (misc.) do what/whatever you ~: I don’t care!; leave if you ~: I don’t care!

willie n. (colloq.) ["jitters"] 1. to get; have the ~ 2. to give smb. the ~ (her behavior gives me the ~)

willing adj. 1. to + inf. (she is ~ to help; I asked her to help and she’s ~ to 2. (misc.) we are ~ for them to share in the benefits — although some of us are not ~ for them to

willingness n. 1. to demonstrate, show ~ 2. to express ~ 3. the ~ to + inf. (she expressed her ~ to work for us)

willpower n. 1. to demonstrate, show ~ 2. great; shear ~ 3. the ~ to + inf. (do you have the ~ to stick to the diet?) 4. by ~ (the runner managed to finish the race by sheer ~ alone!)

wily adj. 1. of (that was ~ of him) 2. (esp. AE) as ~ as a fox
wind I n. to chalk up, notch up, record, score a ~ (against/over)
wind II v. 1. to ~ easily, handily, hands down 2. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ against, over; from (to ~ against considerable odds; to ~ against the opposition; to ~ a match against the champions; we won over the opposition; she won the trophy from her chief rival) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ at (to ~ at cards) 4. (O) her perseverance won her the award. (misc.) to ~ by a mile; to ~ by three points; to ~ (by) 5–2
win back v. (D; tr.) to ~ from (she won the trophy back from her chief rival = she won back the trophy from her chief rival)
winch I n. to operate, use a ~
winch II v. (P; tr.) they ~ed the victims to safety
wince v. 1. to ~ easily, handily, hands down 2. (D; tr.) to ~ at (to ~ at the thought of) 3. (D; intr.) to ~ at (to ~ at cards) 4. (O) her perseverance won her the award. (misc.) to ~ out in (with pain
wince n. to operate, use a ~
windfall n. ["a stroke of good fortune"] 1. to get, have a ~ 2. a sudden, unexpected ~ (see also windfall profit at profit I n.)
wind I n. /wind/ ["movement, current of air"] 1. a balmy, gentle, light; fair, favorable ~ 2. a brisk, heavy, high, stiff, strong; gale-force; gusty ~ 3. a biting, cold, cutting, icy; raw ~ 4. an adverse; head; tail ~ 5. a trade ~ 6. the prevailing ~ 7. the ~ blows; changes, shifts; picks up 8. the wind dies down, drops, falls, slackens, subsides 9. the ~ howls; whistles 10. a blast, gust; puff of ~ 11. a down; up ~ 12. against the ~ 13. into the ~ 14. out of the ~ 15. with the ~ 16. (misc.) as free as the ~ (see also wind power at power; wind tunnel at tunnel I n. ["knowledge"] 17. to get ~ of smt. ["breath"] 18. to catch, get one’s second ~ 19. out of ~ ["misch"] 20. to break ~ ("to expel rectal gas"); in the ~ ("imminent"); to take the ~ out of smb.’s sails ("to deflate smb."); to see how the ~ blows ("to see what is likely to happen")
wind II v. /waynd/ 1. (d; tr.) to ~ around, round (she wound the string around her finger) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ into (she wound the string into a tight mass) 3. (P; intr.) the procession wound (its way) through the town 4. (misc.) to ~ smb. around one’s little finger ("to manipulate smb.")
winded adj. ["out of breath"] easily ~
windfall n. ["a stroke of good fortune"] 1. to get, have a ~ 2. a sudden, unexpected ~ (see also windfall profit at profit I n.)
windmill n. 1. a ~ turns 2. (misc.) to tilt at ~s ("to struggle with imaginary opponents")
window shade n. (AE) 1. to lift, raise a ~ 2. to draw, drop, lower a ~ (BE has blind)
wind up v. /waynd ap/ ["to end up"] 1. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ by (she wound up her affairs by selling all her stock) 2. (d; intr.) to ~ with (I wound up with the estate) 3. (G) I wound up paying for everyone 4. (misc.) to ~ out in the cold; she wound up worse off than when she started; to start off/out poor and ~ rich
wine n. 1. to make, produce ~ 2. to decant, pour ~ 3. (a) dry; fortified; sweet ~ 4. (a) cooking; dessert; table; vintage ~ 5. (a) red; rosé; sparkling; white ~ 6. (a) communion; sacramental ~ 7. mulled ~ 8. (a) domestic; imported ~ 9. a house ~ (of a restaurant) 10. ~ ferments 11. a bottle; carafe; decanter; glass of ~ (see also wine cellar at cellar; wine list at list I n.; wine rack at rack I n.; wine waiter at waiter) USAGE NOTE: The phrase domestic wine seems to be reserved for wine produced in English-speaking countries. English-speakers in France or Italy, for example, usu. do not refer to French or Italian wine as domestic.
wine n. ["faction of a political party"] 1. a conservative ; left; liberal; radical; right ~ ["a bird's appendage used for flying"] 2. a bird beats, flaps, flutters; spreads its ~s (the bird spread its ~s and flew off) 3. (misc.) to clip smb.’s ~s ("to restrict smb.’s freedom"); to grow, sprout ~s (when did dinosaurs sprout ~s and become birds?); to spread one’s ~s ("to develop one’s full potential"); a pair of ~s ["protection"] 4. to take smb. under one’s ~s ["act of flying"] 5. to take ~ (also fig.) 6. on the ~ ["extension, annex of a building"] 7. to add a ~ (to a building) 8. (BE) see fender ["misc."] 9. to wait in the ~s ("to await the opportunity to take over a job"); the political ~ ["the political section of an organization"]
wink I n. 1. to give smb. a ~ 2. a suggestive ~ 3. (misc.) I didn’t get a ~ of sleep last night = I didn’t sleep a ~ last night; to get, have forty ~s ("to take a brief nap"); (BE) to tip smb. the ~ ("to give smb. secret information")
wink II v. (D; intr.) to ~ at (also fig.: the police ~ed at illegal gambling)
winkle v. (colloq.) (BE) (d; tr.) ("to obtain") to ~ out of (to ~ the truth out of smb.)
winner n. 1. a clear; likely; real; sure ~ 2. the lucky; outright, overall ~ (the rich will be the real ~s under the government’s tax policy) 3. (misc.) to be on a (sure) ~ (at a racetrack)
win out v. (d; intr.) to ~ over (we won out over the opposition)
win over v. (d; tr.) to ~ (we won them over to our side)
winter n. 1. early; last; late; mid-; next ~ 1. a cold, cruel, hard, harsh, severe, terrible ~ 2. a mild ~ 3. during, in, over (esp. AE) (the) ~ (we met late in the ~ of 1995 = we met in the late ~ of 1995) 4. (misc.) in the dead of ~ (see also winter solstice at solstice)
wipe v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ off ("to erase from") (to ~ a city off the map; I'll ~ that smile off your face!) 2. (D; tr.) to ~ on; with (she ~d her hands on the towel) 3. (N; used with an adjective) she ~d her hands clean/dry on the towel; he ~d the dishes clean/dry with a cloth

wipers n. 1. to turn on the ~ 2. windshield (BE), windshield (AE) ~

wire I n. ["long metal thread"] 1. to string ~ 2. barbed; chicken; copper ~ 3. a high; trip ~ 4. a ~ goes, runs 5. a length, piece, strand of ~ (he got caught on a strand of barbed ~) ["cable conducting electric current"] 6. to cross, jump ~s (in order to start a car) 7. (esp. AE) to tap ~s 8. telegraph; telephone ~s 9. (an) electric; high-tension ~ 10. heavy-duty ~ ["cablegram, telegram"] (esp. AE) 11. to send a ~ ["finish line"] (esp. AE) (also fig.) 12. (right) down to the ~ ("to the very end") 13. (misc.) to get under the ~ ("to enter barely in time")

wire II v. (esp. AE) (CE has ~ for (the auditorium was ~d for sound) 2. (d; tr.) have an object) ("to inform by wire") she ~d (us) ~s 9. (an) electric; high-tension ~ 10. heavy-duty ~d you back where to meet back (to us) that the manuscript had been received the door; the two things were ~d to each other = we ~d them to return home immediately 5. (L; may of hindsight ~) 6. of ~ (a person of great ~) 7. ~d you to + inf. (it was ~ of you to ~) 8. telegraph; telephone ~ (for) sending a wire") to ~ for (she ~d home for some money) 4. (H; no passive) ("to inform by wire") we ~d them to return home immediately 5. (L; may have an object) ("to inform by wire") she ~d (us) that the manuscript had been received 6. (Q; may have an object) we ~ (you) where to meet

wire III v. 1. (D; tr.) ("to provide with wire") to ~ for (the auditorium was ~d for sound) 2. (d; tr.) ("to connect") to ~ to (the explosives were ~d to the door; the two things were ~d to each other = the two things were ~d together)

wire back v. (esp. AE) (see wire II) 1. (L; to) she ~d back (to us) that the manuscript had been received 2. (Q; to) we ~d back (to you) where to meet = we ~d you back where to meet

wireless n. (BE) (now less common than radio) see radio I I–4, 6

wiring n. 1. defective, faulty ~ 2. electric ~

wisdom n. 1. to impart ~ 2. to doubt, question smb.'s ~ (to question the ~ of an action) 3. (the) conventional, (the) received ~ 4. earth, folk, homespun ~ 5. the ~ to + inf. (will they have the ~ to make the correct choice?) 6. of ~ (a person of great ~) 7. (misc.) in their (infinite) ~, the council members voted to cut the police budget in the midst of a crime wave; wit and ~ (see also with the wisdom of hindsight (sarcastic) at hindsight; words of wisdom at words)

wise adj. ["sagacious"] 1. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of you to remain silent = you were ~ to remain silent) ["aware of"] (colloq.) 2. ~ to (she was ~ to their scheme; I finally got ~ to his tricks; she put me ~ to his tricks) (see also wise words at words)

wisecrack I n. ["flippant remark"] 1. to make a ~ 2. a ~ about (she made a ~ about a woman needing a man like a fish needs a bicycle)

wisecrack II v. (colloq.) 1. (D; intr.) to ~ about (she ~d about a woman needing a man like a fish needs a bicycle) 2. (L) ("to remark flippantly") she ~d that a woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle = "a woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle," she ~d

wise up v. (colloq.) (AE) (D; intr.; tr.) to ~ to (I finally ~d up to his tricks after she had ~d me up to them)

wish I n. ["desire"] 1. to make a ~ to fulfill, realize a ~ 3. to get one's ~ 4. to express a ~ to respect smb.'s ~ (es) 6. to grant smb.'s ~ 7. a fervent, strong; unfulfilled ~ 8. smb.'s dying ~ (her dying ~ to see her children was granted) 9. a/the death ~ 10. a ~ comes true 11. a ~ for (a ~ for peace) 12. a ~ to + inf. (they expressed a ~ to visit the museum; my only ~ is for you to stay) 13. a ~ that + clause; subj. (the editor respected her ~ that the contribution ~ not be/should not be/was not (BE) announced publicly; my only ~ is that you would stay) 14. against smb.'s ~ (es) (the project was carried out against our ~es) 15. in accordance with smb.'s ~ (es) (see also wish fulfillment at fulfillment; wish list at list I n.) ["greetings"] 16. to extend, offer, send one's (best) ~ es 17. one's best, good, warm, warmest ~ es 18. one's ~ es for (one's best ~ es for the New Year) 19. with best ~es

wish II v. 1. (A; usu. without to) they ~d us good luck; we ~ you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! 2. (D; intr.) to ~ for (we were ~ing for cool weather) 3. (formal) (E) I ~ to lodge a complaint 4. (formal) (H; no passive) "do you ~ me to stay?" "yes: what I ~ is for you to stay! /yes: I ~ more than anything else for you to stay!" 5. (L) I ~ only that you would stay 6. (misc.) to ~ smb. well ("to hope that things will go well for smb.")

wit I n. 1. to display, show; have ~ 2. (a) coruscating, sparkling; keen, penetrating; sharp; sophisticated ~ 3. (a) dry; quick, ready; sly ~ 4. (an) acerbic, acid, biting, caustic, cutting, mordant, trenchant ~ 5. the ~ to + inf. (he didn't have the ~ to realize what was happening) 6. (misc.) at one's ~'s end; ~ and wisdom (see also wits)

wit II to ~ ("namely")

witchcraft n. 1. to practice ~ 2. sheer ~ (it was sheer ~ the way she could make us all a slap-up meal at such short notice!)

witch-hunt n. to conduct a ~ against

withdraw v. 1. (D; intr., tr.) to ~ from; into, to (our troops have withdrawn from the border area; to ~ money from a bank; to ~ to a safer area; to ~ into one's shell 2. (misc.) I'd like to ~ (my candidacy) in favor of my worthy opponent

withdrawal n. ["removal of funds"] 1. to make a ~ 2. mass ~s 3. a ~ from (a cash) ~ from an account ["retreat"] (often mil.) 4. to carry out, make a ~ to complete a ~ 6. an orderly; phased; precipitate; strategic; tactical; unilateral ~ 7. a ~ from; into, to (a ~ to a safer area; a ~ into one's shell; a ~ in
withhold v. (D; tr.) to ~ from (to ~ information from the police)

within n., prep. 1. a mile of 2. (misc.) an attempt to reform the system from ~

witness I n. [*testimony"] 1. to bear ~ to 2. false ~ (to bear false ~) ["one who testifies"] 3. to produce a ~ (the district attorney finally produced a credible ~) 4. to call, subpoena; swear in a ~; to hear ~s 5. to cross-examine; examine, interrogate, question; interview a ~. 6. to badger; bribe; confuse; discredit; lead; suborn; trap a ~. 7. a defense; expert ~; prosecution ~ (see also eyewitness) 8. a competent; credible; reliable ~. 9. a character; hostile ~. 10. a key; material ~. 11. a ~ is sworn in = a ~ takes the oath (see also witness box at box I n.; witness stand at stand I n.) 12. a ~ testifies (under affirmation or oath) 13. a ~ stands down, steps down 14. a ~ against (a ~ against one’s former accomplices) 15. a ~ for (a ~ for the prosecution) 16. a ~ to (a ~ to an accident)

witness II v. 1. (J) who ~ed him signing the documents? 2. (K) who ~ed him signing the documents?

wits n. 1. to collect one’s ~. 2. to match ~ with smb. 3. the ~ to + inf. (he didn’t have enough ~ to realize what was happening) 4. (misc.) keep your ~ about you! (“stay alert!”); to live by one’s ~; at one’s ~’s end; a battle of ~; to drive people out of their ~; to be frightened out of one’s ~

witty adj. 1. ~ of (that was ~ of her) 2. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of her to say that)

wizard n. 1. a financial; mathematical ~. 2. a ~ at (a ~ ~ solving crossword puzzles)

wizardry n. ~ (it was sheer ~ the way he could make us all a slap-up meal at such short notice!)

woe n. a tale of ~

wolf n. 1. wolves howl 2. wolves hunt in packs 3. a pack of wolves 4. a young ~ is a pup 5. (misc.) to keep the ~ from the door (“to provide the necessities”); a ~ in sheep’s clothing (“one who disguises hostile intentions”); a lone ~ (see also to cry wolf at cry II)

woman n. 1. to deliver a ~ (of a baby) 2. an attractive, beautiful, pretty; average; desirable; fat; grown; handsome; middle-aged; old; short; tall; thin; ugly; wise; young ~ 3. a divorced; married; single ~ 4. a career; ideas; liberated; organization; professional; right-hand; self-made; stunt; university (BE; AE has college graduate); working ~ 5. an anchor ~; businesswoman; newspaperwoman. 6. (AE) a cleaning ~ (BE has charlady, charwoman, char) 7. (BE) a lollipop ~ (AE has crossing guard) 8. (AE) enlisted women (BE has other ranks) 9. a battered ~ 10. the other ~ (“a married man’s paramour”) 11. (misc.) a ~ of letters; a ~ of action; a ~ of the world; the ~ of the year (see women’s lib at lib; women’s liberation at liberation; women’s magazine at magazine; women’s movement at movement; women’s rights at right III n.) USAGE NOTE: The terms career woman and working woman are becoming old-fashioned. (See also the Usage Note for girl)

womanhood n. to reach ~

wonder I n. 1. to perform, work ~ to 2. to achieve ~ to 3. do ~s for 4. a natural ~ 5. a ~ that + clause (it’s a ~ to me that we didn’t get lost; small/no ~ they had so much trouble, given their lack of preparation!) 6. in ~ to look around in ~) 7. (misc.) the seven ~s of the world; a nine-days (“short-lived”) ~; the eighth ~ of the world (see also wonder drug at drug)

wonder II v. 1. to ~ really, very much (I really ~ if/whether they’ll come) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ about, at (to ~ about a problem) 3. (L) I shouldn’t ~ that you are tired after all that work 4. (Q) I ~ why they left

wonderful adj. 1. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ to see each other again; it was ~ of them to come) 2. ~ that + clause (it was ~ that we could see each other; it was ~ that they could come)

wonderland n. a scenic ~

wonderment n. in ~

wont I adj. (formal) (rare) [*"accustomed"] (cannot stand alone) ~ to + inf. (she is ~ to call at any time; she arrived late, as she is ~ to do)

wont II n. (formal) (rare) [*"custom"] 1. it is her ~ to arrive late 2. she arrived late, as was/is her ~

wood n. 1. to chop, cut ~ 2. to gather ~ 3. firewood; kindling ~ 4. a block; cord; piece; sliver of ~ 5. (misc.) out of the ~ (BE)/~s (CE) (“safe from danger”) in our neck of the ~s ("where we live")

wool n. 1. to produce ~ 2. to comb; process; sort ~ 3. lamb’s; sheep’s; steel, wire (BE) ~ 4. (one hundred percent) pure ~ 5. (CE) cotton ~ (AE has absorbent cotton) 6. a ball; skein of ~ 7. (misc.) to pull the ~ over smb.’s eyes (“to deceive smb.”)

woozy adj. (colloq.) [*"dazed, dizzy"] ~ from (~ from lack of sleep)

word I n. [*"independent meaningful linguistic form"] 1. to. coin, make up a ~ to 2. to define; enter; look up a ~ (as in a dictionary) 3. to spell; write a ~ 4. to pronounce, say, utter a ~ to 5. to mispronounce a ~ 6. an archaic; old-fashioned; obsolete ~ 7. a compound; simple ~ 8. a big, long; monosyllabic; polysyllabic, sesquipedalian; short; vague ~ 9. a borrowed; dialectal, regional; foreign; native; operative ~ 10. a ghost; nonce ~ 11. a four-letter, naughty, obscene; swear; taboo ~ 12. a portmanteau ~ 13. a guide ~ (at the top of a page in a dictionary, reference work) 14. (misc.) (upon) my ~! (“really!”); what’s the ~ for “cat” in your language? = what’s the ~ that means “cat” in your language ~? ~ for ~ (~"verbatim") a household ("common") ~; to get a ~ in (edgewise (AE)/edgeways (BE)) ("to manage to say smt., as in a dispute"); to put in a good ~ for smb. ("to plead smb.’s case"); in a ~ ("briefly"); in ~ and deed; begin at the ~ go; a buzz ~ 11; a code ~; a cover ~

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(see also a word of advice at advice; a word of caution at caution 1 n.; a word game at game 11 n.; in the accepted meaning of the word at meaning; by word of mouth at mouth; in every sense of the word at sense I n.; word of warning at warning; last word; term; word order) ["promise"] 15. to give one's ~ to smb.'s ~ (I trust you, so I'll take your ~ for it) 17. to take people at their ~ 18. to break; keep one's ~ 19. one's solemn ~ ; one's ~ of honor 20. one's ~ that + clause. (she gave me her ~ that she would deliver the message) 21. of one's ~ (she's a woman of her ~) ("she keeps her promises") ["command"] 22. to give/say the ~ (just give/say the ~ and I'll do it!) ["information, news"] 23. to bring; send ~ to breathe, say a ~ (don't breathe a ~ about it to anyone) 25. to get/receive ~ (we got/received ~ that the contract would be signed) 26. the latest; last ~ (it's the latest/latest ~ in fashion!; she always wants to have the last in an argument!) 27. (esp. AE) advance ~ 28. ~ of, about, of (there was no ~ of the incident in the newspapers; she would like to say a few ~s about the incident) 29. ~ that + clause (they sent ~ that they would be late) 30. (misc.) there has been no ~ from them; ~ has it that he intends to resign ~ has got out that he intends to resign; and now a ~ from our sponsor (see also have a word in smb.'s ear at ear; put in a good word for smb. at put in) ["conversation"] 31. to have a ~ with smb. about smb. (see also words) USAGE NOTE: The construction I'd like (to have) a word with you usu. indicates that the conversation will be of a serious nature. Compare I had words with him "I had an argument with him".

word II

v. to ~ smt. carefully; strongly; tactfully (a strongly ~ed statement)

word order n. (a) fixed; flexible; normal; reverse ~

wording n. the exact ~ (of a text)

word processor n. a dedicated ~

words n. ["text"] 1. (the) ~ of, to (a song) ["discussion"] 2. to bandy, exchange ~ with smb. ["argument"] 3. to have ~ with smb. 4. (misc.) ~ passed between them ["words that constitute a statement"] 5. to say a few ~ about smt. 6. to weigh ("consider with care") one's ~ (carefully) 7. to distort smb.'s ~ 8. to not mince any ~ ("to speak frankly") 9. (misc.) smb.'s dying/last ~ ["words that express strong feeling"] 10. kind; sincere; warm ~ 11. choice; eloquent; high-sounding ~ 12. angry, cross, sharp; fighting; harsh; hasty; heated; hot; threatening ~ 13. hollow, hypocritical; meaningless; weasel ~ ("polite meaningless ~") – W.B. Yeats, "Easter 1916" ["misc."] 14. to choose one's ~ carefully; in so many ~ (~ precisely!); in one's own ~ of few ~ ("not talkative"); to hang on to (to) smb.'s ~ ("to listen to smb. very attentively") at a loss for ~, lost for ~; she took the ~ right out of my mouth ("she said exactly what I wanted to say"); a play on ~ ("a pun"); wise ~ of wisdom

work I n. ["labor"] 1. to do ~ (they never do any ~) 2. to begin, start; quit (AE); stop ~ (they quit ~ at one o'clock) 3. to take on ~ 4. creative; delicate; easy; light; fulfilling ~ 5. meticulous; painstaking; precise; skilled; productive; unskilled ~ 6. back-breaking, hard, heavy; demanding; exhausting; tiring ~ dirty, donkey (esp. BE), scut (AE); intellectual; manual, physical; menial ~ 7. shoddy, slipshod, sloppy ~ 9. clerical, office; engineering; paper ~ (trains will not be running because of planned engineering ~) 10. fieldwork; legwork 11. casual (BE); full-time; part-time; seasonal; steady ~ 12. ~ begins, starts; finishes, stops 13. (misc.) he never does a lick/stitch (AE)/stroke of ~; to make short ~ of (~ to dispose of quickly~); to undo smb.'s ~ ("to destroy the results of smb.'s labor") (see also work-life balance at balance I n.; graduate work; guesswork; postgraduate work; roadwork) ["employment"] 14. to create, give, provide ~ (a plan to provide ~ for the unemployed) 15. to find; look for, seek ~ (I found ~ as a receptionist in an office) 16. to get, to go ~ 17. to begin, start ~ 18. to finish, stop ~ 19. to return to ~ 20. to take (time) off from ~ 21. to leave ~ (early) 22. a job; line, type of ~ (there's still a job of ~ to be done!; what line of ~ are you in?) 23. at ~ (they are still at ~ 24. (BE) in ~ ("employed") 25. out of ~ (they have been out of ~ for a week) ["result of research, labor, artistic effort"] 26. to exhibit; hang one's ~ (in a gallery) 27. coursework; written ~ 28. (a) literary; scholarly ~ = a ~ of literature; scholarship (see also a work of genius at genius) 29. collected; published; selected ~ 30. (misc.) ~ in progress; a ~ of art = an artwork; their life's ~ was writing novels ["service"] 31. social ~ (to do social ~) 32. undercover ~ (to do undercover ~ for the police) 33. volunteer ~ ["treatment"] 34. root-canal ~ (to do ~ on smb.) ["misc."] 35. to go ~ on smb. ("to put pressure on smb.") (see also works)

work II

v. 1. ("to labor") to ~ effectively; full-time; hard, like a horse, strenuously; part-time 2. (d; intr.) to ~ against ("to oppose") (to ~ against a proposed law) 3. (D; intr.) ("to labor") to ~ as ~ (as a teacher) 4. (d; intr.) ("to labor") to ~ at, on (they were ~ing on a new book; you have to ~ at being friendlier with people) 5. (d; intr.) ("to be employed; to labor") to ~ for (she ~s for a large firm; to ~ for a living) 6. (D; intr.) to ~ for ("to support") (to ~ for a good cause; the committee ~ed for a reduction of tension) 7. (d; refl.) ("to excite") to ~ into (she ~ed herself into a rage) 8. (d; tr.) to ~ into ("to insert") (she ~ed a few jokes into her speech) 9. (d; intr.) to ~ through ("to go through") (to ~ through difficult material) 10. (d; intr.) ("to progress") to ~ towards (to ~ towards a common goal) 11. (d; intr.) ("to labor") to ~ under ("to ~ under a noted scientist") 12. (d; intr.) ("to collaborate") to ~ with (to ~ closely with one's colleagues) 13. (misc.) to ~ far/late into the night; to ~ one's way through
workforce

1. to cut (down), downsize, reduce; n.

worked up

v.

1. (D; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with weights)

workout

flexible; regular; staggered; adj.

(work) (to conform to all rules governing work so as to do only the minimum, as in a go-slow (AE)'); to ~ like a charm, to work like magic ("to succeed quickly and completely") (the offer ~ like a charm and satisfied everybody)

worked up adj. (colloq.) ~ about, over (he got himself all ~ about/over a mere trifle)

worker

n. 1. to hire, take on a ~ to 2. to retrain; train ~s 3. to organize, unionize ~s. to dismiss, fire, sack (colloq.) a ~; lay off a ~ (temporarily or permanently), to make a ~ redundant (as by eliminating the worker's job) (BE) 5. an assiduous, diligent, efficient, good, hard, indefatigable; key; meticulous ~; a fast ~ (also fig.: "one who succeeds fast with women") 6. an idle ~; poor; slow ~ 7. an assembly-line; blue-collar (esp. AE); construction; dock; factory ~ 8. an office; research; white-collar ~ 9. an immigrant; migrant; undocumented (AE) ~ 10. a full-time; part-time ~ 11. a skilled; unskilled ~ 12. (misc.) a social; welfare; youth ~; a sex ~ ("a prostitute"); a gang, group of ~s (see also miracle-worker at miracle)

workforce

n. 1. to cut (down), downsize, reduce; expand the ~ down an ageing; growing; productive;

shrinking ~ 3. a member of the ~ 4. among, in the ~ (there is great variation in skill among/in the ~) 5. throughout the ~ (there is dissatisfaction throughout/over the whole ~)

working hours

n. flexible; regular; staggered; unsocial (BE) ~ (during regular ~)

workings

n. the inner, internal ~

workman

n. see worker

workmanship

n. 1. conscientious, good, meticulous, sound; delicate, exquisite, fine ~ 2. poor, shoddy ~ 3. a standard of ~

workout

n. [exercise?] 1. to do, get, have; give a ~ 2. a daily ~ (she does a daily ~ with weights in a gym)

work out

v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with weights daily in a gym) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ for (everything ~d out just fine for us in the end; let’s try to work out the answer for ourselves) 3. (L) we ~ed out that she was probably lying 4. (Q) we ~ed out for ourselves how to proceed; we ~ed out why she was lying

workplace

at, in the ~ (to maintain harmony in the ~)

works

n. ["construction projects"] 1. to carry out, do ~ 2. road, public ~ (see also roadway) ["preparation"] (colloq.) 3. in the ~ ["operations"] 4. to gum up, mess up the ~ ["everything available"] (colloq.) 5. to give smb. the ~ ["misc."]; 6. ~ of art ~ artworks (see also work I n.)

workshop

n. ["working seminar"] 1. to conduct, hold a ~ 2. to participate in, take part in a ~ 3. a member of, participant in a ~ 4. a series of ~s (he participated in a series of Thomas Hardy ~s held last summer) 5. a ~ on (he participated in a series of ~s on Thomas Hardy held last summer)

workup n. ["series of tests"] (esp. AE) 1. to do a ~ (on) 2. a diagnostic ~

work up

v. 1. (d; refl., tr.) ("to excite") to ~ into (he ~ed himself up into a rage) 2. (d; refl., tr.) ("to incite") to ~ to (the orator ~ed the crowd up to a fever pitch) 3. (misc.) she ~ed her way up to the top; she ~ed her way up through the ranks; he finally ~ed up the courage to ask for a promotion; he ~ed himself up about/over a mere trifle (see also worked up)

world

n. ["earth"] 1. across, all over, through, throughout; around, round the ~ (to travel around the ~) 2. (misc.) to see the ~ ("to travel to many parts of the earth") (see also world-class at class I n.) ["area, part of the earth"] 3. the English-speaking; Arab; Free; known; New; Old; Third ~ (in the Third ~) ["domain, realm, sphere"] 4. the animal ~ 5. the academic; art; business; financial; literary; scientific ~ (a theory that divided/polarized/split the scientific ~) 6. the civilized; outside; real ~ (in the real ~) (see also world champion at champion; world championship at championship; the World Cup at cup; world leader at leader; world music at music; world record at record I n.; the World Series at series; world view at view I n.) ["period"] 7. the ancient; medieval; modern; post-modern ~ (there are many problems in the modern ~) ["life, being"] 8. to bring a child into the ~ 9. to come into the ~ 10. not long for this ~; the next ~ ("life after death") ["misc."] 11. the entire, whole ~; a closed ~; a different ~; living in a ~ of one’s own and not caring about the rest of the ~; dead to the ~; in an ideal ~; it makes a ~ of difference; out of this ~ ("remarkable"); ~s apart ("very far apart"); to live in a dream/fantasy ~ = to live in a ~ of dreams/fantasy; welcome to the Real World!; we meet again: isn’t it a small ~!; who in the ~ would do smt. like that?; what in the ~ is that?

worm

v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ into (how did they ~ their way into the meeting?) 2. (d; intr., tr.) to ~ out of (to ~ out of an obligation; to ~ information out of smb.) 3. (misc.) to ~ one’s way into smb.’s confidence

worried

adj. 1. unduly; very ~ 2. about (we were very ~ about smt. bad happening) 3. ~ to + inf. (we were ~ to think that smt. bad might happen) 4. ~ that + clause (we were ~ sick that smt. bad might happen) 5. (misc.) ~ sick; ~ to death

worry I

n. 1. to cause ~ 2. deep, serious; groundless; growing, increasing, mounting ~ (the news came amid mounting ~ries that the pound was weakening against the euro) 3. financial ~ries 4. ~ about, over (our constant ~ about smt. bad happening) 5. a ~ to (some children are a (great) ~ to their
worry II

v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ about, over (they ~ about you; we ~ed about smt. bad happening; to ~ over trifles) 2. (L) we ~ that smt. bad might happen 3. (R) it ~es me sick (to think) that smt. bad might happen 4. (misc.) not to ~ (not to ~: it’s only a trifle!)

worse adj. none the ~ (you’ll be none the ~ for hav-
wriggle v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ out of (he ~d out of my grip) 2. (s) to ~ free, loose

writing v. 1. (d; tr.) (“to extract”) to ~ from, out of (the police finally succeeded in ~ing a confession from the prisoner) 2. (N; used with an adjective) (“to squeeze”) to ~ a towel dry

wrinkle n. [“crease”] 1. to make a ~ 2. to iron out, press out ~s 3. ~s appear (~s around the eyes often appear with advancing age) (“innovation”) (colloq.) 4. the latest, newest ~ in (the latest ~ in marketing home computers)

wrists n. 1. to break, fracture; sprain one’s ~ 2. around, of, on (~s around the wrist)

write v. 1. (“to form letters”) to ~ illegibly; legibly 2. (“to compose and send”) she wrote a letter to me; or: she wrote me a letter 3. (“to compose”) she wrote a recommendation for me; or: he wrote me a recommendation 4. (d; intr.) to ~ about, of, on (“to describe”) (to write about/of the war) 5. (D; tr.) to ~ about (“to compose about”) (she wrote a book about her experiences) 6. (D; intr.) (“to be a writer” to ~ for (she ~s for popular magazines) 7. (d; intr.) to ~ for (“to request”) (she wrote for a recommendation; she wrote to me for a recommendation; AE also has: she wrote for a recommendation) 8. (d; intr.) to ~ to (“to compose and send a letter to”) (he ~s to her every day; AE also has: he ~s her every day) 9. (D; tr.) to ~ to (“to compose for”) (to ~ the words to a song) 10. (d; intr.) (“to order, command”) to ~ to + to + inf. (she wrote to us) to come home 11. (H; no passive) (AE) (“to order, command”) she wrote us to come home 12. (L; to: may have a personal object in AE) (“to inform”) she ~wrote to us/wrote us (AE) that we should come home 13. (Q; to: may have an object in AE) (“to inform”) she ~wrote to us/wrote us (AE) when we should come home 14. (misc.) she ~s home every week; she ~s extensively and publishes many books; his part was written out of the script; I ~ with a pen; she ~s poetry in French

write away v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ for (the children wrote away to the company) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ to (the children wrote off to the company) 3. (D; tr.) to ~ as (he was written off as a has-been)

write out v. 1. (A) she wrote out a receipt to me; or: she wrote me out a receipt 2. (C) she wrote out a receipt for me; or: she wrote me out a receipt

writer n. 1. a free-lance; screen; sports ~ 2. a hack; professional ~ 3. a prolific ~ 4. a ~ about, on (a ~ about/on the war) 5. a ~ for (she is a ~for popular magazines)

write-up n. (colloq.) [“account, review”] 1. to do a ~ (as of a book/play/concert) 2. to get, receive; have a ~ 3. a complimentary, favorable, glowing, good, positive, rave; critical; negative, unfavorable ~ (the play got/had rave ~s from the critics = the critics gave the play rave ~s)

write up v. (D; tr.) to ~ for (to ~ a story for a newspaper; to ~ smb. up for a decoration)

write the v. (D; intr.) to ~ in (to ~ in pain)

writing n. 1. to decipher smb.’s ~ 2. cuneiform; currive; hieroglyphic; picture ~ 3. illegible; legible ~ 4. creative; travel ~ 5. a piece of ~ 6. (misc.) to have smt. in ~; to put smt. in ~; in ~; to see the ~ on the wall (CE; for AE, see handwriting n.) (“to foresee impending doom”) (we saw the ~ on the wall for the international monetary system = the ~ was on the wall for the international monetary system) (see also writing paper at paper I n.; writings)

writing paper n. personalized ~

writings n. [“written works”] 1. collected; selected ~ 2. scientific ~ (her latest scientific ~ appeared in a recent journal)

wrong I adj. 1. all, completely, dead (colloq.), quite, totally ~ 2. morally ~ 3. ~ about (to be ~ about smt./smb.) 4. ~ in (I was ~ in disregarding your advice) 5. ~ with (what’s ~ with her?) 6. ~ to + inf. (it was ~ of them to gossip = they were ~ to gossip; I was ~ to disregard your advice; it is ~ to lie) 7. ~ that + clause (it’s ~ that they should be treated so badly) 8. (misc.) everything went (all) ~; she is the ~ person for the job = she is ~ for the job; don’t get me ~ : I’m really on your side! USAGE NOTE: The expression what’s wrong ? can express sympathy; what’s wrong with you ? is often critical.

wrong II adv. to do smt. ~

wrong III n. 1. to do (smb.) ~ 2. to forgive; redress, right, undo a ~ 3. a grievous; irreparable ~ 4. in the ~ (she was in the ~ when she accepted = she was in the ~ to accept) 5. (misc.) two ~s do not make a right; to know right from ~ = to know the difference between right and ~; the rights and ~s (I’m not interested in the rights and wrongs of the case: let’s forget the whole thing!)

wrought up adj. [“upset, worked up”] (colloq.) ~ about, over (he got himself all ~ about/over a mere trifle)
X

**X ray** *n.* 1. to do, make, take an ~ (of) (the physician decided to take an ~ of my back) 2. to interpret, read an ~ (the radiologist will read your ~ before you leave) 3. to get, have an ~ (of) 4. to go for an ~ (of) 5. a chest ~ = an ~ of one’s chest 6. an ~ indicates, reveals, shows (see also X-ray machine at machine)

**xylophone** *n.* 1. to play the ~ 2. (misc.) ~s are played by hitting their keys with mallets
Y

Y n. (= YMCA, YWCA, YMHA, YWHA, which are abbreviations of Young Men’s or Women’s Christian or Hebrew Association) at the ~ (they are staying at the ~)

yacht n. 1. to board, get on, get on board (a) ~. 2. to disembark from, get off a ~. 3. to navigate; sail, steer a ~. 4. a ~ of docks; goes, sails 5. the bow; stern of a ~. 6. a ~ from; to 7. by ~. 8. aboard, on a ~ (they spent the summer on their ~) (see also yacht club at club I n.)

yammer v. (colloq.) (D; intr.) to ~ about; for

yank I n. [*tug*] (colloq.) to give a ~ at; on

yank II v. (colloq.) 1. (D; intr.) (“to tug”) to ~ about; for

yard I n. ["unit of measurement"], a cubic ; square ~

yard II n. ["enclosed area"] a barnyard (esp. AE), farmyard; brickyard; coalyard; dockyard (BE), navy ~ (AE); dooryard (AE); graveyard; junkyard (esp. AE), scrapyard (AE); lumberyard (AE); timberyard (BE); prison; railroad (AE), railway (BE); schoolyard (esp. AE), shipyard ("When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom’d" – Walt Whitman, 1865 (on Lincoln’s death)) USAGE NOTE: In BE, a plot of land adjoining a house is called a garden if grassy (a back garden, a front garden) or a yard if paved (a backyard, a front yard). In AE, such a plot is called a yard whether grassy or paved; a large grassy plot can also be called a garden.

yardstick n. ["standard"] 1. to adopt a ~ – 2. to apply a ~ to. 3. to a reliable, useful, valid ~ 4. a ~ for (adopt a ~ for measuring academic success) 5. against a ~ (adopt a ~ against which to measure academic success) 6. by a ~ (by which ~ do you propose to measure academic success?)

yarn n. [*fiber*] 1. to make, spin; wind ~ 2. to snarl, tangle; unsnarl, untangle ~ 3. coarse ; fine ; thick; thin ~ 4. wool(en); worsted ~ 5. a ball; hank; length; piece; skein of ~ 6. in ~ (there’s a tangle in the ~) [*tale, story*] (colloq.) 7. to spin, tell a ~ about

yawn I n. 1. to give a ~ (she gave a big ~ when she heard our story) 2. to stifle, suppress a ~ 3. a big; loud ~ 4. with a ~ (she greeted our story with a big ~)

yawn II v. 1. to ~ loudly 2. to ~ at (she ~ed at our story)

year n. 1. to spend a ~ (somewhere) 2. a banner (AE), good; happy; healthy; memorable; peak, record; profitable ~ (our firm had a very profitable ~; their team had a good ~) 3. a bad, lean ~ – 4. smb.’s formative; golden ~ 5. every; last; next; this ~ 6. the coming; current; past ~ 7. an academic; school; calendar ~ (see also gap year at gap) 8. an election; presidential (US) ~ 9. a jubilee; sabbatical ~ 10. a financial (esp. BE), fiscal (esp. AE); tax ~ 11. a common; leap ~ 12. a light; sidereal ~ 13. a lunar; solar ~ 14. early; future; past; recent ~s 15. a ~ from (now/today) ~. 16. by the ~ (to be paid by the ~) 17. by ("before or in") a ~ (by the ~ 2050, the population in many countries will have doubled) 18. during the ~. 19. for a ~ (they went abroad for a ~) 20. for, in (esp. AE) ~s (they have not been here for/in ~s) 21. in a ~, in a ~’s time (BE) (we can finish the job in a ~; they’ll be back in a ~) 22. in a (certain) ~ (he died in the ~ of the great flood; in future ~; in ~ to come; in past ~s) 23. (misc.) ~ after ~; all ~ long; once a ~; in ~ out; the first time in (esp. AE), for (BE) a ~; she is five ~s old; light ~ away; for ~ to come; ~up to/untill ~; last ~; children of tender ~; she had three ~s of college; donkey’s ~ (BE) ("a long time"); from the ~ dot (BE, colloq.), from the ~ one ("from a time long ago") (see also New Year)

yearn v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ for (I ~ed for the return of peace) 2. (E) she ~ed to return home; I ~ed for peace to return

yearning n. 1. to express; feel, have a ~ for 2. a secret; strong ~ 3. a ~ for peace to return; she has a ~ to return home

yelp I n. [*mouth*] (colloq.) to shut one’s ~

yell II v. 1. (D; intr.) to ~ for help) 5. (D; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with pain / terror) 6. (E) she ~ed at / to us) that the house was on fire; “Stop making noise!” she ~ed (at/to the children) 8. (N; refl. ; used with an adjective) (she ~ed herself hoarse) 9. (misc.) she was ~ing at the top of her voice

yellow I adj. 1. to give, let out a ~ (to let out a ~ of delight) 2. a bloodcurdling; ear-piercing, loud; high-pitched, shrill; rebel ~ (he let out a loud ~ of terror)

yellow II n. 1. to ~ hysterically; loudly; shrilly; to ~ in pain/terror 2. (B) she ~ed a few words to the children 3. (D; intr.) to ~ at; for (she ~ed at the children for making noise) 4. (d; intr.) to ~ for (to ~ for help) 5. (D; intr.) to ~ with (to ~ with pain/terror) 6. (E) she ~ed at/for/to the children to stop making noise 7. (L; to) she ~ed (at/to us) that the house was on fire; “Stop making noise!” she ~ed (at/to the children) 8. (N; refl. ; used with an adjective) (she ~ed herself hoarse) 9. (misc.) she was ~ing at the top of her voice

yeast I n. brewer’s ~

yez I n. 1. to give, let out a ~ (to let out a ~ of delightful) 2. a bloodcurdling; ear-piercing, loud; high-pitched, shrill; rebel ~ (he let out a loud ~ of terror)
**yen** *n.* ["desire"] (colloq.) 1. to have a ~ for (she had a ~ for a hamburger) 2. a ~ to + inf. (she had a ~ to have a hamburger)

**yen II** *n.* 1. a falling; rising; strong; weak ~ (the international markets experienced difficulties with the falling ~) 2. (misc.) the dollar was strong against the ~

**yes** *n.* ["positive response"] 1. to answer; say; vote Yes 2. a definite, emphatic, resounding ~ 3. (a) ~ to (a request) 4. (misc.) all I want is a simple Yes or No; to say No but (really) mean Yes (see also a Yes vote at vote I *n.*)

**yield** *I n.* ["earnings"] 1. to produce a ~ 2. the current ~ (of an investment) 3. an annual ~ 4. a high; low ~

**yield II** *v.* 1. (B) I ~ed the right of way to the other driver 2. (D; intr.) to ~ to (they finally ~ed to our demands; to ~ to temptation) (see also yield the floor at floor)

**yoga** *n.* to do, practice ~

**yoke** *I n.* ["harness framework"] 1. to put a ~ on (oxen) (see also a yoke of oxen at ox) ["servitude, bondage"]

2. to cast off, throw off the ~ (of bondage) 3. a foreign ~ 4. under a (foreign) ~

**yoke II** *v.* 1. (D; tr.) to ~ to (to ~ oxen to a cart; to ~ one ox to another) 2. (misc.) to ~ oxen together

**young** *I adj.* 1. ~ at heart 2. ~ in spirit 3. (misc.) she’s 80 years ~! (used for special effect); she looks (too) ~ to be his mother; in fact, she looks ~ enough to be his daughter!

**young II** *n.* ["offspring of an animal"] 1. to bring forth ~ (wild animals bring forth their ~ in the wilderness) 2. with ~ ("being a pregnant animal")

**yours** *pronoun* 1. (in the complimentary close of a letter) Yours faithfully (esp. BE), Yours sincerely, Yours truly (AE) 2. (colloq.) ~ truly ("I myself, I personally") (I don’t know about you guys, but as for ~ truly, I could murder a pizza!) 3. Sincerely ~ (AE) USAGE NOTE: At the end of letters, the following combinations can occur ~ Yours (esp. BE; informal); Yours ever (BE; friendly); Yours faithfully (esp. BE); Yours sincerely; Sincerely yours (AE); Yours truly (AE); Very truly yours (AE); AE also commonly uses Sincerely. In BE, Yours faithfully typically ends a letter beginning Dear Sir/Madam/Colleague(s); Yours sincerely typically ends a letter beginning Dear Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr/Prof Smith.

**youth** *n.* ["young age"] 1. to spend one’s ~ (she spent her ~ traveling) 2. early; first; flaming; gilded ~ (she’s well past her first ~) 3. during, in; from, since smb.’s ~ (she’s traveled from/since her earliest ~; things were very different in my ~!) ["adolescent male, young man"] (now typically derog.) 4. a gang of ~s ["male and female young people collectively, typically as specified"] 5. the ~ of today = today’s ~; what future for America’s/American ~? (see also youth club at club I *n.*; youth culture at culture; youth worker at worker) USAGE NOTE: When youth is used of a young man, the young man in question is nowadays one more likely to give cause for worry than cause for hope: I was mugged by a gang of unruly youths but helped by a group of nice young lads. However, in former times this sense of youth could be used freely in neutral or favorable contexts: “When Duty whispers low, Thou must, The ~ replies, I can.” – R.W. Emerson (1803–82), “Voluntaries”
zap v. (colloq.) (P; intr., tr.) she ~ped the incident out of her memory (esp. AE); I ~ped through the exam
zeal n. 1. to demonstrate, display, show ~ 2. great; excessive ~ 3. evangelical; missionary; religious; righteous ~ 4. ~ for (to show ~ for one’s project) 5. the ~ to + inf. (does she have enough ~ to finish the project?) 6. in one’s ~ (in her ~ to finish the project, she made many blunders) 7. with ~ (she worked with great ~ to finish the project)
zealot n. a religious ~
zealous adj. ~ about, in
zebra n. a herd of ~
zeenith n. 1. to attain, reach a ~ 2. at a ~ (at the ~ of their power)
zero n. 1. absolute ~ 2. above; below ~ (it was five degrees below ~ Fahrenheit) (see also zero grav-

ity at gravity; ground zero; zero growth & zero population growth at growth; zero hour at hour; 
zero tolerance at tolerance)
zero in v. (d; intr.) (“to concentrate, to home in”) to ~ on (to ~ on a target; they all ~ed in on me)
zest n. 1. to add ~ to 2. boundless; flagging; great; renewed; youthful ~ 3. (a) ~ for (a ~ for life) 4. with (great) ~
zigzag I n. to make a ~
zigzag II v. (P; intr.) the road ~s across the county
zip I (BE), zipper (AE) n. 1. to do up, fasten, zip up a ~ 2. to undo, unfasten, unzip a ~ 3. a ~ gets stuck
zip II v. (P; intr.) they ~ped past us
zodiac n. the signs of the ~
zone I n. 1. to establish, set up a ~ 2. a climatic; frigid; temperate; torrid ~ 3. a buffer; combat; communications; demilitarized; drop; Euro-zone; military; neutral; no-fly; no-go; occupation; resi-
dential; war ~ 4. a danger; nuclear-free; safety; security ~ 5. a no-parking; no-passing; school; towaway ~ 6. a postal; time ~ 7. an erogenous ~ (of the body) 8. in a ~ ; in the ~ (colloq.) (the tennis player felt he was in the ~ and couldn’t lose) 9. (misc.) a twilight (“transitional”) ~
zezone II v. 1. (d; tr.) to ~ as (they ~d the area as residential) 2. (d; tr.) to ~ for (this area has been ~d for residential use)
zoning n. exclusionary (esp. AE); residential ~
zoo n. 1. at, in a ~ (she works at the ~; wild animals are well cared for in our ~) 2. (misc.) a person who manages a ~ is a zookeeper (see also zoo animal at animal)
zoom in v. (d; intr.) to ~ on (the cameras all ~ed in on me)
Using the BBI

A workbook with exercises
for the BBI Combinatory Dictionary of English
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Explanatory material and illustrative exercises are organized into six basic Units. The seventh Unit consists of missing-word exercises, that is doze-type exercises, in which collocating words can be inserted, where appropriate, into larger texts. This Unit gives practice in using a whole range of BBI collocations in connected discourse. A Postscript offers a handy step-by-step procedure for finding collocations in the BBI. Answers to the exercises in all seven Units are included separately.

This Workbook is intended to complement the BBI’s own Preface and detailed Introduction. The Workbook can be used for both classroom instruction and independent study.
How entries are structured in the BBI
A visual guide

appointment n. ["agreement to meet"] 1. a follow-up; outpatient – 2. to have; keep; give, make, schedule an – (with) (the hospital gave me a follow-up outpatient – with their cardiologist) 3. to break; cancel; miss an – 4. by – (she sees patients by – only) 5. an – to + inf. (she had an – to see the dean) "selection" 6. to confirm; make an – 7. to block an – 8. an – to (we announced her – to the committee) "position" 9. an – as 10. to offer an – (we offered her an – as treasurer) 11. to have, hold; receive an – 12. an interim; permanent; temporary – 13. a political – "designation" 14. by – to Her Majesty

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8. a – gains time; goes, runs; keeps time; loses time; runs down; says the time, shows the time, tells the time (BE), tells time (AE); stops; ticks 9. a – strikes the hour 10. the dial; face; hands of a – 11. (misc.) to watch the – ("to wait impatiently for the end of the working day"); to work around the – ("to work without rest"); to work against the – ("to strive to meet a deadline"); the – ran out ("the allotted time expired"); to stop the – ("to suspend play in a game so that the clock stops running") (see also alarm clock)

concerned adj. 1. deeply, gravely, greatly; very – 2. about, for, over; with (~ about safety) 3. (esp. BE) – to + inf. (~ to know your decision) 4. – that + clause (she is ~ that there is still so much illiteracy; we are ~ that they might have missed the train) 5. (misc.) as far as I’m ~ USAGE NOTE: The phrases concerned about, concerned over, and, less frequently, concerned for mean “worried about” (concerned about your safety). The phrase concerned with means “interested in” (concerned with establishing the truth).
meat  n. 1. to barbecue; braise - broil (AE), grill; cook; cure; for - to cure ; stew - 2. to carve, cut; slice - 3. dark; red; white - 4. fatty; lean - 5. raw; tender; tough - 6. halal; kosher - 7. canned (AE), tinned (BE); fresh; frozen - 8. boned; chopped (AE), ground (AE); minced (BE); soup - 9. - goes back - spot; 10 a cut; joint; piece; slice of - if I'd like a couple of slices of your best cut of - , please) 11. (misc.) - off the bone; - on the bone

excited  adj. 1. - about, at, by, over (she got - about the news that they were coming) 2. - to + inf. (she was - to learn that they were coming) 3. - that + clause (she was - that they were coming)

come out  v. 1. (d; intr.) to - against ("to oppose") (to - against a proposal) 2. (d; intr.) to - for, in favor of ("to support") (to - for a proposal) 3. (d; intr.) to - for ("to try out for") (are you --ing out for the team?) 4. (d; intr.) to - with ("to make known; to publish") (to - with a new book; to - with the truth) 5. (d) it came out that he had cheated 6. (d; intr.) ("to end up, result") to - on top ("to be victorious") 7. (s) the pictures came out fine 8. (misc.) to - in spots ("to be covered with spots as a result of illness"); they came out from behind the bushes; she meant it as a compliment, but it came out as an insult; she finally came out openly as a liberal
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UNIT 1

Using the BBI

Exercise 1-A

An entry in the BBI tells you what part of speech the headword is. You can tell whether the headword is a noun, a verb, an adjective, an adverb, or a preposition.

Example

_v._ means this word is a verb

begin v. 1. (D : intr., tr.) to ~ as (to ~ as a clerk ; to ~ a new career as a teacher) 2. (d : intr., tr.) to ~ at (prices ~ at five dollars ; they began the bidding at fifty dollars) 3. (D : intr. ; tr.) to ~ by, with (they began the meeting) by saying a prayer ; or : they began the meeting with a prayer ; let’s ~ with you) 4. (d ; intr.) to ~ on (they began on a new case) 5. (E) she began to work 6. (G) she began working 7. (misc.) to ~ with (to ~ with, let’s consider climate change) ; “To ~ at the beginning” – Dylan Thomas, Under Milk Wood (1954)

Find the part of speech for the following headwords in the BBI. Write _noun_, _verb_, _adjective_, _adverb_, or _preposition_ in the space provided. If there is more than one entry for a word in the BBI, list the parts of speech for all the entries. (Note that the BBI lists ‘homographs – different words with the same spelling – with the help of Roman numerals. For example, _count I_ is a noun and _count II_ is a verb. The order of homographs is _adjective_, _adverb_, _noun_, _verb_. If you find homographs in this exercise, list the parts of speech for all of them.)

1 commercial ___________________ 7 overboard ___________________
2 edgy ________________________ 8 incongruous __________________
3 lawsuit ______________________ 9 fine _________________________
4 avail ________________________ 10 likewise ____________________
5 possum ______________________ 11 awry ______________________
6 tease _________________________ 12 zipper _____________________
Exercise 1-B

To save space, the swung dash (~) replaces the headword within entries in the BBI.

Example

pose II v. 1. (d; intr.) to ~ as (“to pretend to be”) (to ~ as an expert) 2. (D; intr.) to ~ for (“to serve as a model for”) (to ~ for an artist) (see also to ~ a threat to smh. / smt. at threat)

Replace the swung dash with the headword in the following entries. The first one is done for you.

1 positive adj. ~ about

   positive about

2 possum n. (colloq.) to play ~

3 restrict v. (D; refl., tr.) ... the chair ~ed discussion to items on the official agenda

4 go forward v. (d; intr.) ('to proceed') ... to ~ with one's plans

5 angle II v. (d; intr.) to ~ for ('to try to obtain') (she was ~ing for an invitation)

6 jet I n. to fly, pilot a ~

7 plunge I n. ['risk'] (colloq.) to take the ~

8 pneumonia n. 1. to come down with, contract, develop ~ 2. bronchial, viral ~

9 subversion n. to engage in ~

10 subject I adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ to (~ to change)
subpoena n. 1. to issue a ~ 2. to serve a ~ on 3. a ~ to + inf. (he received a ~ to appear in court in two weeks)

11 cousin n. 1. a first; second ~; a first ~ once removed 2. a ~ to (she is a first ~ to the count)
3. (colloq.) kissing (‘friendly’) ~

Exercise 1-C

In the BBI, synonyms (or near synonyms) are listed in a series and separated by a comma (,). When non-synonymous collocations are given in the same series they are separated by a semicolon (;). (Note that the swung dash is not repeated in a series.)

Examples

resistance n. 1. to offer, put up ~ 2. to break down, crush, overcome, overpower, put down, smash, wear down ~ 3. to arouse, come up against, give rise to, stir up ~; encounter, face, meet, meet with, run into ~ 4. bitter, determined, fierce, stiff, strong, stubborn, unyielding, valiant ~ 5. armed ; nonviolent, passive ; sporadic ; spotty ; token ; weak ~ 6. ~ hardens, stiffens 7. ~ crumbles ; wanes, weakens 8. ~ to (~ to a disease ; to new taxes) 9. against, despite, in spite of (the) ~ (we adopted the resolution despite the ~ of the other party) 10. (misc.) a pocket of (isolated) ~ ; the line / path (AE) of least ~; her ~ was low and she came down with a severe cold

The comma means that to offer resistance and to put up resistance are synonyms.

answerable adj. ~ for ; to (politicians are ~ to the voters for their actions)

The semicolon means that answerable for and answerable to are not synonyms.

In the following pairs of collocations, some pairs are synonymous and some are not. Look up the words IN CAPITALS in the BBI and determine which pairs are synonymous, then write Synonymous or Not synonymous in the space provided.

1 a brilliant ACHIEVEMENT
a magnificent ACHIEVEMENT

2 give ADVICE
offer ADVICE
3 manage a BAR
run a BAR

4 edit a MANUSCRIPT
revise a MANUSCRIPT

5 pay off a DEBT
write off a DEBT

6 nod one’s HEAD
shake one’s HEAD

7 CONCERNED about
CONCERNED with

8 She has DIFFICULTY in breathing
She has DIFFICULTY breathing

9 a FIGHT about
a FIGHT for

10 MADE of wood
MADE out of wood

11 fill in an application FORM
fill out an application FORM

12 service ENTRANCE
side ENTRANCE

**Exercise 1-D**

Consult the Introduction to the BBI to determine the meaning of the following abbreviations. Write the meaning of the abbreviation in the space provided. The first one is done for you (Remember that the BBI also uses smb. ‘somebody’ and smt. ‘something’).

1 colloq. __________________________ colloquial

2 esp. ____________________________

3 inf. ____________________________
Exercise 1-E

The differences between British English and American English are marked in the BBI by the labels (BE) and (AE). If a word or collocation is common to both British and American English, it either has no label at all or, occasionally, it is marked as Common English (CE).

Example
different adj. 1. basically, completely, entirely, totally, widely; quite; radically; very ~ 2. ~ in (they are quite ~ in outlook ("their outlooks are quite different") 3. ~ from, than (esp. AE), to (BE) USAGE NOTE: Some purists consider only different from to be correct. Note that, as prepositions, from, than, to can all introduce full clauses (different from / than / to what we thought), but only than can, as a conjunction, become part of a clause (different than we thought).

This entry shows that different than is more characteristic of American English than of British English and different to is used in British English, but not in American English. However, different from is acceptable in both British and American English.

The following pairs of sentences have the same meaning. Look up the words IN CAPITALS in the BBI and determine which sentences are acceptable in British, American, or Common English, then write BE, AE, or CE in the space provided.

1 That SOUNDS a great idea.
   That SOUNDS like a great idea.

2 They are on WELFARE.
   They are on the DOLE.
3 He WRITES her every day.
   He WRITES to her every day.
4 She was ill and has been in HOSPITAL.
   She was ill and has been in the HOSPITAL.
5 They did a DEAL.
   They made a DEAL.
6 Half our money GOES for food.
   Half our money GOES on food.
7 She RECOMMENDED me a good dictionary.
   She RECOMMENDED a good dictionary to me.
8 Let’s go SOMEPLACE different.
   Let’s go SOMEWHERE different.
9 I’ll CATCH up to you later.
   I’ll CATCH you up later.
10 Do you need a RUBBER?
   Do you need an ERASER?
11 We had breakfast at a transport CAFE.
   We had breakfast at a truck STOP.
12 The OVERPASS crosses the TURNPIKE.
   The FLYOVER crosses the MOTORWAY.
UNIT 2
Collocations, free combinations, and idioms

Exercise 2-A

Collocations are phrases which are regularly repeated, come readily to mind, and are relatively fixed. Examples of collocations are ride a bicycle, confirmed bachelor, and tall building. The meaning of a collocation typically reflects the meanings of its individual words.

Free combinations are phrases such as buy a bicycle, wealthy bachelor, and new building. These combinations of words are not fixed and are not regularly repeated. The BBI does not normally show free combinations.

In each of the following pairs of sentences, the words in italics are a free combination in one sentence and are a collocation in the other. Look up the word IN CAPITALS in the BBI to determine which sentence contains the collocation. Write Collocation or Free combination in the space provided.

Examples
Can you give me a concrete EXAMPLE?

Collocation
That’s a good EXAMPLE.

Free combination

The BBI contains the following entry for example:

example n. 1. to cite, give, provide an ~ 2. to be, serve as, set an ~ (for) 3. to make an ~ of 4. to follow smb.’s ~ 5. a classic ; concrete ; extreme ; glaring, striking ; illustrative ; impressive ; inspiring ; perfect ; prime, shining ; textbook ; typical ~ 6. an ~ for, to 7. for ~ 8. (misc.) to lead by (personal) ~

Note: the BBI entry contains concrete example but not good example. So concrete example is the collocation, while good example is a free combination.

1 We received bitter COMPLAINTS about the service.

We have had no recent COMPLAINTS about the service.

2 The first prize in our competition is an expensive DICTIONARY.

I need a bilingual DICTIONARY to help me with that translation.
3 Teachers are not allowed to *hit* CHILDREN.

Unfortunately, our plans have *hit* a SNAG.

4 The people *NEED* food *badly*.

They *NEED* the food *now*.

5 The programmers must *debug* this PROGRAM before we can use it on our computers.

We *bought* a new PROGRAM for the office computer.

6 The police *filed* a REPORT about the demonstration.

Unfortunately, the office has *lost* your REPORT.

7 She *committed* SUICIDE.

Most people in our country *detest* SUICIDE.

8 Do you need a license to *operate* a TRACTOR?

You don’t need a license to *sell* a TRACTOR.

9 They never officially *declared* WAR.

Many people *hated* the WAR and tried to stop it.
May I borrow your WATCH?

Set your WATCH to the new time zone as soon as you board a transcontinental flight.

We took our children to the amusement PARK.

We went for a walk in the big PARK by the river.

The newspaper published some interesting EVIDENCE.

The newspaper published conclusive EVIDENCE.

Exercise 2-B

Idioms are phrases whose meaning does not reflect the meanings of the individual words. Examples of idioms are buy a pig in a poke, “accept or buy something without inspecting it,” and kick the bucket, “die.” Idioms are not usually included in the BBI; those common idioms that are included are listed under misc.

Look up the words IN CAPITALS in the following sentences in the BBI and decide which sentences contain collocations and which contain idioms. Write Collocation or Idiom in the space provided.

Examples

He really takes the CAKE.

Idiom

He really knows how to bake a CAKE.

Collocation

The BBI entry for cake contains the following:

cake n. 1. to bake, make ; cut ; frost (esp. AE), ice a ~ 2. a birthday ; wedding ~ 3. (a) chocolate ; Christmas (BE) ; coffee ~ ; fruitcake ; honey ; Madeira (BE), sponge ; marble ; pound ; white (AE) ~ 4. a layer ; upside-down ~ 5. a piece, slice of ~ 6. (misc.) a piece of ~ (“smt. very easy to do”) ; to take the ~ (“to be the best or worst” ; BE has also to take the biscuit) ; to go / sell like hot cakes (“to be bought up very quickly”)

The entry shows that bake a cake is a collocation (listed under 1.), but that take the cake is an idiom (listed under 6. misc.)
1 In this passage the writer makes an ALLUSION to his childhood.

2 We were ready to give up the plan but she breathed new LIFE into it.

3 People who object to this law have an AX to grind.

4 After the doctor performed a CEASAREAN SECTION, mother and baby were fine.

5 The U.N. has imposed an EMBARGO on arms sales.

6 Poor fellow! He put his FOOT in his mouth.

7 They HAVE it in for you.

8 The solution I propose will do the TRICK.

9 I invest my MONEY in stocks and bonds.

10 Is everything clear now? Do you get the PICTURE?

11 Are you calling our office to place an ORDER?

12 Our government wishes to lodge a PROTEST
UNIT 3
Noun collocations

Exercise 3-A

Noun collocations are types of collocations in which nouns appear. For example, our ambassador to Rome, an effort to succeed, a vow that we would help, on his advice, put up resistance, a formidable challenge, an alarm goes off, and a herd of buffalo are all noun collocations. Note that in some noun collocations the first word may be a noun used as an adjective. This construction is very common in English. House arrest, dialect atlas, tennis club, and jet engine are all examples of this type of noun collocation.

How do you find noun collocations in the BBI? When a collocation includes a noun, the collocation is given at the entry for that noun. When a collocation consists of two nouns, the collocation is given at the entry for the second noun. So you will find the collocation, jet engine, under engine and herd of buffalo under buffalo.

Use the BBI to find the noun collocation in each of the following sentences. Underline it and then, in the space provided, write the noun under which the collocation is listed.

Example
The crew prepared the space shuttle for launch.

shuttle

The noun collocation is space shuttle. This is given in the BBI under the second word, shuttle.

shuttle 1 n. [“vehicle used on an established route”] 1. to take a ~ 2. a space ~ 3. a ~ between

1 My friend and I met by accident.

2 The teacher asked several questions.

3 My brother drives an expensive car.

4 Her uncle was a chronic alcoholic.
5 Bees sometimes sting people.

6 The hikers came across a flock of sheep.

7 It was a pleasure to see my classmates again.

8 The story that he intends to resign is a hoax.

9 Professor Murray is an expert on folklore.

10 The students thought that the aptitude test was difficult.

11 The injured player was carried off on a stretcher.

12 The police solved the case.

Exercise 3-B

Each of the following sentences contains an incomplete noun collocation. Use the EBI to find the collocation and write the missing word in the space provided. If you add a verb, make sure that it is in the proper form.

Example
I don’t know how to operate/run/work this machine. I’m afraid you’ll have to teach me.

The entry for machine in the BBI gives the following list of collocations:

machine n. 1. to operate, run, use, work a ~ 2. to shut down a ~ 3. an adding, calculating ~ 4. an answering ; video-game ~ 5. a cash, money-access (AE) ; cigarette ; slot (BE), vending ~ 6. a composing, linotype, typesetting ; copy, copying, duplicating ; fax ~ 7. a heart-lung ; X-ray ~ 8. an earth-moving ; milking ; milling ; sanding ; sewing ; threshing ~ (see also washing machine ; washing-up machine) 9. a voting ~ 10. a mincing ~ (BE ; AE has meat grinder) 11. a fruit (BE) ; slot (AE) ; pinball ~ (to play a pinball ~) (BE also has pintable) 12. a party ; political ~ (I felt I was just a small cog in a well-oiled political ~) 13. a ~ functions, runs ; breaks down (see also machine tool at tool)
1 She was an adviser __________________ the prime minister.
2 The photograph is too small. Can you __________________ it?
3 The X-ray showed a fracture. The doctor had to __________________ the bone.
4 We spotted a __________________ of wild horses.
5 I cannot finish the payroll today. The computer has been __________________ all morning.
6 They acquired fluency __________________ three languages.
7 The ships were riding __________________ anchor.
8 He was feeling better. His new regimen of diet and exercise had finally __________________ effect.
9 This letter is a follow-up __________________ my telephone call.
10 He lost the key. He had to __________________ the door.
11 If an American president vetoes legislation, the Congress can __________________ the veto.
12 The problems are similar. We can __________________ a parallel between them.

Exercise 3-C

Of the following 12 sentences, five contain incorrect noun collocations. Use the BBI to identify the incorrect collocations. Then write the correct collocation in the space provided.

Examples
1 He drove his bicycle down the road.  
   __________________
   The BBI entry for bicycle lists ride a bicycle, but not drive a bicycle:
   bicycle n. 1. to pedal, ride a ~ 2. to get on, mount ; get off ; push, walk, wheel a ~ 3. an exercise, stationary ; racing ~ 4. by ~ (to go somewhere by ~)
2 The pilot flew the helicopter very skillfully.  
   Correct
   The BBI entry for helicopter lists the collocation fly a helicopter, so this sentence is correct.

1 Our publisher brought out 30 new books last year.
2 My friends sent hot greetings.
Exercise 3-D

The phrase in *italics* in each of the following sentences is a free combination that can be replaced by a noun collocation with a similar meaning. Use the BBI to rewrite the sentences using collocations.

**Example**

The newspaper *printed a bombshell.*

*The newspaper dropped a bombshell.*

The BBI entry for *bombshell* lists *drop a bombshell* as a collocation:

*bombshell* n. [“sensation”] to come as ; drop a ~ (the news she told us came as a ~ that she hadn’t intended to drop)

Thus the sentence with the collocation is *The newspaper dropped a bombshell.*
1. The story was printed in big headlines.

2. The government’s proposal has caused antagonism.

3. They lived in great poverty.

4. The argument ended our friendship.

5. The epidemic started about ten years ago.

6. Our university gave the mayor an honorary degree.

7. The fortune-teller interpreted my horoscope.

8. You shouldn’t have a dog in a small apartment.

9. I’m willing to accept a cut in salary if the new job is interesting.

10. We will have the conference in Tokyo.

11. The judge took away my hunting license for 12 months.

12. He produced a bibliography of articles relating to computer-assisted instruction.
UNIT 4

Adjective collocations

The BBI includes several types of collocations in which adjectives appear. *Fond of*, *ready to go*, *I'm glad that we finally met*, and *sound asleep* are all examples of adjective collocations.

How do you find an adjective collocation? When a collocation includes an adjective but no noun, the collocation is given in the BBI at the entry for the adjective. When a collocation includes a noun and an adjective, the collocation is given at the entry for the noun. For example, to find the collocation *fond of* look under the entry for *fond*; *ready to go* is found under *ready*; *I'm glad that we finally met* is under *glad*; and *sound asleep* is under *asleep*. However, *a rough estimate* is found under the entry for the noun *estimate*.

Exercise 4-A

Complete each sentence by selecting one of the two prepositions listed in parentheses.

Example
You are very good _____________ statistics (with, at)

The BBI lists several prepositions which collocate with *good*:

*good* adj. 1. any ; no ; very ~ (“is he any ~ at chess?” “I’m afraid he’s no ~ at chess at all!” ; it’s no ~ (you / your) protesting your innocence : no one believes you !) 2. ~ at, in (she is ~ at / in mathematics) 3. ~ for (exercise is ~ for you ; this ticket is ~ for a month) 4. ~ to (he is ~ to his parents) 5. ~ with (he is ~ with his hands) 6. ~ to + inf. (it’s no ~ (for you) to protest your innocence : no one believes you ! ; it’s ~ to be home again ; it was ~ of you to come) 7. ~ that + clause (it’s ~ that we’re home again ; it was that you came) 8. (misc.) for ~ (“for ever”) ; she is ~ about baby-sitting (“she doesn’t mind baby-sitting”) ; they made ~ their escape (“they succeeded in escaping”) ; so far so ~ ; as ~ as gold (“very good and esp. very obedient”) (the baby’s been as ~ as gold !) ; would you be ~ enough to help us ? = would you be so ~ as to help us ? ; she said she’d help us and she was as ~ as her word (“…and she kept her word”)

The structure of the example is closest to 2. in the BBI entry, so *at* (or *in*) is the correct preposition.

1. We are aware ___________________ his interest. (about, of)
2. He was infatuated ___________________ her. (to, with)
3. She was proud ___________________ her accomplishments. (for, of)
Exercise 4-B

Use the BBI to find the correct prepositions that will complete the collocations in the following sentences.

Example
I am fond of her.

The entry for fond in the BBI shows that it is always followed by of:

fond adj. (cannot stand alone) ~ of (she is very ~ of him)

1. My sister is allergic to wool.
2. The textbook was intended for beginners.
3. The students were well schooled in classical languages.
4. Her dissertation was replete with footnotes and statistics.
5. Our country is rich in natural resources.
6. The officials were deaf to our pleas for help.
7. Are you familiar with the details?
8. The boys were bent on doing mischief.
9. Political leaders should be sensitive to the needs of the people.
10. You should be conscious of the danger.
11. She's very well qualified to the job.

12. Collocations are different idioms.

**Exercise 4-C**

Some adjectives can be followed by to + infinitive, some by a that-clause, and others by either construction. Use the BBI to find which constructions can follow the adjectives below. Then write complete sentences beginning with the phrases given, adding the construction or constructions that can follow the given adjective.

**Examples**

1. We are ready to begin.
   - **ready** adj. 1. ~ for (for any emergency; we are for you to start) 2. ~ with (she is always with an answer) 3. ~ to + inf. (we are to start) 4. (misc.) to get smb. for; we made to repel the attack; we stand to do whatever we must; Ready, Aim, Fire!; ~ or not, here I come!; ~ when you are!; I’m ~, willing, and able to do it! USAGE NOTE: At the start of a race, the set phrases Ready, set, go! or Get ready, get set, go! or On your mark (AE) = marks (BE), get set, go! are used to competitors; the BE phrase Ready, steady, go! is fig.

2. It was clear that they would not come.
   - **clear** adj. 1. abundantly, perfectly; fairly; painfully ~ 2. (cannot stand alone) ~ about (are you ~ about the situation?; let’s get ~ about a few things) 3. ~ from (the answer is ~ from these facts) 4. ~ of (the roads were ~ of snow; to keep ~ of trouble) 5. ~ to (the situation is ~ to everyone; it was ~ to everyone that they would not come) 6. ~ that + clause (it was ~ that they would not come; the teacher made it ~ that discipline would be maintained) 7. (misc.) as ~ as crystal = crystal-clear (“perfectly clear”); as clear as mud (colloq.) (“not clear at all”); it is ~ why she came; it is not ~ how he was able to do it; it is not ~ whether they will attend; (as adv) the ball went ~ over my head (see also see one’s way (clear) at way)

3. She was proud to serve.
   - **proud** adj. 1. justly ~ 2. ~ of (~ of one’s children) 3. ~ to + inf. (will they be ~ enough to defend their principles?) 4. ~ that + clause (they are ~ that they defended their principles) 5. (misc.) to do smb. ~; as ~ as a peacock

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Exercise 4-D

Use the BBI to find an adverb that collocates with the adjectives in the following sentences.

Example
To be brutally/perfectly frank, I don’t think you’re the right person to do the job.

The entry for frank lists two adverbs, brutally and perfectly, that collocate with frank:

frank adj. 1. brutally, perfectly ~ (let’s be perfectly ~, to be perfectly ~; to be ~ with you, I don’t think your plan will work) 2. ~ about; with (she was ~ with us about everything)

1 These companies are ___________________ competitive with each other.

2 The Tokyo area is ___________________ populated.

3 They were ___________________ addicted to drugs. They needed help.

4 With her training and experience, she was ___________________ qualified for the position.

5 It is ___________________ cold this morning.

6 The ground was frozen ___________________.

7 When he came out of the shower, he was ___________________ wet.

8 We will do everything that is ___________________ possible.

9 Your discovery is a ___________________ interesting one.

10 He ran across the stage ___________________ naked.

11 My mother is a ___________________ educated woman.

12 You should be ___________________ ashamed of yourself.
Exercise 4-E

Of the following 12 sentences, five contain incorrect adjective collocations. Use the BBI to identify the incorrect collocations. Then write the correct collocation in the space provided.

Examples

1. We are highly aware of the dangers.

We are keenly / painfully / very much aware of the problem

The BBI entry for aware lists keenly aware, painfully aware, and very much aware, but not *highly aware:

 aware adj. (usu. cannot stand alone) 1. acutely, all too, keenly, only too, painfully, very (much), well ~ 2. dimly, hardly ~ 3. ~ of (they were only too well ~ of the harmfulness of smoking) 4. ~ that + clause (they were only too well ~ that smoking is harmful) USAGE NOTE: The adjective aware can be used without a following of or that-clause when it is preceded by such an adverb as politically: a politically aware person who knows what all the candidates stand for.

2. Don’t be cruel to animals.

Correct

The BBI entry for cruel lists the collocation cruel to, so this sentence is correct.

1. You should not be pessimistic about your prospects.

2. Bob was easy to please.

3. Sally was easy pleasing.

4. It was great to see everyone again.

5. It was great seeing all of you again.

6. Their behavior was greatly provocative.
7 Remaining silent was tantamount of giving consent.

8 He was incapable of giving an intelligent answer.

9 They are eligible voting.

10 They are busy cleaning their room.

11 He got himself all worked up over a trifle.

12 She was angry againts everyone.
UNIT 5

Verb collocations

The treatment of verb collocations in the BBI is based on the 19 verb patterns described in the Introduction. In addition to these 19 verb patterns, the BBI also shows lexical collocations consisting of a verb + adverb of manner such as argue heatedly and struggle desperately.

How do you find verb collocations? Lexical verb collocations consist of an adverb and a verb: they argued heatedly, the incident affected him deeply. Grammatical verb collocations consist of a verb and preposition or of a verb and grammatical construction: the bill came to twenty pounds, she bought a book for me, she bought me a book, he began to write, they continued working, I consider him (to be) competent, we bet him ten dollars, etc.

Some collocations are given in the BBI at two different entries. An example is the collocation break the news (to somebody). It is given as a noun collocation at the entry for the noun news1 and also at the entry for the verb break II 1.

Exercise 5-A

In each of the following pairs of sentences, one sentence contains a verb collocation and the other sentence contains a noun collocation. Use the BBI to determine which is the noun collocation and which is the verb collocation. Underline the collocation and then, in the space provided, write Noun or Verb.

Examples

We will all benefit from your success. __________________ verb

Does your employer provide benefits with your job? __________________ noun

benefit from is listed in the BBI as a verb collocation:

benefit II v. (D ; intr. ; tr.) to ~ by, from (she ~ed from a good education, which ~ed her in many ways in later life ; will the rich ~ by / from the new tax laws ? = will the new tax laws ~ the rich ?)

while provide benefits is listed as a noun collocation:

benefits n. 1. to provide ~ 2. to collect ; reap ~ 3. to withhold ~ 4. disability ; health-care ; old-age ; retirement ; social-security ; strike ; survivors’ (AE) ; unemployment ; veterans’ ; welfare ; workers’ ~ (see also fringe benefits)

1 The demonstrators circulated a petition. ____________________________

They petitioned for a reduction of taxes. ____________________________
2  They filed a protest.  __________________________________________
   They protested against the lockout.  __________________________________________
3  The governor will release her from prison.  __________________________________________
   Her release from prison was delayed.  __________________________________________
4  People often spread gossip.  __________________________________________
   One should not gossip about one's colleagues.  __________________________________________
5  They can revoke our permit.  __________________________________________
   They will not permit us to leave.  __________________________________________
6  Bees swarm.  __________________________________________
   They always swarm around me.  __________________________________________
7  The new proposal raised doubts.  __________________________________________
   We doubt that they will attend.  __________________________________________
8  They had to pay a fine at customs.  __________________________________________
   They were fined for not declaring the perfume.  __________________________________________
9  We must answer for the loss.  __________________________________________
   They will never give us an answer.  __________________________________________
10 Our query did not evoke a response.  __________________________________________
    They responded by walking out.  __________________________________________
11 The meeting resulted in agreement.  __________________________________________
    The meeting produced very positive results.  __________________________________________
12 It angered me that they didn't come.  __________________________________________
    We didn't show our anger.  __________________________________________
Exercise 5-B

Of the following 12 sentences, six contain incorrect verb constructions. Use the BBI to identify the incorrect constructions. Then write the correct collocation in the space provided. Hint: Check which verbs do not accept the Dative Movement Transformation (Type B verbs).

**Examples**

1. The neighbors brought us some food.
   
   Correct
   
   The BBI entry for *bring* lists it as a Type A verb which accepts the Dative Movement Transformation, so this sentence is correct.

2. Mrs. Jones said us hello.
   
   **Mrs. Jones said hello to us**
   
   The BBI entry for *say* lists it as a Type B verb which does not accept the Dative Movement Transformation.

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1. He addressed us his comments.

2. They advanced us a month’s salary.

3. She sent him a book.

4. She revealed me a secret.

5. I lent them money.

6. The children handed her their work.

7. We offered his brother a great deal of money.
8  The doctor described us the facts.

9  The engineer presented them the plan.

10 You must submit us your application.

11 The commission reported the President their findings.

12 They awarded her the Nobel Prize for Literature.

**Exercise 5-C**

Of the following 12 sentences, only six are correct. The other six are incomplete and require the addition of prepositional phrases. Use the BBI to find the incorrect sentences and then complete them with an appropriate prepositional phrase. Hint: Check in the BBI which verbs are normally followed by a prepositional phrase (Type d verbs).

**Examples**

1  We will adhere to our plan

   The BBI entry for *adhere* 2. shows that it is coded with d. Thus, this verb must be followed by a prepositional phrase beginning with to.

2  They concurred correct

   The BBI entry for *concur* 2.,3. shows that it is coded with D. This means that this verb may stand alone without a prepositional phrase.

1  I referred the problem

2  They kept the book

3  We had to abide

4  Her remark meant nothing

5  The teacher frowned
6. Her eyes flashed

7. The facts pertained

8. They inveigled me

9. They promoted the captain

10. They based their argument

11. The committee consists

12. Our lawyers agreed

**Exercise 5-D**

Use the BBI to complete the following sentences with the correct form of the verb in parentheses. If two versions are possible, give both. Hint: Check in the BBI which verbs are followed by to + infinitive (Type E verbs), which are followed by -ing (Type G verbs), and which are followed by a bare infinitive without to (Type F verbs).

**Examples**

1. She decided ________ . (return)

   The BBI lists decide in this sense as a Type E verb, so it must be followed by to + infinitive.

2. A famous person cannot escape ________ . (be recognized)

   The BBI lists escape in this sense as a Type G verb, so it must be followed by -ing.

3. They must ________ harder. (work)

   The BBI lists must as a Type F verb, so it must be followed by the infinitive without to.

1. We choose ________________ at home. (remain)

2. Their representatives offered ________________ . (negotiate)

3. We dare not ________________ . (complain)

4. The children kept ________________ . (talk)

5. He risked ________________ . (be punished)

6. These workers expect ________________ soon. (retire)

7. Her husband faced ________________ to prison (go)

8. She plans ________________ her family. (visit)
9. I prefer ______________ in my office. (wait)

10. They enjoy _______________. (walk)

11. The house needs ______________. (paint)

12. You needn’t ______________ to work tomorrow. (come)

**Exercise 5-E**

Use the BBI to complete the following sentences with the correct form of the verb. If two versions are possible, give both. Hint: Check in the BBI which verbs are followed by an object and to + infinitive (Type H verbs); by an object and a bare infinitive (Type I verbs); by an object and -ing (Type J verbs); or by an object/possessive pronoun and -ing (Type K verbs).

**Examples**

1. I wanted him _____________. (go)
   - The BBI lists *want* in this sense as a Type H verb, so it must be followed by an object and to + infinitive.
   - *to go* / *going*

2. I watched him _____________. (go)
   - The BBI lists *watch* in this sense as both a Type I and a Type J verb, so both bare infinitive and -ing forms are possible.
   - *singing / his singing*

3. I remembered him ____________ that song. (sing)
   - The BBI lists *remember* in this sense as both a Type J and a Type K verb, so both object and -ing and possessive pronoun and -ing are possible.

**Exercise 5-E**

1. We saw them ______________ the house. (leave)

2. I kept her ______________ outside. (wait)

3. They advised her _______________. (resign)

4. He forced us ________________. (get up)

5. He made us _______________. (get up)

6. Can you imagine him ______________ that? (do)

7. They urged me _______________. (apply)

8. She expects you _______________. (help)
9  He could feel his heart __________________. (beat)

10  We found them ___________________. (rehearse)

11  Let the people __________________ the bus first. (get off)

12  I don’t recall you __________________ the computer. (turn off)

**Exercise 5-F**

Of the following 12 sentences, only seven are correct. The other five require the addition of an object. Use the BBI to identify the incorrect sentences and then rewrite them with an appropriate object. Hint: Check in the BBI to see which of these Type L verbs *may* have an object and which *must* have an object.

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1  I bet that our team will win.

2  My friend said that she would attend.

3  My friend told that she would attend
4 The dean informed that the examination had been postponed.

5 The experiment showed that our theory was correct.

6 The principal promised that a fire drill would be conducted.

7 They decided that they would remain at home.

8 I reminded that he would have to pay the bill.

9 We convinced that they should leave at once.

10 The government warned that it would take severe measures.

11 Their religion teaches that the way to overcome suffering is through understanding its causes.

12 The captain reassured that there was no damage to the plane.

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UNIT 6

Verb collocations (continued)

Exercise 6-A

In each of the following pairs of sentences, one sentence contains a verb that can be followed by an indirect object preceded by to. Use the BBI to identify the verbs which may be followed by an indirect object and add an appropriate phrase with to. Hint: Look for the verb pattern (L,to) in the BBI.

Examples

1. He confessed that he had lied.
   He confessed to us that he had lied.
   The BBI entry for confess contains the verb pattern (L,to), so an indirect object is possible here.
   confess v. 1. to ~ frankly, honestly; voluntarily, willingly 2. (B) he ~ed his crime to the police 3. (D ; intr.) to ~ to (to ~ to a crime ; to ~ to the police ; he ~ed to cheating on the exam ; he ~ed to having been bored by the opera) 4. (L ; to) he ~ed (to the police) that he had committed a crime ; I must ~ I was bored by the opera

2. We demanded that he help us.
   No change
   The BBI entry for demand shows that it is a Type L verb, but one which does not take an indirect object.
   demand II v. 1. (D ; tr.) to ~ from, of (to ~ an apology from smb.) 2. (E) she ~s to be kept informed of everything 3. (L ; subj.) she ~s that she be / should be kept informed of everything

1. They admitted that I was right.
   They agreed that I was right.

2. She believed that he would return.
   She hinted that he would return.
3 He boasted that he had committed a crime.

He realized that he had committed a crime.

4 She mentioned that she would be late.

She thought that she would be late.

5 The witnesses knew that they would tell the truth.

The witnesses swore that they would tell the truth.

6 He foresaw that prices would drop.

He said that prices would drop.

7 This document proves that you are telling the truth.

This document shows that you are telling the truth.

8 We move that an apology be printed on the front page.

We propose that an apology be printed on the front page.

9 She implied that she knew more than she was saying.

We inferred that she knew more than she was saying.

10 They are assuming that the bill will be defeated in the Senate.
They are suggesting that the bill will be defeated in the Senate.

11 He intimated that the manager would resign.

He hoped that the manager would resign.

12 I promise that my English will improve.

I vow that my English will improve.

**Exercise 6-B**

In six of the following 12 sentences, the infinitive to be may be inserted. Use the BBI to find which verbs collocate with to be, then rewrite those sentences with to be. Hint: Check the BBI to see whether the verbs are of Type M.

**Examples**

1. We consider her very well qualified.
   
   **We consider her to be very well qualified.**
   
   In the BBI, consider is listed as a Type M verb.

2. She dyed her hair red.
   
   **No change**
   
   However, dye is listed as a Type N verb, which does not allow to be. It is not listed as a Type M verb.

1. The children nicknamed her Tiny.

2. They found London a fascinating city.

3. We must presume her innocent.
4 Have you heard the aria sung in Italian?

5 The evidence proved him guilty.

6 We saw the play performed in New York.

7 They buried her alive.

8 The child licked the plate clean.

9 The medical board officially pronounced him unfit for service.

10 The patrol reported the fire burning out of control.

11 The Supreme Court declared the law unconstitutional.

12 Call me Terry.
Exercise 6-C

In seven of the following sentences, constructions with the prepositions to or for are possible. In the other five sentences, no such constructions are possible. Rewrite the sentences containing verbs that can take to or for. Hint: Check in the BBI for Type O verbs; they take two or more objects and cannot be followed by to or for. Type A verbs can be followed by to and Type C verbs can be followed by for.

Examples

1. She tipped the waiter five dollars.
   
   No change

   The BBI lists tip as a Type O verb, which cannot be followed by to or for.

   tip II v. 1. to ~ generously, handsomely, liberally 2. (O) I ~ped the waitress (five dollars)

2. She sent her mother two hundred dollars.
   
   She sent two hundred dollars to her mother.

   However, the BBI lists send in this sense as a Type A verb, which may be followed by to.

   send v. 1. (A) we sent the manuscript to her ; or : we sent her the manuscript ...

1. The children asked us a question.

2. The children sang us a song.

3. He owed his brother ten pounds.

4. He bet his brother ten pounds.

5. They envied us our new house.

6. They sold us our new house.

7. The police fined her twenty dollars.
8 The police offered her twenty dollars.

9 She baked me a cake.

10 He bought her a book.

11 I whacked him one on the nose.

12 I called him a taxi.

**Exercise 6-D**

In each of the following pairs of sentences, one sentence is incomplete. Use the BBI to identify the incomplete sentence and complete it by adding an adverbial. Hint: Check in the BBI for Type P verbs; they must be followed by an adverbial. Adverbials (including prepositional phrases) must also follow Type d verbs.

**Examples**

1 The enemy sneaked ____________________ through our lines

According to the BBI, sneak is a Type P verb, which must be followed by an adverbial:

sneak v. (P ; intr., tr.) they ~ed into the theater ; they ~ed their friends into the theater ; to ~ around in the bushes (see also sneak a glance at glance I n.)

2 The workers struck ____________________ No change

However, strike in the sense of ‘refuse to work’ is listed as a Type D intransitive verb, which does not need to be followed by an adverbial.

1 He carried himself
   He hated himself

2 She is doing
   She is succeeding
3 I stopped the car
I backed the car

4 The child dropped the books
The child put the books

5 The soldiers were advancing
The soldiers were inching

6 She bore herself
She deceived herself

7 I will lay the book
I will read the book

8 The thief lurked
The thief ran

9 The trunk fell
The trunk weighed

10 He scratched his head
He poked his head

11 The hikers tramped
The hikers marched

12 They saddled the horse
They saddled us
Exercise 6-E

In each of the following pairs of verb + adverb phrases, only one of the phrases is an acceptable collocation. Use the BBI to identify the acceptable collocations, then underline them. Note that the other phrase in each pair is generally unacceptable in ordinary usage.

Example

thank heavily
thank profusely

The BBI entry for thank cites thank profusely but not thank heavily:

thank v. 1. to ~ profusely ; sincerely 2. (D ; tr.) to ~ for (she ~ed me profusely for my help) 3. (H ; no passive) I’ll ~ you to make less noise in the future ! 4. (L ; must have an object) we can ~ you that we got there on time = we have you to ~ that we got there on time 5. (misc.) ~ you very much !

1 anchor firmly
2 appreciate forcefully
3 argue heatedly
4 protest highly
5 recommend highly
6 apologize highly

anchor potently
appreciate sincerely
argue mightily
protest vigorously
recommend deeply
apologize humbly

7 arrange tastefully
8 forbid categorically
9 invite vehemently
10 resent bitterly
11 turn sharply
12 appreciate highly

arrange strongly
forbid highly
invite cordially
resent wonderfully
turn deeply
appreciate deeply
Exercise 6-F

Use the BBI to fill in the blanks in this passage. If no word is needed, do not write anything.

When Mary decided to give a party, she invited us to come. We dropped her a line to let her know that we could accept her invitation. We looked forward (1) ______ to the party very much, and we put off our work (2) ______ the next week. When the first guests arrived, Mary was looking (3) ______ the window. The guests walked (4) ______ the living room. A few of them began (5) ______ look (6) ______ cold drinks. Several guests wanted (7) ______ dance; some knew (8) ______ to dance very well. At dinner, some of the guests gossiped (9) ______ people who were not there. It upsets me (10) ______ hear people gossip. Other guests spoke (11) politics. I spoke (12) ______ nobody; I was very hungry and was busy eating. Mary asked us (13) ______ come again next month. We assured (14) ______ that we would do so. We thanked Mary (15) ______ her hospitality and went home. We recommend Mary’s parties (16) ______ everyone very (17) ___________________.

Relaxing with friends at a party can help us (18) __________________ forget our problems.
UNIT 7

Supplementary exercises

Fill in the blanks in the following four exercises. If a verb is to be added, put it in the past tense. If no insertion is necessary, do not write anything.

**Exercise 7-A**

**A Day in Court**

Yesterday I attended a trial. The accused had been indicted (1) ________ larceny. Several years earlier he had been convicted (2) ________ fraud. He had two accomplices. One was charged (3) ________ possession of stolen goods. The other was accused (4) ________ obstructing justice. The trial was (5) ________ in a municipal court. An experienced judge (6) ________ the case. Six people served (7) ________ the jury. Citing lack of evidence, the defendant’s lawyer asked the judge to (8) ________ the case. When the judge refused, the lawyer (9) ________ a plea of not guilty. Several defense witnesses (10) ________ testimony. Witnesses must (11) ________ an oath to (12) ________ the truth. When witnesses lie (13) ________ oath, they (14) ________ perjury. The witnesses tried to (15) ________ a(n) (16) ________ alibi for the accused. The prosecutor then (17) ________ the same witnesses, trying to disprove the defendant’s alibi. Because of the (18) ________ publicity concerning the case, the judge decided to isolate, that is, to (19) ________ the jury. However, the jury very quickly (20) ________ a verdict of not guilty and filed back (21) ________ the courtroom. When the foreman of the jury (22) ________ the verdict, the accused shook hands (23) ________ his lawyer and congratulated him (24) ________ his successful defense. In our country juries often (25) ________ verdicts of not guilty.
Exercise 7-B

A Visit to the Doctor

I did not feel well and went to see the doctor. She asked me what was wrong. I explained

(1) (to) her that I (2) _______ a cold. The doctor did a physical examination, (3) _______ a diagnosis, and (4) _______ (a) medication. A pharmacist had to (5) _______ the prescription.

This medication is sold (6) _______ prescription (7) _______. She told me to (8) _______ the medication twice a day. The medication is reported to be very effective (9) _______ the common cold.

The doctor also (10) _______ me some advice. She said that I was allergic (11) _______ certain types of meat and should not eat them. She suggested that I (12) _______ a warm bath once a day in order to relax. She also urged me to (13) _______ calisthenics every morning and (14) _______ a long walk every afternoon.

Last year one of my friends was (15) _______ hospital. The doctor decided to (16) _______ an X-ray of his back. The nurses (17) _______ him an injection every day. The nurses were always friendly (18) _______ the patients. When my friend did not respond (19) _______ treatment, the doctor decided to (20) _______ several tests (21) _______ him. It was discovered that my friend had (22) _______ blood pressure or hypertension. He would have to (23) _______ a pill once a day and (24) _______ a low-salt diet. The doctor (25) _______ rounds every morning. She often (26) _______ jokes in order to make the patients laugh. When my friend recovered, he went back (27) _______ work. He wrote a letter (28) _______ the doctor in order to (29) _______ his gratitude (30) _______ her help.

Exercise 7-C

A Flight to London

We had to fly from New York to London. We bought the tickets (1) _______ our travel agent. The tickets were sold (2) _______ a discount. When we got (3) _______ the airport, we checked our suitcases (4) _______ to London. When we boarded the plane, we (5) _______ our seats and began to read some newspapers. They were full (6) _______ interesting news (7) _______ the
The latest happenings in Europe. After the plane took off and (8) ________ its cruising altitude, a meal was (9) ________ by the flight attendants. Then an excellent film was (10) ________ . After the film, we (11) ________ breakfast. When the plane (12) ________ in London, all passengers had to (13) ________ customs. We had nothing to declare (14) ________ customs. Then we (15) ________ a taxi to our hotel. We checked (16) ________ the hotel, went to our room, and (17) ________ our bags. Then we went to the restaurant, sat down, and asked the waiter to (18) ________ the menu. After some discussion, we (19) ________ our choice and (20) ________ our order. The food was delicious, and we (21) ________ the meal very much. When paying (22) ________ the dinner, we (23) ________, a generous tip for the waiter. I would recommend that restaurant (24) ________ anyone. We went back to our room, turned on the TV, and (25) ________ the news.

Exercise 7-D

My University Education

I first earned a bachelor’s degree in mathematics. As a student, I (1) ________ several courses (2) ________ calculus and did research (3) ________ number theory. I (4) ________ several papers at conferences and succeeded (5) ________ publishing a paper in a well-known journal. The editor of the journal showed keen interest (6) ________ my research. (7) ________ the strength of the published paper I was encouraged (8) ________ write up a longer report. The report (9) ________ a profound impression on several specialists (10) ________ my field who urged me to apply for a scholarship leading (11) ________ the Ph.D degree (12) ________ computer science. I hoped (13) ________ my published research could serve (14) ________ a basis for my future doctoral dissertation. After I complete my studies, I plan to marry the man (15) ________ whom I’m engaged.
Postscript

Having completed the Workbook, you can now identify the various types of English collocations. Keep in mind that collocations can be found in the BBI in accordance with the following algorithm, that is, step-by-step procedure:

If there is a noun in the collocation, look under the noun; if there are two nouns; look under the second; if there is no noun, look under the adjective; if there is no adjective, look under the verb.
Answers to exercises

Unit 1: Using the BBI

Exercise 1-A

(1) noun
(2) adjective
(3) noun
(4) noun, verb
(5) noun
(6) verb
(7) adverb
(8) adjective
(9) adjective, noun, verb
(10) adverb
(11) adjective, noun
(12) noun

Exercise 1-B

(2) to play possum
(3) the chair restricted discussion to items on the official agenda
(4) to go forward with one's plans
(5) to angle for ... (she was angling for an invitation)
(6) to fly, pilot a jet
(7) to take the plunge
(8) 1. to come down with, contract, develop pneumonia 2. bronchial; viral pneumonia
(9) to engage in subversion
(10) subject to (subject to change)
(11) 1. to issue a subpoena 2. to serve a subpoena on 3. a subpoena to + info (he received a subpoena to appear in court in two weeks)
(12) 1. a first; second cousin; a first cousin once removed 2. a cousin to (she is a first cousin to the count) 3. kissing cousins

Exercise 1-C

(1) Synonymous
(2) Synonymous
(3) Synonymous
(4) Not synonymous
(5) Not synonymous
(6) Not synonymous
(7) Not synonymous
(8) Synonymous
(9) Not synonymous
(10) Synonymous
(11) Synonymous
(12) Not synonymous
Exercise 1-D

(2) especially
(3) infinitive
(4) intransitive
(5) mathematics
(6) miscellaneous
(7) obsolete

(8) occasionally
(9) reflexive
(10) Subjunctive
(11) transitive
(12) usually

Exercise 1-E

(1) BE,CE
(2) AE,BE
(3) AE,CE
(4) BE,AE
(5) BE,CE
(6) CE, esp. BE

(7) BE,CE
(8) AE,CE
(9) AE,BE
(10) BE,esp. AE
(11) BE,AE
(12) AE,BE

Unit 2: Collocations, Free combinations, and Idioms

Exercise 2-A

(1) bitter complains -- Collocation
  recent complaints -- Free combination
(2) expensive dictionary -- Free combination
  bilingual dictionary -- Collocation
(3) hit children -- Free combination
  hit a snag -- Collocation
(4) need ... badly -- Collocation
  need ... now -- Free combination
(5) debug this program -- Collocation
  bought a program -- Free combination
(6) filed a report -- Collocation
  lost your report -- Free combination
(7) committed suicide -- Collocation
  detest suicide -- Free combination
(8) operate a tractor -- Collocation
  sell a tractor -- Free combination
(9) declared war -- Collocation
  hated the war -- Free combination
(10) borrow your watch -- Free combination
  set your watch -- Collocation
(11) amusement park -- Collocation
big park
(12) interesting evidence

conclusive evidence

Exercise 2-B

(1) Collocation (7) Idiom
(2) Idiom (8) Idiom
(3) Idiom (9) Collocation
(4) Collocation (10) Idiom
(5) Collocation (11) Collocation
(6) Idiom (12) Collocation

Unit 3: Noun collocations

Exercise 3-A

(1) by accident, accident (7) a pleasure to ..., pleasure
(2) asked ... questions, question I (8) the story that ..., story I
(3) drives an ... car, car (9) an expert on, expert II
(4) chronic alcoholic, alcoholic (10) aptitude test, test I
(5) bees ... sting, bee I (11) on a stretcher, stretcher
(6) flock of sheep, sheep (12) solved the case, case I

Exercise 3-B

(1) to (7) at
(2) enlarge (8) taken
(3) set (9) to
(4) herd (10) break down, force
(5) down (11) override
(6) in (12) draw

Exercise 3-C

(1) CORRECT (8) CORRECT
(2) My friends sent warm greetings. (9) CORRECT
(3) The pupils did their homework. (10) The actor took his bow.
(4) CORRECT (11) CORRECT
(5) CORRECT (12) After ten days we got off the train in Moscow.
(6) The campers were paddling a canoe.
(7) CORRECT

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**Exercise 3-D**

(1) The story was printed in screaming headlines.
(2) The government’s proposal has aroused/stirred up antagonism.
(3) They lived in object/dire/extreme/grinding/severe poverty.
(4) The argument broke up/destroyed our friendship.
(5) The epidemic broke out about ten years ago.
(6) Our university awarded an honorary degree to the mayor; ... conferred an honorary degree on the mayor.
(7) The fortune-teller read my horoscope.
(8) You shouldn't keep a dog in a small apartment.
(9) I’m willing to take a cut in salary if the new job is interesting.
(10) We win hold the conference in Tokyo.
(11) The judge suspended my hunting license for 12 months.
(12) He compiled/made up a bibliography of articles relating to computer-assisted instruction.

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**Unit 4: Adjective collocations**

**Exercise 4-A**

(1) of (7) on
(2) with (8) for
(3) of (9) with
(4) about (10) against
(5) from (11) about
(6) with (12) for

**Exercise 4-B**

(1) to (7) with
(2) for (8) on
(3) in (9) to
(4) with (10) of
(5) in (11) for
(6) to (12) from, than (AE), to (BE)
Exercise 4-C

(1) I am aware that ...
(2) It was sad to ...
   It was sad that ...
(3) She was happy to
   She was happy that ...
(4) He was bound to ...
(5) We were furious to ...
   We were furious that ...
(6) I was not able to ...
(7) We were prepared to ...
(8) It is frustrating to ...
   It is frustrating that ...
(9) The plan is doomed to ...
(10) My father is apt to ...
(11) It is arguable that ...
(12) We were satisfied to ....
   We were satisfied that ...

Exercise 4-D

(1) fiercely, keenly
(2) densely, heavily
(3) chronically, hopelessly
(4) eminently, fully, highly, well-
(5) bitter, bitterly
(6) hard, solid
(7) dripping, soaking
(8) humanly
(9) highly
(10) stark
(11) highly, well-; poorly
(12) thoroughly

Exercise 4-E

(1) CORRECT
(2) CORRECT
(3) Sally was easy to please.
(4) CORRECT
(5) CORRECT
(6) Their behavior was highly provocative.
(7) Remaining silent was tantamount to
giving consent.
(8) CORRECT
(9) They are eligible to vote
(10) CORRECT
(11) CORRECT
(12) she was angry at/with everyone

Unit 5: Verb collocations

Exercise 5-A

(1) circulated a petition -- Noun collocation
   petitioned for -- Verb collocation
(2) filed a protest -- Noun collocation
   protested against -- Verb collocation
(3) release ... from -- Verb collocation
   Her release from -- Noun collocation
spread gossip  --  Noun collocation
      gossip about  --  Verb collocation
(5) revoke our permit  --  Noun collocation
      permit us to leave  --  Verb collocation
(6) Bees swarm  --  Noun collocation
      swarm around  --  Verb collocation
(7) raised doubts  --  Noun collocation
      doubt that  --  Verb collocation
(8) pay a fine  --  Noun collocation
      fined for  --  Verb collocation
(9) answer for  --  Verb collocation
      give an answer  --  Noun collocation
(10) evoke a response  --  Noun collocation
      responded by  --  Verb collocation
(11) resulted in  --  Verb collocation
      produced ... results  --  Noun collocation
(12) It angered me that  --  Verb collocation
      ... show ... anger  --  Noun collocation

Exercise 5-B

(1) He addressed his comments to us  (7) CORRECT
(2) CORRECT  (8) The doctor described the facts to us
(3) CORRECT  (9) The engineer presented the plan to them
(4) She revealed a secret to me  (10) You must submit your application to us
(5) CORRECT  (11) The commission reported their findings to the President
(6) CORRECT  (12) CORRECT

Exercise 5-C

(1) I referred the problem to ...  (7) The facts pertained to ...
(2) CORRECT  (8) They inveigled me into ...
(3) We had to abide by ...  (9) CORRECT
(4) CORRECT  (10) They based their argument on/upon...
(5) CORRECT  (11) The committee consists of ...
(6) CORRECT  (12) CORRECT

Exercise 5-D

(1) to remain  (7) going
(2) to negotiate  (8) to visit
(3) complain  (9) to wait, waiting
(4) talking  (10) walking
(5) being punished  (11) painting, (also: to be painted)
(6) to retire  (12) come

Exercise 5-E

(1) leave, leaving  (7) to apply
(2) waiting  (8) to help
(3) to resign  (9) beat, beating
(4) to get up  (10) rehearsing
(5) get up  (11) get off
(6) him doing, his doing  (12) you turning off, your turning off

Exercise 5-F

(1) CORRECT
(2) CORRECT
(3) My friend told me/us that she would attend.
(4) The dean informed us/the students that the examination had been postponed.
(5) CORRECT
(6) CORRECT
(7) CORRECT
(8) I reminded him that he would have to pay the bill.
(9) We convinced them that they should leave at once.
(10) CORRECT
(11) CORRECT
(12) The captain reassured us that there was no damage to the plane.

Unit 6: Verb collocations (continued)

Exercise 6-A

(1) They admitted to ... that I was right.
(2) She hinted to ... that he would return.
(3) He boasted to ... that he had committed a crime.
(4) She mentioned to ... that she would be late.
(5) The witnesses swore to ... that they would tell the truth.
(6) He said to ... that prices would drop.
(7) This document proves to ... that you are telling the truth.
(8) We propose to ... that an apology be printed on the front page.
(9) She implied to ... that she knew more than she was saying.
(10) They are suggesting to ... that the bill will be defeated in the Senate.
(11) He intimated to ... that the manager would resign.
(12) I vow to ... that my English will improve.

**Exercise 6-B**

(1) NO CHANGE
(2) They found London to be a fascinating city.
(3) We must presume her to be innocent.
(4) NO CHANGE
(5) The evidence proved him to be guilty.
(6) NO CHANGE
(7) NO CHANGE
(8) NO CHANGE
(9) The medical board officially pronounced him to be unfit for service.
(10) The patrol reported the fire to be burning out of control.
(11) The Supreme Court declared the law to be unconstitutional.
(12) NO CHANGE

**Exercise 6-C**

(1) NO CHANGE
(2) The children sang a song to for us.
(3) He owed ten pounds to his brother.
(4) NO CHANGE
(5) NO CHANGE
(6) They sold our new house to us.
(7) NO CHANGE
(8) The police offered twenty dollars to her.
(9) She baked a cake for me.
(10) He bought a book for her.
(11) NO CHANGE
(12) I called a taxi for him.

**Exercise 6-D**

The following sentences are incomplete:
(1) He carried himself (with dignity).
(2) She is doing (well).
(3) I backed the car (into the garage).
(4) The child put the books (on the shelf).
(5) The soldiers were inching (forward).
(6) She bore herself (proudly).
(7) I will lay the book (down).
(8) The thieflurked (in the darkness).
(9) The trunk weighed (200 pounds).
(10) He poked his head (round the comer).
(11) The hikers tramped (through the woods).
(12) They saddled us (with an unpleasant task).

**Exercise 6-E**

(1) anchor firmly  
(2) appreciate sincerely  
(3) argue heatedly  
(4) protest vigorously  
(5) recommend highly  
(6) apologize humbly  
(7) arrange tastefully  
(8) forbid categorically  
(9) invite cordially  
(10) resent bitterly  
(11) turn sharply  
(12) appreciate deeply

**Exercise 6-F**

(2) until, till  
(3) out (AE), out of  
(4) into  
(5) to  
(6) for  
(7) to  
(8) how  
(9) about  
(10) to  
(11) about  
(12) to, with  
(13) to  
(14) her  
(15) for  
(16) to  
(17) enthusiastically, highly, strongly  
(18) to, no addition

**Unit 7: Supplementary exercises**

**Exercise 7-A**

(2) of  
(3) with  
(4) of  
(5) held  
(6) heard, tried  
(7) on  
(8) dismiss, throw out  
(15) establish; provide  
(16) airtight, foolproof, unassailable,  
(17) cross-examined  
(18) extensive, wide, no addition  
(19) sequester  
(20) arrived at, reached
(9) entered  (21) into  
(10) gave, offered  (22) announced  
(11) take  (23) with  
(12) tell  (24) on  
(13) under  (25) bring in, deliver, hand down  
(14) commit render, return  

**Exercise 7-B**

(2) had  
(3) made  
(4) prescribed  
(5) fill (AE), make up  
(6) by  
(7) only, no addition  
(8) take  
(9) against  
(10) gave  
(11) to  
(12) (should) have (BE), take  
(13) do  
(14) take  
(15) in (BE), in the (AE)  
(16) do (colloq.), make, take  
(17) gave  
(18) towards, with  
(19) to  
(20) carry out, conduct, do, run  
(21) on  
(22) high  
(23) take  
(24) be on, follow, stick to; go on  
(25) made  
(26) cracked, told  
(27) to  
(28) to  
(29) express  
(30) for  

**Exercise 7-C**

(2) at  
(3) to  
(4) through  
(5) took  
(6) of  
(7) about  
(8) reached  
(9) served  
(10) shown  
(11) ate, had  
(12) landed  
(13) clear, get through, gp through pass through  
(14) at  
(15) took  
(16) into  
(17) unpacked  
(18) bring  
(19) made  
(20) gave, placed  
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