

Guide Words

The **guide words** at the top of each dictionary page can help you quickly find the word you want. The first guide word tells you the first word on that page. The second guide word tells you the last word on that page. The entries on the page fall in alphabetical order between these two guide words.

Entries

Words you want to check in the dictionary are called **entries**. Entries provide a lot of information besides the correct spelling. Look at the sample entry below.

Tips for Finding a Word in a Dictionary

- Practice using guide words in a dictionary. Think of words to spell. Then use the guide words to find each word's entry. Do this again and again until you can easily use guide words.
- Some spellings are listed with the base word. To find **easiest**, you would look up **easy**. To find **remaining**, you would look up **remain**. To find **histories**, you would look up **history**.
- If you do not know how to spell a word, guess the spelling before looking it up. Try to find the first three letters of the word. (If you use just the first letter, it will probably take too long to find the word.)
- If you can't find a word, think of how else it might be spelled. For example, if a word starts with the /k/ sound, the spelling might begin with **k**, **c**, or even **ch**.

entry the correct spelling, sometimes broken into syllables

pronunciation

other spellings other word forms, including plurals, that change the spelling of the base word

gro•cer•y /grō' sə rē/ *n.* (**gro•cer•ies** *pl.*) a store that sells food and household supplies. *I went to the grocery for bread and milk.*

definition to be sure you have the correct entry word

sample sentence to make the definition clearer



ab•bre•vi•ate /ə brē' vē āt'/ *v.* to make shorter. *She will abbreviate her speech to fit the ten-minute limit.*

ab•bre•vi•a•tion /ə brē' vē ā' shən/ *n.* **a.** the act or result of shortening. **b.** a shortened form that stands for the longer form. *The abbreviation for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association is NOAA.*

a•bil•i•ty /ə bīl' ī tē/ *n.* (**a•bil•i•ties** *pl.*) the power to do something well. *A pilot has the ability to fly a plane through a storm.*

-able a suffix, used to form adjectives, that means:
a. capable of: *understandable.* **b.** fit for: *washable.*
c. worthy of: *lovable.*

a•ble /ā' bəl/ *adj.* **a.1.** having power, skill, or talent. *With practice you will be able to play the piano.*
a.2. not prevented. *I will be able to vote when I'm eighteen years old.* **b.** skillful. *She is an able writer.*

ac•cept•a•ble /āk sĕp' tə bəl/ *adj.* agreeable; satisfactory. *Everyone found the plan acceptable.*

ac•quire /ə kwīr'/ *v.* (**ac•quires**, **ac•quired**, **ac•quir•ing**) **a.** to get something. *I will acquire money from the yard sale.* **b.** to gain a new characteristic, trait, or ability. *I will acquire the ability to speak Spanish when I move to Mexico.*

ac•tive /āk' tīv/ *adj.* **a.** moving about; lively. *Rabbits are more active than turtles.* **b.** working; functioning: *an active volcano.*

ac•tiv•i•ty /āk tī' vī tē/ *n.* (**ac•tiv•i•ties** *pl.*)
a. action; being active. *Athletes enjoy physical activity.* **b.** an organized thing to do. *Our school has many music, science, and art activities.*

ac•tor /āk' tər/ *n.* a person who acts on the stage, in motion pictures, on radio, or on television. *A good actor can make people laugh or cry.*

ad•di•tion•al /ə dīsh' ə nəl/ *adj.* more; extra. *Bring additional chairs for our guests.*

ad•dress /ə dres'/ or /ād' res/ *n.* (**ad•dress•es** *pl.*)
a. a speech or writing: *Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.* **b.** a direction on a piece of mail that tells where it is to be sent and to whom. *Write the address in permanent ink.*

ad•mi•ra•tion /ād mə rā' shən/ *n.* a feeling of respect. *The president had a great deal of admiration for the judge.*

ad•mire /ād mīr'/ *v.* to think highly of. *We admire Tom because he is honest and hard-working.*

ad•mit /ād mīt'/ *v.* (**ad•mits**, **ad•mit•ted**, **ad•mit•ting**) to acknowledge; confess. *The mayor admitted that she had not been aware of the problem.*

ad•ven•tur•er /ād vēn' chər ər/ *n.* a person who seeks out dangerous and difficult experiences. *Meriwether Lewis was a famous adventurer.*

ad•ven•tur•ous /ād vēn' chər əs/ *adj.* **a.** fond of new adventures; willing to take risks: *an adventurous explorer.* **b.** full of risk or danger: *an adventurous voyage.*



adventurous

af•fect /ə fĕkt'/ *v.* to have an influence on; bring about a change in. *Regular exercise can affect your health.*

a•gent /ā' jənt/ *n.* **a.** a person or company whose business is to represent another: *an insurance agent.* **b.** a substance that causes a certain action to begin. *Yeast is the agent that causes bread to rise.*

a•gree•ment /ə grē' mənt/ *n.* an arrangement or understanding between two persons or groups. *The students came to an agreement about the best day for the litter cleanup.*

al•ert /ə lûrt'/ *adj.* watchful; attentive; wide awake. *A good night's sleep helps you stay alert the next day.*

al•ive /ə lîv'/ *adj.* living; not dead. *People sometimes forget that trees are alive.*

al•low /ə lou'/ *v.* to let; to permit. *Our parents allow us to watch TV if we have finished our homework.*

al•low•ance /ə lou' əns/ *n.* a definite amount of money given regularly for spending. *Chang is saving his allowance to buy a basketball.*

all right /ôl' rît'/ *adj.* satisfactory. *Your answer looks all right to me.*

al•ter•nate /ôl' tər nî/ *adj.* serving to take the place of another. *Let's take an alternate route to Grandma's house.*

al•though /ôl' thō'/ *conj.* though. *I went to the beach, although there were clouds in the sky.*

al•mount /ə mount'/ *n.* **a.** total; sum. *The amount of your bill is \$13.98.* **b.** quantity. *The recipe calls for a small amount of milk.*

al•muse /ə myōōz'/ *v.* **a.** to entertain. *Parents can amuse their children by reading them stories.* **b.** to cause to laugh or smile. *The monkey's antics amused the passers-by.*

al•muse•ment /ə myōōz' mənt/ *n.* **a.** being amused. *Val's amusement was evident from her smile.* **b.** entertainment; sport; pastime. *Chess is his favorite amusement.*

al•nal•o•gy /ə năl' ə jē/ *n.* **a.** a similarity between two things that are not alike in other ways. **b.** a statement that compares two pairs of words. *She made an analogy between her feelings and the bright, sunny day.*

-ance a suffix, used to form nouns, that means: **a.** state or quality of: *resemblance*. **b.** act of: *resistance*. **c.** thing that: *conveyance*.

an•gel /ān' jəl/ *n.* an immortal, spiritual being. *According to tradition, angels are messengers from heaven.*

an•gle /āng' gəl/ *n.* the figure formed by two lines that come together in a point. *The teacher drew an angle on the chalkboard.*

an•noy /ə noi'/ *v.* to bother; to irritate; to disturb. *Flies often annoy picnickers.*

an•nu•al /ān' yōō əl/ *adj.* coming once a year; occurring once a year. *Most workers get an annual vacation of two weeks.*

-ant a suffix used with verbs: **a.** to form adjectives that mean "having the quality of": *resistant*. **b.** to form nouns that mean "person or thing that accomplishes something": *assistant*.

Pronunciation Key

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ī pie	ũ cut	gallop,
îr pier	ûr urge	circus

al•pol•o•gy /ə pöll' ə jē/ *n.* (**al•pol•o•gies** *pl.*) words saying one is sorry; asking pardon. *Accept my apology for coming so late.*

ap•pear /ə pîr'/ *v.* **a.** to show up; to be seen. *He appeared for breakfast promptly at seven o'clock.* **b.** to seem. *She appeared to like the suggestion.*

ap•point /ə point'/ *v.* to select; to choose; to assign. *Ms. Farrell appointed Mr. Kowalski to head the committee.*

ap•prove /ə prōōv'/ *v.* (**ap•proves**, **ap•proved**, **ap•proving**) **a.** to give official consent to. *The board approved the plans for the new gym.* **b.** to have a good opinion of. *Do you approve of his choice of colors?*

al•quar•i•um /ə kwâr' ē əm/ *n.* (**al•quar•i•ums** or **al•quar•i•a** *pl.*) a tank or bowl in which fish, water animals, or water plants are kept. *Jordan bought live plants for his aquarium.*

arctic /ârk' tîk/ *adj.* extremely cold; freezing. *The winter months brought arctic temperatures.*

ar•e•a /âr' ē ə/ *n.* **a.** an amount of space or surface. *How do you find the area of a triangle?* **b.** a region or section. *The cabin is in a forested area.*

ar•gue /âr' gyōō/ *v.* (**ar•gues**, **ar•gued**, **ar•gu•ing**) **a.** to disagree; to dispute; to quarrel. *Tanya often argues with Michael.* **b.** to give reasons for or against. *The lawyer argued her case effectively.*

ar•gu•ment /âr' gyə mənt/ *n.* **a.** a quarrel or disagreement. *Rob had an argument with his coach.* **b.** a statement that is supposed to prove a point. *Carmen's last argument was the most convincing.*

ar•range /ə rānj'/ *v.* (**ar•rang•es**, **ar•ranged**, **ar•rang•ing**) **a.** to organize; to put in order. *Everything is arranged for the party.* **b.** to plan; to prepare. *I can arrange to go tonight.*

ar•range•ment /ə rānj' mənt/ *n.* **a.** an establishment of order; a fixing of position. *We haven't yet decided about the furniture arrangement.* **b.** the order in which things appear: *an alphabetical arrangement of last names.* **c.** preparation. *What arrangements have been made for the party?*

ar•ri•val /ə rī' vəl/ *n.* the act of arriving. *We waited in the airport for their arrival.*

ar•rive /ə rīv'/ *v.* (**ar•rives**, **ar•rived**, **ar•riv•ing**) **a.** to come to a particular place; to reach a destination. *When will you arrive at the airport?* **b.** to come. *The big day finally arrived.*

ar•li•cle /är' tī kəl/ *n.* **a.** a piece of writing in a book, newspaper, or magazine. *I read an interesting article about whales.* **b.** an object; a thing: *an article of clothing.* **c.** one of three words (*a, an, the*) used before nouns.

art•ist /är' tīst/ *n.* **a.** a person who is skilled in any of the fine arts, especially painting or music. *Picasso was a great artist.* **b.** any skillful or creative person. *A gourmet cook is an artist in the kitchen.*

as•sign /ə sīn'/ *v.* **a.** to give out; to distribute. *Our teacher assigns us homework every evening.* **b.** to appoint to a position. *The teacher assigned him to be hall monitor.*

as•sign•ment /ə sīn' mənt/ *n.* a thing assigned. *It took me three hours to complete my homework assignments.*

as•sis•tance /ə sīs' təns/ *n.* help. *Your assistance made my job a lot easier.*

as•ter•oid /äs' tə roid'/ *n.* any of the celestial bodies found between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter. *The movie showed an asteroid that was about to strike Earth.*

as•tro•naut /äs' trə nôt'/ *n.* a person who is trained to travel in outer space in a spaceship. *Only extremely capable people are selected as astronauts.*

ath•lete /äth' lēt/ *n.* a person who is able to participate in sports. *Candace is a star athlete in softball.*

ath•let•ic /äth lēt' ik/ *adj.* strong and muscular. *Herbie has an athletic build.*

at•ten•dance /ə tēn' dəns/ *n.* **a.** the act of being present. *His attendance at school has been perfect all year.* **b.** the number of persons present. *Attendance at the concert was large.*

au•burn /ô' bərn/ *adj.* of a reddish brown color. *Her auburn hair glistened in the sun.*

au•di•ence /ô' dē əns/ *n.* **a.** a number of people who come together to see or hear something: *the audience in the theater.* **b.** all who can see or hear something: *television audience.*

au•thor /ô' thər/ *n.* the writer of a book, story, article, etc.; a writer. *The author sent us a copy of her book.*

au•thor•i•ty /ə thôr' ī tē / or /-thôr'-/ or /ô-/ *n.* (**au•thor•i•ties** *pl.*) **a.** the right or power to control, command, or enforce. *Police officers have the authority to enforce laws.* **b.** any source of correct information. *The encyclopedia is an authority on many different subjects.*

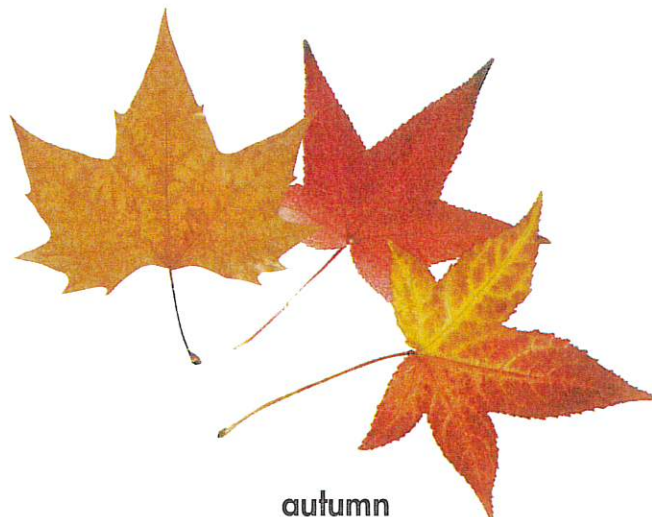
au•to•bi•og•ra•pher /ô' tō bī ōg' rə fər/ *n.* a person who writes the story of his or her own life. *A good autobiographer is honest and descriptive.*

au•to•bi•og•ra•phy /ô' tō bī ōg' rə fē/ *n.* the story of a person's life written by that person. *My uncle wants to write his autobiography.*

au•to•graph /ô' tō gräf'/ *v.* to sign one's name. *She asked the pitcher to autograph her ball.* [Greek *autos*, *self* + *graphein*, to write.]

au•to•mo•bile /ô' tə mə bēl'/ or /ô' tə mō' bēl'/ *n.* a four-wheeled passenger vehicle, usually with a gasoline engine, for driving on roads and streets; car. *Automobiles require regular maintenance.*

au•tumn /ô' təm/ *n.* the season that comes after summer and before winter; fall. *In autumn, many leaves turn beautiful colors.*



autumn

av•e•nue /äv' ə nōō' / or /-nyōō' / *n.* a wide street or road, especially one lined with trees. *The shop was located on one side of a shady avenue.*

av•er•age¹ /äv' ə r ij' / or /äv' r ij' / *n.* the result obtained when the sum of two or more figures is divided by the total number of figures. *The average of 10, 4, and 7 is 7.*

av•er•age² /äv' ə r ij' / or /äv' r ij' / *adj.* **a.** determined by averaging. *The average score on the test was 75.* **b.** common; ordinary; usual: *an average day.*

a•vi•a•tor /ā' vē ā' tər / or /äv' ē ā' tər / *n.* the operator or pilot of an aircraft. *The aviator gave a thumbs-up sign as the plane took off.*

a•void /ə void' / *v.* to stay away from; to keep from meeting. *I avoided him when he had the measles.*

a•wak•en /ə wā' kən / *v.* to wake up; to rouse. *A loud noise awakened her in the middle of the night.*

a•ware /ə wār' / *adj.* alert to; knowing; conscious of. *Are you aware that you are late to school?*

aw•ful /ô' fəl / *adj.* very bad; very ugly; unpleasant. *That was an awful movie.*

awk•ward /ôk' wərd / *adj.* difficult to handle or use. *Please help me carry this awkward box to the car.*

B

ba•by /bā' bē / *n.* (**ba•bies** *pl.*) very young children; infants. *The babies had not yet learned to stand up.*

back•ground /bāk' ground' / *n.* the distant part of a picture or scene. *Mountains are painted in the background.*

back•ward /bāk' wərd / *adv.* toward the rear; in a direction away from the front. *Drive the car backward into the garage.*

badge /bāj / *n.* (**badg•es** *pl.*) an emblem worn to show membership in an organization or as an award. *Firefighters and police officers wear badges.*

ba•sic /bā' sīk / *adj.* (**ba•si•cal•ly** *adv.*) forming the foundation or base; fundamental. *The procedure may vary slightly, but the basic pattern remains the same.*

ba•ket•ball /bās' kīt bōl' / *n.* **a.** a game in which points are scored by throwing a ball through a basket. *Basketball is usually played indoors.* **b.** the ball used in this game. *Our basketball had lost all its air.*

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îr pier	ûr urge	circus

bat•tle /băt' l / *n.* a fight between armies, navies, etc., during a war. *That battle was the turning point of the war.*

beau•ti•ful /byōō' tē fəl / *adj.* having beauty; pleasing to the eye, ear, or mind; lovely: *a beautiful painting.*

beau•ty /byōō' tē / *n.* (**beau•ties** *pl.*) the quality that makes a person or thing pleasing to the senses. *The beauty of the music made us forget everything else.*

be•cause /bī kōz' / *conj.* for the reason that. *I study because I want to learn.*

be•lief /bī lēf' / *n.* (**be•liefs** *pl.*) **a.** the acceptance of something as true or real: *belief in life on other planets.* **b.** confidence; faith. *You must have belief in your own ability.*

be•neath¹ /bī nēth' / *adv.* in a lower place. *The water fell to the rocks beneath.*

be•neath² /bī nēth' / *prep.* under; lower than. *I sat beneath the tree.*

be•side /bī sīd' / *prep.* at the side of; near to. *The carton was left beside the trash can.*

be•yond /bē ōnd' / or /bī ōnd' / *prep.* in a place farther away than; past. *The grocery store is just beyond the park.*

bi- a prefix that means: **a.** two: *bicycle.* **b.** every two; twice during: *biweekly.*

bi•coas•tal /bī kō' stəl / *adj.* relating to being on both sides of a land or country. *Erosion is a bicoastal problem; it affects both California and South Carolina.*

bi•cy•cle /bī' sīk' əl/ or /-sī kəl/ *n.* a vehicle having two wheels mounted on a light metal frame with a seat for the rider, a bar for steering, and pedals turned by the feet. *Riding a bicycle requires balance.*

bi•foc•als /bī fō' kəlz/ *n. pl.* a pair of glasses designed to improve both close and distant vision. *Mrs. Lee wears bifocals so she won't have to change glasses for reading.*

bi•lat•er•al /bī lāt' ə əl/ *adj.* affecting two sides. *Because the disease affected both shoulders, it was said to be a bilateral condition.*

bi•lin•gual /bī līŋ' gwəl/ *adj.* able to speak two languages equally well. *Manuel is bilingual; he speaks Spanish and English.*

bi•month•ly¹ /bī mūnth' lē / *adj.* **a.** occurring once every two months: *a bimonthly magazine.*
b. occurring twice a month: *bimonthly meetings.*

bi•month•ly² /bī mūnth' lē / *adv.* **a.** every two months. *Issues appear bimonthly.* **b.** twice a month. *We meet bimonthly.*

bi•og•ra•phy /bī ōg' rə fē / *n.* (**bi•og•ra•phies** *pl.*) an account of a person's life. *I read a biography of Thomas Edison.*

bi•ol•o•gy /bī ōl' ə jē / *n.* the science of life and living things. *She loves the sea and plans to study marine biology.*

birth•mark /bûrth' mārkh' / *n.* a mark present on the body at birth. *I have a dark birthmark on my right toe.*

bi•sect /bī sēkt' / or /bī' sēkt' / *v.* to divide into two equal parts. *Use your compass to bisect this angle.*

bi•week•ly¹ /bī wēk' lē / *adj.* **a.** occurring once every two weeks: *a biweekly paycheck.*
b. occurring twice a week: *biweekly classes.*

bi•week•ly² /bī wēk' lē / *adv.* **a.** every two weeks. *We are paid biweekly.* **b.** twice a week. *The class meets biweekly, on Tuesdays and Thursdays.*

black•en /blāk' ən / *v.* to make black or dark. *Use a pencil to blacken the circle that matches the correct answer.*

blind•ness /blīnd' nīs / *n.* the state of being unable to see. *Regular eye checkups can prevent some conditions that might cause blindness.*

blu•ish /blōō' īsh / *adj.* somewhat blue. *When you are cold, your skin may look bluish.*

board•walk /bôrd' wôk' / or /bôrd' wôk' / *n.* a walkway built along the beach. *The couple jogged along the boardwalk.*

bold•ness /bôld' nīs / *n.* the state of being bold; bravery; daring. *We were surprised by the boldness of the fawn in leaving its safe hiding place.*

both•er¹ /bôth' ə / *n.* something that troubles or worries. *Mosquitoes are a bother during the summer.*

both•er² /bôth' ə / *v.* **a.** to give trouble to. *Don't bother me while I'm writing.* **b.** to take the time and trouble. *Don't bother to wash the dishes now.*

bought /bôt / *v.* past tense of **buy**.

bound¹ /bound / *v.* to leap forward or upward. *The dog will bound away if I take off its leash.*

bound² /bound / *v.* past tense and past participle of **bind**. *adj.* **a.** certain; sure. *You're bound to win.*
b. obliged; required: *bound by an oath.* **c.** in a cover or binding: *a bound book.*

bound³ /bound / *adj.* ready to go; going; on the way. *We are bound for Minnesota.*

bowl /bôl / *n.* a round, deep dish. *Soup is usually served in a bowl.*

boy•ish /boi' īsh / *adj.* like a boy. *The man still has a boyish grin.*

Braille /brāl / *n.* a type of print for the blind. *Braille helped the woman to use the automatic teller machine.*

brain /brān / *n.* the mass of nerve tissue in the skull that controls the body and stores knowledge. *Your brain constantly tells your heart to beat.*

brake /brāk / *v.* (**brakes, braked, brak•ing**) to slow or to reduce the speed of. *Brake the car as you approach a stop sign.*

➤ **Brake** sounds like **break**.

break /brāk / *v.* (**breaks, broke, bro•ken**) **a.** to come apart; to separate into pieces. *The dish will break if it falls.* **b.** to cancel; to fail to fulfill. *The bad weather may cause us to break our vacation plans.*

➤ **Break** sounds like **brake**.

brick /brīk / *n.* a block of baked clay used for building or paving. *Many houses and apartment buildings are built with bricks.*

brī•dal /brīd' l / *adj.* relating to a bride or a wedding. *Melissa's bridal shower is this weekend.*

➤ **Bridal** sounds like **bridle**.

brī•dle /brīd' l / *n.* the part of the horse's harness that fits over the animal's head. *Place the leather bridle over the horse's head.*

➤ **Bridle** sounds like **bridal**.

Brit•ish /brīt' īsh / *adj.* of or from Britain. *British woollens are famous for their fine quality.*

broad /brôd/ *adj.* **a.** wide; large from side to side.

The West contains broad stretches of forests.

b. plain; easy to understand: *a broad hint.* **c.** of wide range; not small. *My father has a broad view of life.*

broad•en /brôd' n/ *v.* to make wider or larger. *The construction will broaden the highway.*

broc•co•li /brök' ə lē / *n.* a large green vegetable with thick stems and florets. *We planted broccoli in our garden.*



broccoli

bro•ken /brō' kən/ *v.* past participle of **break**.

bro•ken² /brō' kən/ *adj.* split into pieces; shattered: *a broken window.*

broth /brôth/ or /brôth/ *n.* a clear, thin soup. *Mother used beef broth in the casserole.*

build•ing /bīl' dīng/ *n.* a structure such as a house, school, factory, etc. *Our new building is larger than the old one.*

burn /bûrn/ *v.* (**burns, burned or burnt, burn•ing**) to be on fire; to affect by or as if by fire. *I burned my hand on the hot stove.*

burst /bûrst/ *v.* (**bursts, burst, burst•ing**) **a.** to break open suddenly. *The balloon will burst if it touches the hot light.* **b.** to begin suddenly. *The crowd burst into applause.*

busi•ness /biz' nīs/ *n.* (**busi•ness•es pl.**) **a.** the work a person does to earn a living; an occupation. *Both an editor and a reporter are in the newspaper business.* **b.** trade; buying and selling; commercial dealings. *Have you considered a career in business?*

butte /byôôt/ *n.* an isolated hill or mountain with steep sides and a flat top. *The high butte rose above the dense fog.*

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calm /kām/ *adj.* (**calmer, calmest**) quiet; still; peaceful. *The surface of the lake grew calm.*

cam•er•a /kām' ə r ə/ or /kām' r ə/ *n.* a machine for taking photographs or motion pictures. *He forgot to take any pictures with his new camera.*

camp•er /kām' pər/ *n.* **a.** a person who lives outdoors for a period of time, usually in a tent. *The campers pitched their tent.* **b.** a van or trailer equipped for camping. *We slept in the camper.*

camp•fire /kämp' fīr/ *n.* a fire in a camp, for keeping warm or for cooking. *It is fun to sit around a campfire at night and sing songs.*

can•cel /kän' səl/ *v.* **a.** to cross out; to mark with lines. *The post office cancels stamps.* **b.** to do away with; to call off. *The game was canceled due to rain.*

cap•i•tal /kăp' ĩ tl/ *n.* **a.** the city or town where the government of a country or a state is located. *Washington, D.C., is the capital of the United States.* **b.** an uppercase letter in writing or printing. *You begin a sentence with a capital.*

➤ **Capital** sounds like **capitol**.

cap•i•tal•ism /kăp' ĩ tl ĩz' əm/ *n.* (**cap•i•tal•ist** or **cap•i•tal•is•tic, adj.**) an economic system in which resources and means of production are privately owned and prices, production, and the distribution of goods are determined mainly by competition in a free market. *Profit is an important part of capitalism.*

cap•i•tal•i•za•tion /kăp' ĭ tl ĭ ză' shən/ *n.* the process of writing or printing in capital letters. *Do you know the rules of punctuation and capitalization?*

cap•i•tol /kăp' ĭ tl/ *n.* a building in which the representatives and senators of a state or country meet. *Congress met in the capitol.*

➤ **Capitol** sounds like **capital**.

car•bon /kär' bən/ *n.* a common chemical element found in all organic substances. *Diamonds are pure carbon.*

ca•reer /kə rîr'/ *n.* a profession; a chosen occupation. *She hopes to pursue a career in marine biology.*

car•ni•val /kär' nə vəl/ *n.* a festival that has rides, games, and other amusements; an amusement show. *I like to ride the Ferris wheel at the carnival.*

car•pet /kär' pīt/ *n.* a thick, heavy fabric for covering a floor. *I have a new carpet in my room.*

car•pet² /kär' pīt/ *v.* to cover with carpet. *This year we carpeted the bedrooms.*

cart /kärt/ *n.* **a.** a two-wheeled vehicle pulled by an animal. *The pony pulled a cart in the parade.* **b.** a small vehicle moved by hand. *I will push the grocery cart.*

car•ton /kär' tn/ *n.* a container made of cardboard or plastic. *We looked for a big enough carton to hold all the gifts.*

car•toon•ist /kär tōōn' ĭst/ *n.* a person who draws pictures used as satire or humor. *Charlie Brown™ was created by cartoonist Charles Schulz.*

cash•ier /kă shîr'/ *n.* a person who receives or returns money at a store. *Did you get your change from the cashier?*

cas•ta•nets /kăs' tə nĕts'/ *n. pl.* a rhythm instrument consisting of hollow shells of wood or ivory that are clicked together with the fingers. *Spanish flamenco dancers often perform with castanets.*

cat•e•go•rize /kăt' ĭ gə rîz'/ *v.* (**cat•e•go•riz•es**, **cat•e•go•rized**, **cat•e•go•riz•ing**) to sort or classify; to put into groups or categories. *There is a system the librarians use to categorize books and magazines in the library.*

cat•tle /kăt' l/ *n.* cows, bulls, or oxen. *The cattle eat grass in the pasture.*

cau•tion /kô' shən/ *n.* **a.** being careful; taking care. *Cross streets with caution.* **b.** a warning. *Did you read the caution on the label?*

ceil•ing /sē' lîng/ *n.* the top of a room. *The light is attached to the ceiling.*

cel•e•brate /sĕl' ə brāt'/ *v.* (**cel•e•brates**, **cel•e•brat•ed**, **cel•e•brat•ing**) to honor a special time or event. *How would you like to celebrate your birthday?*

cen•ti•me•ter /sĕn' tə mē tər/ *n.* (**centimeters pl.**) a unit of length equal to one hundredth of a meter. *Her thumb is 4 centimeters long.*

cen•tral /sĕn' trəl/ *adj.* **a.** in or at the middle; near the center. *The biggest stores are in the central part of the city.* **b.** main; leading; chief. *What is the central idea that the author wants us to understand?*

ce•ram•ics /sə rām' ĭks/ *n.* the art or technique of making objects from clay and firing them at high temperatures. *In our class in ceramics, we made mugs and figurines.*

ce•re•al /sîr' ē əl/ *n.* a food made from grain. *For breakfast my favorite cereal is oatmeal.*



cereal

cer•tain /sîr' tn/ *adj.* confident; sure; convinced. *She was certain you would win.*

ces•sion /sĕsh' ən/ *n.* the surrender of something, such as rights or property. *The treaty outlined the terms of the enemy's cession.*

➤ **Cession** sounds like **session**.

char•ac•ter /kär' ək tər/ *n.* (**char•ac•ters pl.**) **a.** a person in a play or book. *The character of Pinocchio appeals to children.* **b.** a way of behaving, thinking, and feeling. *Her character changed when she became a success.* **c.** a letter; a sign. *Chinese and Japanese writing and printing have characters completely different from ours.*

cheer /chîr/ *v.* **a.** to cause to be happy. *Seeing a rainbow will cheer us up after the storm.* **b.** to shout words of approval. *We will cheer for our favorite team.*

cheer•lead•er /chîr' lē' dər/ *n.* one who calls and directs cheering at sporting events. *A cheerleader led a player onto the field.*

chem•ist /kēm' ĭst/ *n.* **a.** a scientist specializing in chemistry. *A chemist must understand chemical reactions.* **b.** Chiefly British: a pharmacist. *The chemist will fill your prescription.*

chief¹ /chēf/ *n.* (**chiefs** *pl.*) a leader; the head of a tribe or group; the person who is in charge. *The police chief reviewed the case.*

chief² /chēf/ *adj.* main; most important. *Hal's chief aim was a good education.*

child•ish /chīl' dīsh/ *adj.* **a.** of a child; like a child: *a high childish voice.* **b.** silly; foolish; not proper for an adult: *a childish desire to show off.*

choc•o•late¹ /chô' kə līt/ or /chōk' ə-/ or /chōk' līt/ *n.* **a.** a food made by roasting and grinding the beans of a cacao tree. *Bitter chocolate is used in cooking.* **b.** a candy made from chocolate: *a box of chocolates.*

choc•o•late² /chô' kə līt/ or /chōk' ə-/ or /chōk' līt/ *adj.* made or flavored with chocolate: *chocolate ice cream.*

choir /kwīr/ *n.* a group of people who sing together. *Meg sings alto in the choir.*

chord /kôrd/ *n.* three or more musical tones sounding together to produce harmony. *At our first lesson, the guitar instructor went over some basic chords.*

cho•rus /kôr' əs/ or /kôr'-/ *n.* **a.** a group of people singing together. *The chorus gave a concert.* **b.** the part of a song that is repeated. *Most songs have a chorus.*

cho•sen /chō' zən/ *adj.* picked out by choice: *a chosen group.*

cin•na•mon /sīn' ə mən/ *n.* a reddish-brown spice. *The pie recipe calls for cinnamon.*

cir•cu•late /sûr' kyə lāt'/ *v.* (**cir•cu•lates**, **cir•cu•lat•ed**, **cir•cu•lat•ing**) to move in a regular path back to a starting point. *The blood circulates throughout the body and returns to the heart.*

cit•i•zen /sīt' ĭ zən/ *n.* a member of a nation who has rights, such as voting, and who also has the duty of being loyal to the nation. *Any person born in this country is a citizen of the United States.*

civ•il /sīv' əl/ *adj.* **a.** having to do with a citizen or citizens: *civil rights.* **b.** not military or religious: *a civil marriage.* **c.** polite; courteous: *a civil answer.*

civ•i•lize /sīv' ə līz'/ *v.* (**civ•i•liz•es**, **civ•i•lized**, **civ•i•liz•ing**) to change from a primitive state to a more highly developed way of life; to educate. *The Romans tried to civilize the tribes they conquered.*

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ī pie	ŭ cut	gallop,
îr pier	ûr urge	circus

claim¹ /klām/ *v.* **a.** to ask for the return of something that one owns: *to claim a suitcase.* **b.** to declare; to assert. *He claimed he had never been there.*

claim² /klām/ *n.* a demand for something as rightful or due. *The airline was quick to process our claim for the lost baggage.*

clas•si•fy /klās' ə fī'/ *v.* to sort; to arrange according to category or class. *Librarians do not classify fairy tales with other fiction.*

clin•ic /klīn' ĭk/ *n.* a center like a hospital that provides care for outpatients. *Because his injuries were minor, he could be treated at the clinic.*

cli•ni•cian /klīn ĭsh' ən/ *n.* a professional who works in a clinic. *Mr. Salazar is a nurse and clinician at the medical clinic.*

clothes /klōz/ or /klōthz/ *n. pl.* garments; articles of dress; clothing. *Some people order all their clothes through a catalog.*



clothes

co- a prefix that means “with” or “together”: *coexist*.

coach /cōch/ *n.* (**coach•es** *pl.*) a railroad passenger car. *Some railway coaches are equipped with beds so people can sleep while they travel.*

co-an•chor /kō āng' kər/ *n.* one member of a team of news reporters who work together to broadcast the news. *The co-anchor described the city's annual marathon.*

coarse /kôrs/ or /kōrs/ *adj.* **a.** composed of large particles. *Our driveway is made of coarse gravel.* **b.** of poor quality. *The prisoners were fed coarse food.*

➤ **Coarse** sounds like **course**.

coast /kōst/ *n.* the seashore; land along the sea or ocean. *There are many beaches along the coast of Florida.*

co•au•thors /kō ô' thərz/ *n.* (**co•au•thor** *sing.*) a joint author; one of two or more who write together. *Scientific articles may have coauthors.*

co•co•nut /kō' kə nŭt'/ or /kō' kə nət/ *n.* the round brown fruit from a palm tree. *The coconut has a hard shell and sweet, white meat inside.*

co•ex•ist /kō' ĭg zĭst'/ *v.* to exist together in the same time or place. *Nations can coexist in peace if they agree to resolve their problems through compromise.*

cof•fee /kô' fē / or /kōf' ē / *n.* **a.** whole or ground seeds (beans) of a tropical tree. *I bought a pound of coffee today.* **b.** a dark brown drink. *This coffee is too hot to drink.*

coil /koil/ *n.* a spiral or a series of connected spirals or rings. *The worker tied the extra wire into a coil.*

col•lar /kōl' ər/ *n.* the part of a shirt or coat that circles the neck. *He loosened his tie and his collar.*

col•lect /kə lēkt'/ *v.* **a.** to bring together. *Will you collect all the cans and put them in the recycling bin?* **b.** to gather payments or donations. *The group collected books for the new library.*

col•lec•tion /kə lēk' shən/ *n.* **a.** a group of objects that are kept together. *Dina has a large collection of miniature cars.* **b.** a sum of money collected, as in church. *The collection for charity came to \$550.*

col•lege /kōl' ĭj/ *n.* a school that is more advanced than a high school. *Students who go to college study a foreign language.*

colo•nel /kûr' nəl/ *n.* an army officer who ranks just below a general. *The insignia of a colonel is a silver eagle.*

➤ **Colonel** sounds like **kernel**.

col•o•nist /kōl' ə nĭst/ *n.* someone who lives in a colony; a settler. *The Pilgrims were among the first American colonists.*

col•o•nize /kōl' ə nĭz'/ *v.* (**col•o•niz•es**, **col•o•nized**, **col•o•niz•ing**) to establish a settlement. *Pilgrims helped to colonize the New World.*

com•ic /kōm' ĭk/ *adj.* funny. *The comic actions of the clown make me laugh.*



comic

com•ic² /kōm' ĭk/ *n.* a person who does or says funny things to make people laugh. *The comic told a funny joke.*

com•mand•er /kə măn' dər/ *n.* a person who commands. *The superintendent of police is the commander of the police force.*

com•men•ta•tor /kōm' ən tā' tər/ *n.* one who gives an explanation or discusses news. *The sports commentator announced the score.*

com•mon /kōm' ən/ *adj.* **a.** frequent; usual. *Temperatures of ninety degrees are common in the summer.* **b.** belonging to more than one person or company. *The city parks are common property.*

com•mu•ni•cate /kə myōō' nĭ kāt/ *v.* to give information clearly. *She will communicate with her mom by phone after school.*

com•mu•ni•ca•tion /kə myōō' nĭ kā' shən/ *n.* the act of sharing information. *E-mail and texting make communication easier.*

com•pan•ion /kəm păn' yən/ *n.* **a.** a friend; a comrade. *We have been companions since first grade.* **b.** anything that matches another. *We must buy a companion to that lamp.*

com•pa•ny /kūm' pə nē/ *n.* (**com•pan•ies pl.**) **a.** a group of people joined together for a common purpose; especially, a business. *Mr. Steel's company makes tractors.* **b.** friendship; society; association. *We enjoy each other's company.* **c.** guests. *We are having company for dinner.*

com•pare /kəm pâr'/ *v.* (**com•pares, com•pared, com•par•ing**) to examine things for similarities or differences. *If you compare prices, you can save money.*

com•plain /kəm plān'/ *v.* **a.** to find fault. *Don't complain about a problem unless you're willing to help remedy it.* **b.** to report something bad. *The neighbors complained to the police about the noisy motorcycle.*

com•plete¹ /kəm plēt'/ *v.* (**com•pletes, com•plet•ed, com•plet•ing**) to finish. *The new building was completed in June.*

com•plete² /kəm plēt'/ *adj.* **a.** having no parts lacking; full: *a complete set.* **b.** ended; finished. *The report will be complete tomorrow.* **c.** thorough; perfect: *a complete surprise.*

com•pose /kəm pōz'/ *v.* (**com•pos•es, com•posed, com•pos•ing**) **a.** to make by putting different things together. *Concrete is composed of cement, sand, gravel, and water.* **b.** to make up; to create; to write. *Mozart composed many symphonies.*

com•po•si•tion /kōm' pə zīsh' ən/ *n.* **a.** something made up or composed. *Our teacher assigned a one-page composition.* **b.** a piece of music. *My piano teacher gave me a new composition to practice.*

con•nect /kə nēkt'/ *v.* to join together. *I do not need to connect my computer directly to my printer.*

con•nec•tion /kə nēk' shən/ *n.* a link. *The storm knocked out the connection to the Internet.*

con•serve /kən sūrv'/ *v.* (**con•serves, con•served, con•serv•ing**) to protect from loss or harm; to preserve. *We were all asked to conserve water during the drought.*

con•sid•er /kən sīd' ər/ *v.* **a.** to think carefully before doing something. *Have you considered the pros and cons?* **b.** to think of someone or something as; to regard as. *I consider that a compliment.*

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con•tain /kən tăn'/ *v.* **a.** to have or include as contents. *Each box of dishes contains four bowls.* **b.** to have as a capacity; to be able to hold.

con•test /kŏn' tĕst'/ *n.* a test, struggle, game, etc., to determine a winner. *Who won the prize in the art contest?*

con•tin•ue /kən tĭn' yōō/ *v.* (**con•tin•ues, con•tin•ued, con•tin•u•ing**) **a.** to go on without stopping. *We continued walking until we reached the camp.* **b.** to go on again after stopping; to resume. *The story will be continued next week.*

con•trib•ute /kən trĭb' yōōt/ *v.* (**con•trib•utes, con•trib•ut•ed, con•trib•ut•ing**) to give; to donate. *Each student contributed two hours of work for the bake sale.*

con•vert•i•ble /kən vûr' tə bəl/ *adj.* able to be changed. *We have a convertible sofa that can also be a bed.*

co•op•er•ate /kō ōp' ə rāt'/ *v.* (**co•op•er•ates, co•op•er•at•ed, co•op•er•at•ing**) to work together to get something done. *If everyone cooperates, we will soon finish.*

cop•per¹ /kŏp' ər/ *n.* a soft, reddish-brown metal. *Copper is used to make pennies.*

cop•per² /kŏp' ər/ *adj.* made of copper. *We polished the copper pots until they shone.*

cor•du•roy /kôr' də roi'/ *n.* a cotton fabric with rows of ribs. *The pillow was covered in corduroy.*

cor•po•ral /kôr' pər əl/ or /kôr' prəl/ *n.* a military ranking in the U.S. Army and Marine Corps. *My brother was promoted to a Marine corporal.*

cor•rect¹ /kə rēkt'/ *adj.* having no mistakes; right.
Gary was sure he had the correct answer to the problem.

cor•rect² /kə rēkt'/ *v.* to remove errors from; to make right. *Please correct the spelling on your papers.*

cos•tume /kôs' tōom'/ or /-tyōom'/ *n.* **a.** a characteristic style of dress. *People around the world wear different costumes.* **b.** the particular clothing worn to imitate a person or animal. *He wore a lion costume.*

couch /kouch/ *n.* (**couch•es** *pl.*) a piece of furniture that can seat several people; a sofa. *My friends and I sit on the couch to watch television.*

coun•cil /koun' səl/ *n.* **a.** a group of people who meet to decide on plans or a course of action or to give advice: *a council of property owners.* **b.** a group of people elected by citizens to decide the laws and management of a city or organization: *the city council.*

► **Council** sounds like **counsel**.

coun•sel¹ /koun' səl/ *n.* **a.** advice. *He listens to counsel from people he likes.* **b.** a lawyer or lawyers who are handling a case: *the counsel for the defense.*

► **Counsel** sounds like **council**.

coun•sel² /koun' səl/ *v.* to give counsel or advice to. *The principal counseled us to resolve our quarrel.*

coun•try /kūn' trē / *n.* (**coun•tries** *pl.*) **a.** a nation. *Switzerland is a small country.* **b.** the land outside the city; a rural area of small towns and farms. *Every summer we go to the country.*

coun•ty¹ /koun' tē/ *n.* (**coun•ties** *pl.*) a part of a state in the United States. *In Louisiana a county is called a parish.*

coun•ty² /koun' tē/ *adj.* of a county. *Who won the county elections?*

course /kōrs/ or /kōrs/ *n.* **a.** a direction; a way; a path. *The fallen tree lay directly in our course.* **b.** a part of a meal. *The third course was roast beef.* **c.** a series of lessons or classes. *Li took an art course last year.*

► **Course** sounds like **coarse**.

cous•in /kūz' ɪn/ *n.* a son or daughter of an aunt or uncle. *I have seven cousins.*

cow•ard /kou' ərd/ *n.* a person who cannot control fear or who won't face danger. *The lion in the story was a coward.*

co•work•er /kō' wūr' kər/ *n.* a fellow worker. *Juanita's coworkers took her out to lunch on her birthday.*

crack•er /krāk' ər/ *n.* (**crack•ers** *pl.*) a dry, thin, baked bread product. *Cheese and crackers are nutritional snacks.*

cre•ate /krē āt'/ *v.* (**cre•ates**, **cre•at•ed**, **cre•at•ing**) **a.** to make a thing that has not been made before. *The artist created a painting.* **b.** to cause; to produce. *It takes only one loud person to create a disturbance.*

cre•a•tiv•i•ty /krē ā' tīv' ɪ tē/ *n.* the quality of being creative. *The teacher said I often show great creativity.*

cred•it /krəd' ɪt/ *n.* **a.** recognition; favorable regard. *He deserves credit for his work.* **b.** a system of buying goods by charging the amount and paying the bill, with interest, later. *Using credit can be expensive.*

cred•i•tor /krəd' ɪ tər/ *n.* a person or business to whom money is owed. *If you pay your creditors promptly, you will have a good credit rating.*

crime /krīm/ *n.* an action or a failure to act that is against the law. *The police arrested the man for his crime.*

crim•i•nal /krīm' ə nəl/ *n.* a person who breaks a law. *The police caught the criminal just outside the bank.*

crit•i•cism /krīt' ɪ sɪz' əm/ *n.* **a.** the act of criticizing or finding fault. *Your criticism of my outfit really hurt my feelings.* **b.** a critical remark or comment.

crit•i•cize /krīt' ɪ sɪz'/ *v.* (**crit•i•ciz•es**, **crit•i•cized**, **crit•i•ciz•ing**) **a.** to judge the good and bad qualities of; evaluate. *Karen and I look at each other's work and criticize it.* **b.** to judge unfavorably. *Dad criticized me for my messy room.*

cro•quet /krō kă'/ *n.* an outdoor game played with mallets that are used to drive wooden balls through hoops called wickets. *At the outdoor party, some people played croquet while others played softball.*

cross•coun•try /krôs' kūn' trē/ or /krôs'-/ *adj.* **a.** moving across open country instead of following paths or roads: *cross-country skiing.* **b.** from one side of the country to the other: *a cross-country trip.*

cruise¹ /krōōz/ *v.* (**cruis•es**, **cruised**, **cruis•ing**) **a.** to travel leisurely or aimlessly about. *The pleasure boat cruised the bay.* **b.** to travel at a constant, efficient speed. *The jet cruised high above the clouds.*

cruise

cruise² /krōōz/ *n.* a sea voyage taken for pleasure:
a Caribbean cruise.

cube /kyōōb/ *n.* a solid figure with six square sides.
Not all ice cubes are actually in the shape of a cube.

cu•bic /kyōō' bīk/ *adj.* **a.** shaped like a cube.
b. having length, width, and depth; three-dimensional. *A cubic inch is the volume of a cube whose edges measure one inch.*

cu•ri•ous /kyōōr' ē əs/ *adj.* eager to learn or find out; interested. *I was curious about how the computer program worked.*

cur•rent¹ /kûr' ənt/ *n.* **a.** the movement of water or air in a definite direction; a flow. *The canoe tipped over because of the strong current.* **b.** the movement or flow of electricity in a wire. *The current was cut off when the fuse blew.*

cur•rent² /kûr' ənt/ *adj.* belonging to the present.
What is the current price?

cy•cle /sī' kəl/ *v.* (**cy•cles**, **cy•cled**, **cy•cling**) to pedal or ride a two-wheeled vehicle such as a bicycle.
I cycle to my friend's house because it's close.

cy•clist /sī' klīst/ *n.* a person who rides a bicycle or motorcycle. *An American cyclist won the bicycle race.*



cyclist

daylight-saving time

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dai•ly¹ /dā' lē/ *adj.* appearing, done, or occurring every day. *He takes a daily walk in the park.*

dai•ly² /dā' lē/ *adv.* each day; every day. *She delivers newspapers daily.*

dair•y /dâr' ē/ *n.* (**dair•ies pl.**) a building or a part of a building in which milk is stored or processed. *The farmers bring their milk to the dairy every morning.*

dam•age¹ /dām' ij/ *n.* an injury, harm, or break that lowers the worth or usefulness of something. *The thunderstorm caused severe damage.*

dam•age² /dām' ij/ *v.* (**dam•ag•es**, **dam•aged**, **dam•ag•ing**) to break, injure, or harm something. *The accident damaged their car.*

damp•en /dām' pən/ *v.* to make moist or wet. *Dampen the cloth before you begin cleaning.*

dan•ger•ous /dān' jər əs/ *adj.* **a.** perilous; risky; full of danger: *a dangerous sport.* **b.** likely to cause injury, harm, or damage: *a dangerous criminal.*

daugh•ter /dô' tər/ *n.* a female child. *A princess is the daughter of a king or a queen.*

day•dream /dā' drēm'/ *v.* to have pleasant, dreamy thoughts. *Try not to daydream in class.*

day•light•sav•ing time /dā' līt sāv' vīng tīm'/ *n.* time usually one hour ahead of standard time that allows more daylight during evening hours. *Arizona and Hawaii do not use daylight-saving time.*

de•cide /dī sīd'/ v. (**de•cides**, **de•cid•ed**, **de•cid•ing**)
to reach a decision; to make up one's mind. *I decided to tell them.*

deci•mal point /dēs' ə məl point'/ n. a period placed in a decimal fraction. *Place the decimal point after the 5 in 5.71.*

de•clare /dī klâr'/ v. (**de•clares**, **de•clared**, **de•clar•ing**) **a.** to announce publicly and formally; to make known to others. **b.** to say positively and surely; to state openly. *Mark declared he would never again be late.*

deci•o•rate /dæk' ə rāt/ v. **a.** to furnish. *Kesha decorated her new apartment.* **b.** to make more attractive. *We will decorate the package with stars and stripes.*

deci•o•ra•tion /dæk ə rā' shən/ n. something attractive used to decorate. *She has a lovely gold decoration on her jacket.*

de•coy /dē' koi'/ n. a wooden bird used by hunters to fool other birds. *When the ducks got near the decoy, the hunter fired.*

de•crease¹ /dī krēs'/ v. (**de•creas•es**, **de•creased**, **de•creas•ing**) to become less; to diminish. *The noise decreased sharply when the window was closed.*

de•crease² /dē' krēs'/ n. the process of growing less; a decline; a reduction. *There was a sharp decrease in interest after we lost seven games in a row.*

de•fine /dī fīn'/ v. to state a meaning. *You need to define each spelling word.*

def•i•ni•tion /dēf' ə nīsh' ən/ n. **a.** the meaning of a word. *I need a dictionary to find the definition of a word.* **b.** sharpness of an image or sound. *High-definition television is really clear and sharp.*

de•flate /dī flāt'/ v. (**de•flates**, **de•flat•ed**, **de•flat•ing**) **a.** to release air or gas from; to make smaller. *Completely deflate the tire before you change it.*

de•lete /dī lēt'/ v. (**de•letes**, **de•let•ed**, **de•let•ing**) to take out; to remove. *You should delete the unnecessary word.*

de•light¹ /dī lit'/ v. to give pleasure to; to please. *The new game delighted us.*

de•light² /dī lit'/ n. enjoyment; pleasure; joy; something delightful. *Her sense of humor is a delight.*

den•tist /dēn' tīst/ n. a professional person who is trained in the care, treatment, and repair of the teeth. *The dentist filled my cavity.*

de•ny /dī nī'/ v. (**de•nies**, **de•nied**, **de•ny•ing**) **a.** to state that something is untrue or incorrect. *The prisoner denied that she had robbed the store.* **b.** to refuse to give or allow. *The court denied his request for a new trial.*

de•part•ment /dī pärt' mēnt/ n. a section or part of something; a division of an organization, government, etc.: *the police department; the sporting-goods department.*

de•pos•it¹ /dī pōz' īt/ v. **a.** to lay down and leave. *The river deposits soil at the delta.* **b.** to put away for safety; to put money in a bank. *He deposited a check in his account.*

de•pos•it² /dī pōz' īt/ n. **a.** something put down and left behind: *a muddy deposit.* **b.** money put in a bank. *There was no record of my deposit.*

de•scribe /dī skrīb'/ v. (**de•scribes**, **de•scribed**, **de•scrib•ing**) to tell about in detail with words or pictures. *He described the movie so completely that I didn't even want to see it.*

de•scrip•tive /dī skrīp' tīv/ adj. describing what something is like. *Write a descriptive paragraph about the view from your window.*

de•sign¹ /dī zīn'/ v. to draw or sketch something to be done; to plan the details. *The builder designed a new shopping center.*

de•sign² /dī zīn'/ n. **a.** a drawing or plan. *The design for the building called for an elevator.* **b.** a pattern or arrangement of colors, materials, etc. *The blanket was woven in an intricate design.*

de•spair¹ /dī spâr'/ n. a feeling that hope is gone. *Greg was in despair because his dog had been lost for five days.*

de•spair² /dī spâr'/ v. to give up. *Don't despair—we might still win.*

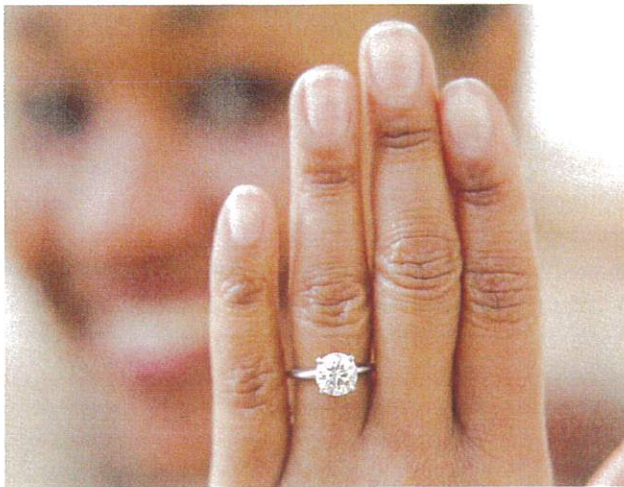
de•stroy /dī stroi'/ v. to put an end to; to ruin; to tear down; to wreck completely. *The fire destroyed the beautiful cathedral.*

de•tec•tive /dī tēk' tīv/ n. a person, often a law officer, who finds information and solves crimes. *The detective waited in her car until the suspect arrived.*

de•vel•op•ment /dī vēl' əp mēnt/ n. **a.** the act of developing; growth. *The children enjoyed watching the kittens' development.* **b.** results; news. *What are the latest developments in the plans for a picnic?*

di•am•e•ter /dī ăm' ī tər/ *n.* a straight line that passes through the center of a circle or other figure, dividing it into two equal parts. *The radius of a circle is half its diameter.* [Greek *dia*, through + *metron*, measure.]

dia•mond /dī' mənd/ or /dī' ə mənd/ *n.* a brilliant precious stone formed of crystallized carbon. *Ms. Rinaldi has a diamond ring.*



diamond

di•a•ry /dī' ə rē/ *n.* (**di•a•ries** *pl.*) a written record of the things that the writer has done or thought day by day. *Ricardo kept a travel diary of his trip to New York.*

dict a Latin root meaning "to speak": *dictation.*

dic•tate /dīk' tāt/ or /dīk tāt'/ *v.* **a.** to say or read aloud words to be recorded or written. *The teacher will dictate our spelling words.* **b.** to command. *He will dictate what the people can do.*

dic•ta•tion /dīk tā' shən/ *n.* the act of dictating to another person. *I am very good at taking dictation.*

dic•tion•a•ry /dīk' shə nēr' ē/ *n.* a book containing words from a language, including meaning and pronunciation. *It is very helpful to have a good dictionary.*

dif•fer /dīf' ər/ *v.* to be unlike. *The two nations differ in their languages.*

dif•fer•ence /dīf' ər əns/ or /dīf' rəns/ *n.* **a.** a way in which people or things are not alike. *There is a big difference in size between a mouse and an elephant.* **b.** the amount by which one number is greater than another. *The difference between 10 and 12 is 2.*

di•rect¹ /dī rēkt'/ *v.* **a.** to point out the way to a place. *The usher directed us to our seats.* **b.** to be in charge of; to manage. *The police directed traffic.*

Pronunciation Key

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ī pie	ũ cut	gallop,
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di•rect² /dī rēkt'/ *adj.* straight; not roundabout: *a direct route.*

di•rect•ed /dī rēkt' əd/ *v.* (**di•rects**, **di•rect•ed**, **di•rect•ing**) ordered; commanded. *The doctor directed Will to eat more fresh fruit.*

di•rec•tor /dī rēk' tər/ or /dī-/ *n.* a person who directs or manages the work done by other people. *He became the director of sales.*

dir•ty /dûr' tē/ *adj.* not clean; containing dirt. *Put all the dirty clothes into the basket.*

dis- a prefix that means "not" or "the opposite of": *dishonest.*

dis•a•gree /dīs' ə grē'/ *v.* (**dis•a•grees**, **dis•a•greed**, **dis•a•gree•ing**) to differ in opinion. *The children disagreed about the rules of the game.*

dis•ap•pear /dīs' ə pîr'/ *v.* to go out of sight; to vanish. *The train disappeared in the distance.*

dis•con•tin•ue /dīs' kən tîn' yōō/ *v.* (**dis•con•tin•ues**, **dis•con•tin•ued**, **dis•con•tin•u•ing**) to cease production. *The store may discontinue this wallpaper pattern because no one purchases it.*

dis•count /dīs' kount/ *n.* a reduction; an amount taken off a price. *Mary got a discount on the hat because it was on sale.*

dis•cov•er /dī skŭv' ər/ *v.* to find out. *If you read further you may discover the meaning of the word.*

dis•cov•er•er /dī skŭv' ər ər/ *n.* a person who seeks out and finds new things. *Sir Alexander Fleming was the discoverer of penicillin.*

dis•cuss /dī skŭs'/ *v.* to talk seriously about. *The committee discussed possible solutions to the traffic problem.*

dis•hon•est /dīs ōn' īst/ *adj.* not honest; not fair; lying or cheating. *Copying someone else's answers is dishonest.*

dis•like /dīs līk'/ *v.* (**dis•likes**, **dis•liked**, **dis•lik•ing**) to have a feeling against; to object to. *At first I disliked him but now we are friends.*

dis•o•bey /dīs ə bā'/ *v.* to refuse or fail to obey. *Soldiers learn never to disobey orders.*

dis•rupt /dīs rūpt'/ *v.* to break up. *Protestors plan to disrupt the candidate's speech.*

dis•tance /dīs' təns/ *n.* the space between two objects. *The distance between the house and the street is 40 feet.*

dis•tressed /dī strēst'/ *adj.* troubled; agonized. *The distressed boy couldn't find his father.*

dis•turb /dī stūrb'/ *v.* **a.** to bother; to interrupt. *Try not to disturb people who are reading.* **b.** to upset; to worry. *We were disturbed to hear that Mr. O'Brien was ill.* **c.** to put into disorder; to mess up. *Don't disturb anything in my room.*

di•vide /dī vīd'/ *v.* to separate into parts. *He will divide the cake equally.*

di•vis•i•ble /dī vīz' ə bəl/ *adj.* capable of being divided. *The number 100 is evenly divisible by 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, and 50.*

di•vi•sion /dī vīzh' ən/ *n.* **a.** a mathematical operation to find out how many of one amount is contained in another. *We can use division to figure out how many students should be in each group.* **b.** one of the parts a thing is divided into. *They live in a new housing division called South Gate.*

doc•u•ment /dŏk' yə mənt/ *n.* an official paper; any written record used as evidence for some fact. *Your birth certificate is an important document.*

do•nate /dō' nāt'/ *v.* (**do•nates**, **do•nat•ed**, **do•nat•ing**) to give or contribute to a fund or a cause. *The class decided to donate the money from their bake sale to the animal shelter.*

dou•ble•head•er /düb' əl-hēd' ər/ *n.* two games played one after the other on the same day. *The Red Sox will play a double-header next weekend.*

doubt /dout/ *n.* distrust; uncertainty. *I have no doubt that the weather forecast is correct today.*

down•stairs¹ /doun' stârz'/ *adv.* to a lower floor. *I am going downstairs to finish the laundry.*

down•stairs² /doun' stârz'/ *adj.* on the lower floor: a downstairs bedroom.

doz•en /düz' ən/ *n.* (**doz•ens** or **doz•en pl.**) a set of twelve: a dozen eggs.

dra•ma•tic /drə măt' īk/ *adj.* **a.** having to do with plays or the theater. *An actor is a dramatic artist.* **b.** exciting and full of adventure. *The climbers made a dramatic attempt to reach the summit.*

dram•a•tize /drām' ə tīz'/ or /drä' mə tīz'/ *v.* (**dram•a•tizes**, **dram•a•tized**, **dram•a•tiz•ing**) to make into a play or a screenplay. *Our class will dramatize the story.*

draw•ing /drô' īng/ *n.* a design, picture, etc. *Her drawing of a covered bridge won first prize in the art contest.*

drawn /drôn/ *v.* past participle of **draw**.

drought /drou/ *n.* a long period of time without rain. *The crops were ruined last summer by a two-month drought.*

dy•na•mite /dī' nə mīt'/ *n.* a substance that explodes with force. *They used dynamite to break up the huge boulder.*



ea•gle /ē' gəl/ *n.* a large bird of prey with a hooked beak. *The bald eagle is the symbol of the United States.*



eagle

east•ern /ē' stərn/ *adj.* of, in, or toward the east. *The eastern coast of the country was lined with mountains.*

e•col•o•gy /ī kŏl' ə jē/ *n.* the science of the relationships between living things and their environments. *We are learning about the ecology of the desert.*

-ed a suffix added to verbs to show past tense:
flowed.

edge /ɛj/ *n.* **a.** the side of a blade that cuts. *A knife edge must be sharp to cut well.* **b.** the outer part of anything; the line where anything ends. *The glass was resting on the edge of the table.*

ed•i•ble /ɛd' ə bəl/ *adj.* fit to eat. *Is that fruit edible, or is it artificial?*

ed•i•tor /ɛd' i tər/ *n.* **a.** a person who prepares writings for publication. *The editor marked her corrections in the margin.* **b.** a person in charge of the publication of a newspaper or magazine.

ee•rie /i'r ē/ *adj.* (**ee•ri•er**, **ee•ri•est**) mysterious in a scary way. *We heard an eerie sound coming from the abandoned house.*

ef•fect /i fɛkt'/ or /ə fɛkt'/ *n.* **a.** something brought about by a cause or agent; result. *The drought had an effect on this year's crops.* **b.** the way in which something acts upon or influences an object. **c.** something that produces a specific impression or supports a general design or intention: *sound effects.*

ef•fort /ɛf' ɔrt/ or /ɛf' ūrt/ *n.* **a.** the use of one's strength or power; exertion. *Riding a bicycle uphill requires effort.* **b.** an attempt; a try. *Make an effort to finish by three.*

eight•y /a' tē/ *n.* the next number after seventy-nine; eight times ten; 80. *Her grandmother will be eighty next month.*

e•ject /i jɛkt'/ *v.* to throw out; to force out. *The referee will eject the player from the game.*

e•lect /i lɛkt'/ *v.* **a.** to choose by a vote. *The students will elect a new president next week.* **b.** to make a choice. *I elect to go to camp in the summer.*

e•lec•tion /i lɛk' shən/ *n.* the act of choosing. *The presidential election is very important to the country.*

el•e•gance /ɛl' i gəns/ *n.* grace; refinement. *The Medieval cathedral demonstrates elegance in architecture.*

el•e•va•tor /ɛl' ə vā' tər/ *n.* a small compartment that lifts things from one floor to another in a building. *Take the elevator to the third floor.*

e•mo•tion /i mō' shən/ *n.* a strong reaction or feeling. *Anger is a common emotion.*

em•ploy /ɛm ploɪ'/ *v.* to have in one's business as paid workers; to hire. *Factories employ hundreds of people.*

em•ploy•ment /ɛm ploɪ' mənt/ *n.* **a.** one's work or occupation. *Mrs. O'Connor found employment as an accountant.* **b.** the hiring of people to do work. *The firm provides employment for many people.*

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-en a suffix that means "to cause to be" or "to become," used to form verbs: *broaden.*

-ence a suffix, used to form nouns, that means: **a.** an act or result of acting: *dependence.* **b.** a state or quality: *absence.*

en•er•get•ic /ɛn' ər jɛt' ĩk/ *adj.* full of energy; active; vigorous. *We need energetic workers to help clean out the attic.*

en•er•gy /ɛn' ər jē/ *n.* (**en•er•gies** *pl.*) the power, ability, or capacity to do work. *This swimming pool is heated by solar energy.*

en•gine /ɛn' jĭn/ *n.* a machine that changes fuel and energy into motion. *Most automobile engines use gasoline.*

en•joy /ɛn joi'/ *v.* to get pleasure from. *Did you enjoy the movie last night?*

en•joy•a•ble /ɛn joi' ə bəl/ *adj.* able to be enjoyed; pleasurable. *Despite the rain, our day was enjoyable.*

e•nor•mous /i nôr' məs/ *adj.* very large. *The whale is an enormous sea animal.*

e•nough /i nŭf'/ *adj.* as much or as many as needed. *The campers had enough food and water for three days.*

en•tire /ɛn tĭr'/ *adj.* whole; complete. *We spent the entire day at the zoo.*

en•trance /ɛn' trəns/ *n.* a doorway; a place for entering. *The statue stood by the front entrance to the building.*

en•ve•lope /ɛn' və lōp'/ or /ăn'-/ *n.* (**en•ve•lopes** *pl.*) a paper cover or holder used to hold papers and other materials. *Always put the correct address on the envelope.*

-er¹ a suffix meaning “more” that is used to form the comparative degree of adjectives and adverbs:
slower.

-er² a suffix that means “one who” or “one that does something”: *buyer.*

e•rode /ɪ rōd/ v. to wear away. *The rain eroded the hillside.*

e•ro•sion /ɪ rō' zhən/ n. the process of washing or wearing away. *The group will make an effort to stop the erosion of the beach.*

e•rupt /ɪ rūpt/ v. to explode; break through. *Scientists predict that the volcano will erupt soon.*

es•ca•la•tor /ēs' kə lā' tər/ n. a set of moving stairs that go upward and downward. *We took the stairs because the escalator was closed for repair.*

es•say /ēs' ā/ n. (**es•says** pl.) a short composition, often expressing a personal opinion on a single topic. *We wrote an essay in school.*

-est a suffix meaning “most” that is used to form the superlative degree of adjectives and adverbs:
kindest.

es•ti•mate /ēs' tə māt/ v. (**es•ti•mates**, **es•ti•mat•ed**, **es•ti•mat•ing**) to guess; to judge what the size, time, etc., will be. *We estimated that the book would contain six hundred pages.*

es•ti•ma•tion /ēs tə mā' shən/ n. a rough judgment. *My estimation of the damage is \$1200.*

e•vent /ɪ vēnt/ n. **a.** anything that happens. *To a child, a trip to the circus is a great event.* **b.** one of the contests in a sports meet. *The next event is the one-hundred-meter backstroke.*

eve•ry•day /ēv' rē dā/ adj. ordinary; all right for the usual day or event. *You should wear your everyday clothes to play outside.*

e•vil¹ /ē' vəl/ adj. bad; wrong; harmful. *Deliberately hurting someone else is an evil thing to do.*

e•vil² /ē' vəl/ n. anything that causes pain and harm. *War is an evil.*

ex•act /ɪg zākt/ adj. correct; right; accurate in every detail. *When a bridge is built, every measurement must be exact.*

ex•cel•lent /ēk' sə lənt/ adj. very good. *Their excellent singing received loud applause.*

ex•cel•ling /ēk səl' ɪŋ/ v. (**ex•cells**, **ex•celled**, **ex•cel•ling**) doing better than others; performing at a high level. *Colleen is excelling in mathematics.*

ex•cite /ɪk sīt/ v. (**ex•cites**, **ex•cit•ed**, **ex•cit•ing**) to stir strong feelings in. *We were all excited to hear such good news.*

ex•er•cise¹ /ēk' sər sīz/ v. (**ex•er•cis•es**, **ex•er•cised**, **ex•er•cis•ing**) to develop or strengthen through regular practice or activity. *Solving puzzles is one way to exercise your mind.*

ex•er•cise² /ēk' sər sīz/ n. **a.** an activity that develops or strengthens the body or the mind. *He gets his exercise by walking.* **b.** a lesson provided to offer practice. *We do a math exercise every night.*

ex•ist /ɪg zīst/ v. **a.** to be; to be real. *Dinosaurs no longer exist.* **b.** to live; to be able to live; to go on living. *Animals cannot exist without air and water.*

ex•it /ēg' zīt/ or /ēk' sīt/ n. **a.** a way of going out of a place. *There was only one exit from the cave.* **b.** a going out of a place; a leaving: *made a quick exit.*

ex•pect /ɪk spēkt/ v. **a.** to look for something to happen; to look forward to. *We expected rain, but the sky was clear.* **b.** to require. *My parents expect me to study every night.*

ex•per•i•ence /ɪk spīr' ē əns/ n. **a.** a living through an event or series of events; a doing or feeling something. *Watching the baby birds hatch was a special experience.* **b.** what one learns from doing things. *I gained business experience from my paper route.*

ex•plain /ɪk splān/ v. **a.** to make something clear; to tell what something means. *The teacher explained the difference between nouns and verbs.* **b.** to give a reason for; to tell the cause of. *Can you explain why you didn't do your homework?*

ex•plo•ra•tion /ek' splə rā' shən/ n. **a.** study. *Researchers led the exploration for a cure.* **b.** travel for adventure or discovery. *Daniel wants to take part in a polar exploration.*

ex•plore /ɪk splôr/ v. **a.** to search thoroughly. *Terrell will explore the canyon for arrowheads.* **b.** to examine carefully. *Angel's doctor will explore Angel's rash.*

ex•po•nent /ɪk spō' nənt/ or /ēk' spō' nənt/ n. a mathematical term that shows how many times the base number is to be multiplied by itself. *In the expression y^3 , the 3 is an exponent.*

ex•port¹ /ɪk spôrt/ or /ēk' spôrt/ v. to send or sell out of the country. *We export grain to China.*

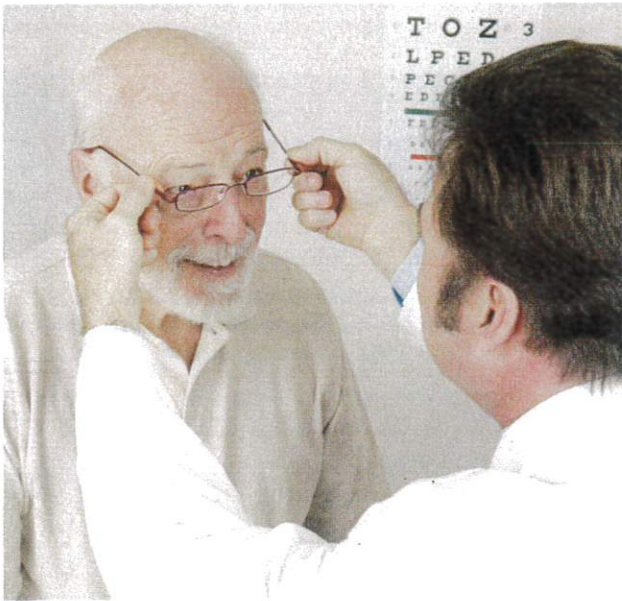
ex•port² /ɪk spôrt/ or /ēk' spôrt/ n. something that is exported. *Rice is an export of India.*

ex•tend /ɪk stënd/ v. **a.** to lengthen. *We extended our vacation so we could visit another national park.* **b.** to stretch out. *The river extends for many miles.* **c.** to make larger; to increase. *You can extend your knowledge by reading books.* **d.** to offer. *He extended an invitation to the entire class.*

ex•ter•nal /ɪk stūr' nəl/ *adj.* outer; on the outside; exterior. *This old building is drab on the inside, but it has several interesting external features.*

ex•trav•a•gant /ɪk strāv' ə gənt/ *adj.* wasteful; too high. *The fees for the swim club are extravagant.*

eye•glas•es /ɪ' gläs ɛz/ *n. pl.* (**eye•glass** *sing.*) a pair of lenses in a frame that helps a person to see better. *Tom needs eyeglasses to see far away.*



eyeglasses



fail•ure /fāl' yər/ *n.* lack of success. *Jenna's attempt to raise funds for the trip ended in failure.*

false /fōls/ *adj.* **a.** not true. *It is false to say that 2 + 2 = 5.* **b.** not real or genuine. *The man wore a false beard.*

fal•ter /fōl' tər/ *v.* to hesitate when speaking because of confusion or uncertainty. *Lori was afraid her voice would falter during her speech.*

fame /fām/ *n.* the state of being well-known; respect; recognition. *George Washington was a man of great fame.*

fa•mous /fā' məs/ *adj.* widely known and talked about. *Colorado is famous for its mountains.*

farm•er /fär' mər/ *n.* a person who owns or operates a farm. *Farmers often store chopped corn in tall towers called silos.*

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far•ther /fär' thər/ *adv.* at or to a greater distance. *We drove farther this summer than we did last year.*

fau•cet /fô' sīt/ *n.* a device used for turning on and off the flow of water from a pipe or sink. *The plumber fixed the leaky faucet.*

fa•vor•a•ble /fā' vər ə bəl/ or /fāv' rə-/ *adj.* (**fa•vor•a•bly**, *adv.*) **a.** encouraging; a favorable answer. **b.** helpful; favorable winds.

fa•vor•ite /fā' vər it/ or /fāv' rīt/ *adj.* most liked; preferred. *Broccoli is my favorite vegetable.*

fea•ture /fē' chər/ *n.* **a.** a part. *The interview was the best feature of the program.* **b.** something that attracts attention; an outstanding quality. *Her best feature is her ability to see mistakes.*

fea•ture² /fē' chər/ *v.* (**fea•tures**, **fea•tured**, **fea•tur•ing**) to make prominent. *Most newspapers feature comic strips.*

fer•til•ize /fūr' tl īz'/ *v.* (**fer•til•iz•es**, **fer•til•ized**, **fer•til•iz•ing**) **a.** to add something to soil to make it richer so it will produce more. *Lawns are fertilized with a combination of chemicals.* **b.** to cause a new animal or plant to develop. *Bees fertilize plants by carrying pollen from one flower to another.*

fer•ti•liz•er /fūr' tl ī' zər/ *n.* something added to soil to make it more productive. *Compost makes a good garden fertilizer.*

fes•ti•val /fēs' tə vəl/ *n.* a time of celebration and feasting to honor a special event. *Thanksgiving is a festival started by the early settlers in New England in 1621.*

fidg•et /fɪj' it/ *v.* to move restlessly or nervously. *Please sit still; don't fidget!*

field goal /fēld' gōl/ *n.* a score of three points in a football game by kicking the ball through the upright bars. *Our team won by a field goal.*

fi•nal /fī' nəl/ *adj.* **a.** last; closing; coming at the end. *Friday is the final day of the sale.* **b.** not to be changed. *The umpire's decision is always final.*

fi•nal•ly /fī' nə lē / or /fīn' lē/ *adv.* at last. *I finally got the job done.*

fit•ness /fīt' nīs/ *n.* the state of being in good physical condition. *Many people exercise for greater fitness.*

flair /flâr/ *n.* **a.** a natural talent; a knack. *His use of color shows his flair for decorating.* **b.** a distinctive personal style. *She wore the unusual costume with a flair.*

➤ Flair sounds like flare.

flare¹ /flâr/ *v.* (**flares, flared, flare•ing**) to flame up suddenly and briefly. *A breath of wind made the candle flare.*

➤ Flare sounds like flair.

flare² /flâr/ *n.* a sudden bright light, especially one used for signaling. *The army patrol sent up a flare to mark their location.*

➤ Flare sounds like flair.

flash•light /flăsh' lit/ *n.* a small light powered by batteries. *Campers carry flashlights to find their way in the dark.*

flat•ten /flăt' n/ *v.* to make or become flat. *Our cat flattens herself against the ground when she is stalking a bird.*

flaw /flô/ *n.* **a.** a defect; any crack, scratch, break, etc. *You can see the flaw in this glass.* **b.** any fault or mistake. *The flaw in his character is his thoughtlessness.*

flo•rist /flôr' ist/, /flôr' ist/, or /flôr' ist/ *n.* a person who sells plants and flowers. *I ordered some red roses from the florist.*

fluff•y /flŭf' ē/ *adj.* (**fluff•i•er, fluff•i•est**) **a.** of, relating to, or resembling a light, soft substance, such as fur or feathers. *I sleep best on a fluffy pillow.* **b.** light, soft, and airy. *Scramble the eggs until they are fluffy.*

fog•gy /fô' gē/ or /fôg' ē/ *adj.* (**fog•gi•er, fog•gi•est; fog•gi•ly, adv.**) **a.** having fog; misty enough to make seeing difficult. *No one wanted to drive on such a foggy night.* **b.** confused. *I have only a foggy memory of my vacation.*

fool•ish /fōō' lish/ *adj.* senseless; silly; unwise. *Justin felt really foolish when he realized that his socks didn't match.*

force¹ /fôrs/ or /fôrs/ *n.* **a.** strength; power; energy. *The storm winds struck with great force.* **b.** any group of people who are trained to work together: *the police force.*

force² /fôrs/ or /fôrs/ *v.* (**force•es, forced, force•ing**) to make a person or thing do something. *No one can force you to do your homework; you should do it because it helps you learn.*

for•est /fôr' ist/ *n.* an area covered with trees; a woods. *We found pine cones in the forest.*



forest

for•ev•er /fôr' ēv' ə/ or /fər-/ *adv.* for all time; without ending. *Your allowance cannot be expected to last forever.*

for•get /fər gēt'/ *v.* (**for•gets, for•got, for•got•ten or for•got, for•get•ing**) **a.** to have no memory of; to be unable to recall. *I will never forget my first sight of the Grand Canyon.* **b.** to neglect to do because of carelessness or lack of interest. *Did you forget to write Grandma a thank-you note for your birthday present?*

for•mal /fôr' məl/ *adj.* **a.** according to accepted customs, rules, or practices. *Slang expressions are out of place in formal writing.* **b.** done officially in an exact, definite manner. *The formal signing of the treaty came several weeks after the war ended.* **c.** elegant; fine: *a formal dinner.*

for•tune /fôr' chən/ *n.* **a.** a large amount of money, property, etc.; wealth. *Restoring this old hotel would cost a fortune.* **b.** luck. *She could scarcely believe her good fortune in finding the stolen jewelry.*

for•ty-four /fôr' tē fôr'/ or /-fôr'/ *n.* the next number after forty-three; forty plus four; 44. *He found forty-four balls as he explored the golf course.*

for•ward /fôr' wərd/ *adv.* toward the front. *The crowd pushed forward to see the pandas in the zoo.*

fos•sil /fös' əl/ *n.* any traces or remains of animals or plants from an earlier age found in earth, ice, coal, or rock. *We saw the skeleton of the prehistoric creature in the fossil.*

foun•da•tion /foun dā' shən/ *n.* the base on which something is built; the base on which something stands. *If they don't repair the foundation, the house may be damaged.*

fra•grant /frā' grənt/ *adj.* having a pleasant aroma. *The fragrant roses covered the fence.*

fran•tic /frān' tīk/ *adj.* excited with fear or anxiety; agitated. *When I felt the dish slipping from my hand, I made a frantic attempt to catch it.*

freck•le /frĕk' əl/ *n.* a small brownish spot on the skin. *Julie has a freckle on her leg.*

free•dom /frĕ' dəm/ *n.* the state of being free; liberty. *The Revolutionary War was fought to gain freedom for our country.*

freeze /frĕz/ *v.* (**free•es**, **froze**, **fro•zen**, **freez•ing**)
a. to become ice; to turn to ice. *The lake froze during the night.* **b.** to chill something until it becomes cold and hard as ice. *We freeze the vegetables from our garden so they will keep through the winter.*

freight /frāt/ *n.* a load of goods carried from place to place by ship, truck, bus, train, or plane. *Most freight in the United States is carried by rail.*

fright•en /frīt' n/ *v.* **a.** to make afraid; to scare. *The actors' costumes frightened the little girl.* **b.** to cause to move by making afraid. *The campfire frightened away the wolves.*

froze /frōz/ *v.* past tense of **freeze**. *Several orange trees froze last night.*

fro•zen /frō' zən/ *adj.* **a.** covered with ice. *Let's go ice skating on the frozen pond.* **b.** kept fresh by a process of freezing. *Frozen foods are used as often as canned foods these days.*

fruit /frūt/ *n.* (**fruit** or **fruits pl.**) the part of certain plants that contains seeds and is good to eat. *Oranges, grapes, and pears are types of fruit.*

full-time /fŭl' tīm/ *adj.* **a.** requiring all of one's time. *Taking care of young children can be a full-time occupation.* **b.** giving all of one's time to a certain job; working a full day. *Mr. Ellison is a full-time teacher.*

fur•nish /fūr' nīsh/ *v.* (**fur•nish•es**, **fur•nished**, **fur•nish•ing**) to supply or give. *We will furnish the potato chips for the party.*

Pronunciation Key

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ě pet	ou out	ə about,
ē be	ōō took	item,
ĩ pit	ōō boot	pencil,
ī pie	ũ cut	gallop,
îr pier	ûr urge	circus

fur•ther¹ /fūr' thər/ or /fūr' thūr/ *adj.* more; extra. *There has been no further news.*

fur•ther² /fūr' thər/ or /fūr' thūr/ *adv.* more; to a greater extent. *We will have to think further about going on the trip.*

fu•ture¹ /fyōō' chər/ *n.* the time that is to come. *What are your plans for the future?*

fu•ture² /fyōō' chər/ *adj.* in the time to come. *All future meetings will begin at three o'clock.*



gal•ler•y /gāl' ə rē/ *n.* (**gal•ler•ies pl.**) **a.** a long enclosed passageway, often with windows along one side; a hall. *We walked down the castle gallery and looked out at the lovely gardens.* **b.** a room or building where art objects are displayed.

gar•bage /gār' bīj/ *n.* spoiled food or waste matter that is thrown away. *We put our garbage in cans in the alley.*

gar•den•er /gärd' nər/ *n.* a person who takes care of a garden or does gardening. *Sharon worked as a gardener last summer.*

gas•o•line /gäs' ə lēn'/ or /gäs' ə lēn'/ *n.* liquid used as fuel for certain engines. *Gasoline is made from petroleum.*

gem /jēm/ *n.* a precious stone. *Diamonds and emeralds are gems.*

gen•der /jĕn' dər/ *n.* the qualities or condition of being masculine or feminine. *What is the gender of the new puppy?*

gene /jēn/ *n.* a tiny part of a chromosome that helps pass down inherited traits from parents to offspring. *Your eye color, hair color, and blood type depend on the genes you received from your parents.*

gen•er•al /jēn' ə r ə l/ *adj.* **a.** having to do with all or almost all. *The weather is a subject of general interest.* **b.** not given in detail; not definite; rough. *Everyone has a general idea of how an airplane stays in the air.*

gen•er•al² /jēn' ə r ə l/ *n.* a top army officer in command of many troops. *There are five ranks of general, and they wear from one to five stars.*

gen•er•al•ize /jēn' ə r ə līz'/ *v.* (**gen•er•al•iz•es**, **gen•er•al•ized**, **gen•er•al•iz•ing**) to talk or write in a general way without saying anything specific. *Can you generalize about how to improve education?*

gen•er•ous /jēn' ə r ə s/ *adj.* willing to share; unselfish; giving happily. *The famous athlete was generous with her time in teaching girls how to play tennis.*

ge•net•ics /jə nēt' īks/ *n.* (used with a singular verb). The genetic makeup of an individual or group. *The genetics of a pig is different than the genetics of a flower.*

ge•net•ics² /jə nēt' īks/ *n.* (used with a singular verb). The part of biology that deals with heredity. *The field of genetics is changing medical science.*

gen•ius /jēn' yəs/ *n.* (**gen•ius•es pl.**) **a.** a person who has outstanding and remarkable ability in science, art, writing, music, etc. *Many say that Mozart was a genius.* **b.** any special ability. *Charles has a genius for getting us to do what he wants.*

gen•tle /jēn' tl/ *adj.* light; soft. *The gentle breeze rustled through the leaves.*

gen•tle•man /jēn' tl mən/ *n.* (**gen•tle•men pl.**) **a.** a man who is thoughtful, polite, educated, and honorable. *The word of a gentleman can be trusted.* **b.** a man of respected family or high social position. *Once only gentlemen were allowed to serve as attendants in a royal court.*

gen•tle•ness /jēn' tl nīs/ *n.* **a.** mildness; softness. *The gentleness of the breeze was relaxing.* **b.** kindness; patience. *Her gentleness calmed the frightened animal.*

ge•og•ra•pher /jē ōg' rə fər/ *n.* a person who specializes in the study of geography. *The geographer studied the terrain using maps.*

ge•ol•o•gist /jē ōl' ə jīst/ *n.* a person who specializes in the study of geology. *The geologist explained volcanic action.*

ge•ol•o•gy /jē ōl' ə jē/ *n.* the scientific study of the composition and history of the earth's structure. *Scientists use geology to locate water or minerals underground.*



geology

ge•om•e•try /jē ōm' ī trē/ *n.* the mathematical study of the measurements and relationships of solid and plane figures. *In geometry we learned that a circle has 360 degrees.*

ges•ture /jēs' chər/ *n.* a motion used to express meaning. *The umpire used a gesture to show that the batter was out.*

gi•gan•tic /jī gǎn' tīk/ *adj.* extremely large. *Elephants and whales are gigantic.*

girth /gûrth/ *n.* the distance around something. *The elephant's girth prevented it from going through the door.*

glue /glōō/ *n.* a sticky liquid that hardens to hold things together. *Broken toys can be mended with glue.*

good-bye¹ or **good-by** /gōōd bī'/ *interj.* farewell. *Good-bye. See you later.*

good-bye² or **good-by** /gōōd bī'/ *n.* an expression of farewell. *We said our good-byes at the airport.*

gov•ern•ment /gŭv' ə rn mənt/ *n.* **a.** a system of ruling or managing. *Our American government is a democracy, which means that the power to make laws comes from the citizens.* **b.** the people in charge of such a system. *The government has approved the new dam.*

gov•er•nor /gŭv' ə r nə r/ *n.* the person elected to be the head of a state of the United States. *In 1924 the people of Wyoming elected the first woman governor in the United States.*

grad•u•al /grăj' ɔ̄ əl/ *adj.* slow, but continuous.

The gradual leak caused a flood.

graph a Greek root meaning “to write”: *paragraph*.

graph¹ /grăf/ *n.* a diagram that shows relationships.

She made a graph that shows how many hours she slept each night for a month.

graph² /grăf/ *v.* to draw a diagram that shows relationships. *You can graph the information to show how the class voted.*

graph•ic /grăf' ik/ *adj.* detailed drawing. *His graphic novel will be published in the fall.*

grave /grāv/ *adj.* serious. *The victim in the car crash was in grave danger.*

grav•i•ty /grāv' ĭ tē/ *n.* seriousness. *The bully did not understand the gravity of her actions.*

gro•cer /grō' sər/ *n.* a person who sells food; a storekeeper; a merchant. *The grocer helped my mom find the spices she needed.*

gro•cer•ies /grō' sə rēz/ *n. pl.* anything sold by a grocer. *We carried two bags of groceries home from the store.*

gro•cer•y /grō' sə rē/ *n.* (**gro•cer•ies** *pl.*) a store that sells food and household supplies. *I went to the grocery for bread and milk.*

growth /grōth/ *n.* **a.** the process of growing. *Social scientists are looking for ways to control population growth.* **b.** the development achieved by growing. *Some plants reach full growth in a single season.*

grudge¹ /grūj/ *n.* a long-standing feeling of anger or dislike; resentment. *She held a grudge against him because of their old argument.*

grudge² /grūj/ *v.* (**grudg•es**, **grudged**, **grudg•ing**) to be reluctant to allow; to resent; to envy. *He grudged them their success even though they deserved it.*

guard¹ /gärd/ *v.* to protect; to keep from harm; to defend. *There were soldiers on duty all night to guard the fort.*

guard² /gärd/ *n.* **a.** one who protects or watches over: *a security guard.* **b.** a protection; a watch; a defense: *a guard against infection.*



hab•it /häb' ĭt/ *n.* a custom; an action that has been done so often that one does it without thinking. *Brushing your teeth after every meal is a good habit to acquire.*

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ĭ pit	ōō boot	pencil,
ī pie	ŭ cut	gallop,
îr pier	ûr urge	circus

hand•some /hăn' səm/ *adj.* very good-looking; pleasing in appearance. *What a handsome suit you're wearing today!*

hap•pi•est /hăp' ē ěst/ *adj.* having or showing the most pleasure. *I remember that time as one of the happiest days of my life.*

hard•en /här' dn/ *v.* to make or become hard. *The ground hardens during cold weather.*

har•mon•i•ca /här mōn' ĭ kə/ *n.* a small rectangular wind instrument with reeds in small slots from which tones are produced by inhaling and exhaling. *Jim plays the harmonica in a band.*

har•vest¹ /här' vĭst/ *n.* **a.** a crop. *This year's grain harvest will be larger than last year's.* **b.** the gathering in of a crop. *A farmer needs more workers during the harvest.*

har•vest² /här' vĭst/ *v.* to gather in a crop. *Next week they will harvest the corn.*

hedge /hěj/ *n.* a thick row of bushes planted as a fence or boundary. *A hedge should be trimmed evenly.*

help•ful /hĕlp' fəl/ *adj.* giving aid; useful. *It was helpful that you did the dishes.*

help•less /hĕlp' lĭs/ *adj.* not able to help oneself or others. *We felt helpless to stop the school's litter problem until we planned a recycling program.*

herd /hûrd/ *n.* a number of animals that feed and move about together. *The herd of deer was hard to spot in the dim forest.*

he•ro /hîr' ō/ *n.* (**he•roes** *pl.*) **a.** a person admired for courage, great deeds, or fine qualities. *George Washington is a national hero.* **b.** the most important male character in a story. *The plot usually permits the hero to triumph in the end.*

her•o•ism /hě'r' ō 'īz' əm/ *n.* bravery; courage. *She won a medal for heroism.*

hi•ber•nate /hī' bər nāt/ *v.* to be inactive or asleep for a period. *Some animals hibernate in the winter.*

hi•ber•nation /hī' bər nā shən/ *n.* the state of being asleep for a period. *Bears do not go into a deep hibernation.*

hic•cup /hīk' ūp/ *v.* (**hic•cup•ped**, **hic•cup•ping**, **hic•cups**) to have or make a short spasm of the breathing muscles; to have an uncontrolled catching of the breath. *The baby always hiccups after drinking his bottle.*

his•tor•ic /hī stôr' ik/ *adj.* famous in history. *We visited historic monuments and buildings on our trip to England.*

home•mak•er /hōm' mā' kər/ *n.* a person with the responsibility of managing a household, including cooking, cleaning, and caring for children. *Being a homemaker is a demanding job.*

home run /hōm' rŭn'/ *n.* a long baseball play that allows the batter to run to all the bases and score a point. *When the ball sailed over the fence, we knew it was a home run.*

home•work /hōm' wŭrk/ *n.* work for school that is done at home. *Our class has ten arithmetic problems for homework.*

ho•ri•zon /hə rī' zən/ *n.* the line where the ground or sea meets the sky; the skyline. *Tonight's horizon was aglow at sunset.*

horse•pow•er /hōrs' pou' ər/ *n.* a unit of power equal to the amount needed to raise a weight of 550 pounds one inch in one second. *An engine's strength is measured in horsepower.*

hos•pi•tal /hōs' pī tl/ *n.* an organization that provides care and treatment for the sick or the injured. *He is a nurse at the hospital.*

hos•pi•tal•i•ty /hōs' pī täl' ĭ tē/ *n.* pleasant and kind treatment of guests. *The visitors appreciated their hospitality.*

hu•man /hyōō' mən/ *adj.* of or relating to persons. *It is a human weakness to put things off.*

hu•man•i•ty /hyōō măn' ĭ tē/ *n.* **a.** people; the human race. *All humanity benefits from scientific research.* **b.** kindness; mercy. *The doctor shows humanity to all her patients.*

hum•ble /hŭm' bəl/ *adj.* (**hum•bler**, **hum•blest**; **hum•bly**, *adv.*) **a.** modest; not proud. *She remained humble even after her huge success.* **b.** not important or grand. *Welcome to our humble house.*

hu•mid /hyoo' mīd/ *adj.* damp; moist. *Tropical climates are often humid.*

hu•mid•i•ty /hyōō' mīd' ĭ tē/ *n.* dampness or moisture, especially of the air. *Coastal cities often have high humidity.*

hu•mor /hyōō' mər/ *n.* **a.** something that makes a person laugh; a funny or amusing quality. *The essay used gentle humor to make its point.* **b.** a state of mind; a mood. *The cheerful story put me in a good humor.* **c.** ability to see the funny side of things. *She has a great sense of humor.*

hu•mor•ous /hyōō' mər əs/ *adj.* funny; comical; amusing. *The audience laughed at the humorous movie.*

hur•dles /hŭr' dlz/ *n. pl.* (**hur•dle sing.**) barriers or obstacles used in races. *Nathan jumped over the hurdles in the race.*



-ible a suffix, used to form adjectives, that means:
a. capable of: *flexible.* **b.** tending toward: *sensible.*

-ic a suffix, used with nouns, to form adjectives that mean:
a. of: *allergic.* **b.** like: *heroic.* **c.** characterized by: *rhythmic.*

i•ci•cle /ī' sī kəl/ *n.* a pointed, hanging piece of ice, formed by the freezing of dripping water. *Icicles hung from the roof of the house.*



icicle

ig•nite /ĭg nīt'/ *v.* to set fire to. *Lightning can ignite forest fires.*

ig•ni•tion / ĭg nīsh' ən/ *adj.* **a.** the process of delivering a spark to start a fire. *The spaceship commander said, "We have ignition. We have liftoff."* **b.** the switch that starts the process. *The ignition on our grill is electronic.*

ig•nore /ɪg nôr'/ or /-nôr'/ *v.* (**ig•nores**, **ig•nored**, **ig•nor•ing**) to pay no attention to; to refuse to notice. *Anita ignored their silly remarks.*

im- a prefix that means: **a.** not: *imprecise*. **b.** without; the opposite of: *immaturity*. *Im-* replaces *in-* before the letters *b*, *m*, and *p*.

i•mag•i•nar•y /ɪ māj' ə nēr' ē/ *adj.* not real; happening only in the mind. *Unicorns are imaginary animals.*

i•ma•gine /ɪ māj' ɪn/ *v.* (**i•ma•gines**, **i•ma•gined**, **i•ma•gin•ing**) **a.** to make up an idea or a picture in the mind. *I can imagine all the things I would do if I had the time.* **b.** to suppose. *I imagine they'll be there soon.*

im•ma•ture /ɪm' ə tyōōr'/, /ɪm' ə tōōr'/ *adj.* showing a lack of advanced behavior; not mature. *The teens' immature behavior was the reason they were asked to leave the theater.*

im•pa•tient /ɪm pā' shənt/ *adj.* not patient; restless. *We became impatient after the long delay.*

im•per•fect /ɪm pûr' fikt/ *adj.* not perfect; having faults or defects. *The single flaw made the gem imperfect.*

im•po•lite /ɪm pə lit'/ *adj.* not polite; showing bad manners. *It is impolite to interrupt when another person is speaking.*

im•port¹ / ɪm pôrt'/ *v.* to bring into the country to sell. *We import foreign cars.*

im•port² / ɪm pôrt'/ *n.* something that is imported. *Our television is an import from Japan.*

im•por•tant /ɪm pôr' tnt/ *adj.* **a.** meaning a great deal; serious. *Your birthday is important to you.* **b.** having power or authority. *These parking places are reserved for important officials.*

im•pos•si•ble /ɪm pôs' ə bəl/ *adj.* (**im•pos•si•bly**, *adv.*) **a.** not possible; not able to happen. *It is impossible for us to live without food and water.* **b.** difficult to get along with. *You are difficult and impossible.*

in- a prefix that means: **a.** not: *indecisive*. **b.** without; the opposite of: *inefficiency*.

in•ac•tive /ɪn ăk' tīv'/ *adj.* not active; idle; not moving around. *Hawaii has both active and inactive volcanoes.*

in•clude /ɪn klōōd'/ *v.* (**in•cludes**, **in•clud•ed**, **in•clud•ing**) **a.** to contain; to cover. *The price includes the tax.* **b.** to put in as part of the total. *Don't forget to include the guests in the other room.*

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in•com•plete /ɪn' kəm plēt'/ *adj.* not finished or complete; lacking something. *Your answer to the division problem was incomplete because you didn't give the remainder.*

in•cor•rect /ɪn' kə rēkt'/ *adj.* **a.** not correct; wrong. *The answer is incorrect.* **b.** in poor taste; improper. *Slurping is usually considered incorrect.*

in•crease¹ /ɪn krēs'/ *v.* (**in•creas•es**, **in•creased**, **in•creas•ing**) to make or become greater. *The cost of living increases every year.*

in•crease² /ɪn krēs'/ *n.* an addition; growth. *There was an increase in the town's population.*

in•de•pen•dence /ɪn' dī pēn' dəns/ *n.* the quality or state of being independent; freedom from outside control or support. *The more I show my parents that I'm responsible, the more independence they allow me.*

in•dif•fer•ence /ɪn dīf' ər əns/ or /ɪn dīf' rəns/ *n.* the state or quality of being indifferent or not caring. *Because of voter indifference, there was a low turnout.*

in•flate /ɪn flāt'/ *v.* (**in•flates**, **in•flat•ed**, **in•flat•ing**) to fill with gas or air. *Inflate the balloons for the party.*

in•form /ɪn fôrm'/ *v.* to tell. *We informed her that she was on the wrong street.*

in•for•mal /ɪn fôr' məl/ *adj.* not formal; casual. *The party was informal, so we didn't have to dress up.*

in•for•ma•tion /ɪn' fər mǎ' shən/ *n.* knowledge; facts; something that is told. *They searched in the library for information about the history of Alaska.*

-ing a suffix added to verbs to show present tense: *arriving*.

in•sin•cere /in' sîn sîr'/ *adj.* not honest; the opposite of sincere. *The bank robber gave an insincere apology.*

in•spect /in spēkt'/ *v.* to examine or review carefully. *Please inspect the wall for cracks.*

in•spec•tion /in spēk' shən/ *n.* the act of examining. *The inspection of the house revealed an electrical problem.*

in•spec•tor /in spēk' tər/ *n.* one who examines or reviews carefully. *The termite inspector didn't find any termites.*

in•stall /in stôl'/ *v.* **a.** to put something into a place where it can be used. *The new water heater was installed in the basement.* **b.** to put into office with ceremony. *The band played when the president of the college was installed.*

in•stance /in' stəns/ *n.* an example; a case. *In most instances, students adjust quickly to new schools.*

in•struct /in strukt'/ *v.* to teach. *Mr. Kelso will instruct the class in tennis.*

in•struc•tion /in strük' shən/ *n.* direction; teaching. *You will learn more quickly with good instruction.*

in•struc•tor /in strük' tər/ *n.* one who instructs; a teacher. *Our school has fine instructors.*

in•ter•est /in' trîst/ or /-tər îst/ *n.* **a.** a feeling of wanting to know or take part in something. *Sandra has an interest in music.* **b.** the money paid for the use of another's money. *When you repay a loan, you pay the amount you borrowed plus interest.*

in•ter•est² /in' trîst/ or /-tər îst/ *v.* to get the attention of; to arouse curiosity in. *This book interests me.*

in•ter•est•ed /in' trî stîd/ or /-tər ĭ stîd/ *adj.* showing interest. *The interested audience asked the speaker many questions.*

in•ter•est•ing /in' trî stîŋ/ or /-tər ĭ stîŋ/ *adj.* holding one's attention; arousing interest. *The story was so interesting that she read straight to the end without stopping.*

in•ter•nal /in tûr' nəl/ *adj.* **a.** on the inside. *The heart is an internal organ.* **b.** within a country; domestic. *A civil war is an internal conflict.*

in•tro•duce /in trə dōōs'/ or /in trə dyōōs'/ *v.* **a.** to present; to bring into contact with. *Mrs. Rogers, I'd like to introduce you to my mother.* **b.** to bring in. *New inventions introduce new ways of doing things.*

in•vent /in vēnt'/ *v.* **a.** to make something that has never been made before. *Thomas A. Edison invented the electric light and the phonograph.* **b.** to make up; to imagine. *A writer invents a story.*

in•ven•tor /in vēn' tər/ *n.* one who invents. *Alexander Graham Bell was the inventor of the telephone.*

in•vis•i•ble /in vîz' ə bəl/ *adj.* not capable of being seen. *Her hearing aid is so tiny it is almost invisible.*

-ish a suffix that means: **a.** having the qualities of: *childish.* **b.** rather; somewhat: *reddish.*

-ism a suffix, used to form nouns, that means: **a.** action; process; practice: *criticism.* **b.** manner of action or behavior: *heroism.* **c.** state; condition; quality: *skepticism.* **d.** doctrine; theory; system of principles: *capitalism.*

-ist a suffix, used to form nouns, that means: **a.1.** one that performs a (specified) action: *cyclist.* **a.2.** one that produces, makes, operates, plays, or is connected with a specified thing: *journalist.* **b.** a specialist in a specified art, science, or skill: *chemist.* **c.** one that believes in or favors a (specified) doctrine or system or code of behavior: *socialist.*

it•self /it sĕlf'/ *pron.* **a.** its own self. *The bird cleaned itself in the puddle.* **b.** a word used to make a statement stronger. *No wonder the house is expensive; the land itself cost thousands of dollars.*

-ity a suffix that means "the state or quality of being," used to form nouns: *reality.*

-ive a suffix used: **a.** to form adjectives that mean "tending toward or accomplishing": *descriptive.* **b.** to form nouns that mean "a person or thing that accomplishes an action": *detective.*

-ize a suffix that means "to cause to be" or "to become," used to form verbs: *specialize.*



jack•et /jāk' ĭt/ *n.* **a.** a short coat that covers the upper part of the body. *When the weather became cooler, the children came into the house for their jackets.* **b.** any outer covering. *A book's jacket protects its cover.*

ject a Latin root meaning "to throw": *reject.*

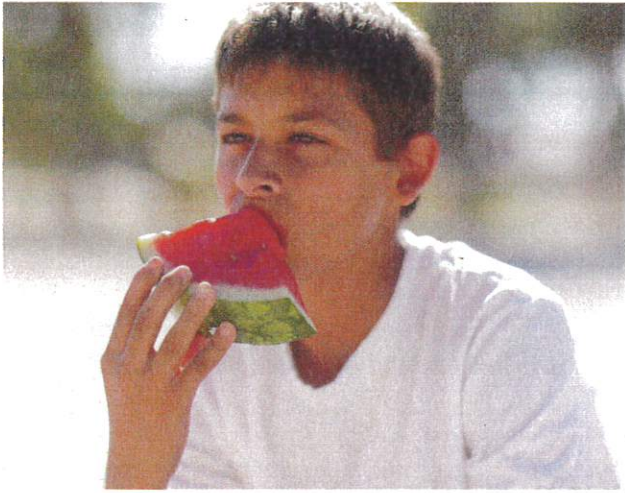
jour•nal•ism /jûr' nə lîz' əm/ *n.* gathering, writing, editing, and reporting news. *The students in journalism produce the school newspaper.*

jour•nal•ist /jûr' nə list/ *n.* a person whose career is in writing, editing, or publishing news stories. *My mother is a journalist who covers courthouse news for the local paper.*

joy•ous /joi' əs/ *adj.* joyful; glad. *The air rang with joyous shouts from children playing.*

judg•ment /jûj' mənt/ *n.* **a.** a decision reached through careful thought. *The final judgment of the class was in favor of a picnic rather than a trip to the zoo.* **b.** opinion. *In my judgment, such a plan will never succeed.* **c.** the ability to make wise decisions. *Consuela has excellent judgment concerning horses.*

juic•y /joo' sē/ *adj.* (**juic•i•er**, **juic•i•est**) having much juice. *Watermelon is very juicy.*



juicy

jun•gle /jüng' gəl/ *n.* wild land near the equator with thickly grown tropical plants. *Parrots and monkeys live in the jungle.*

jun•ior /joo'n' yər/ *n.* a person who is younger than another. *My brother is my junior by six years.*

K

ker•nel /kûr' nəl/ *n.* **a.** the soft, edible part inside the hard shell of a nut or fruit. *We shelled the pecans to eat the kernels.* **b.** a grain or a seed. *We eat kernels of wheat in cereals.*

► **Kernel** sounds like **colonel**.

kind•er /kînd' ər/ *adj.* more friendly; more thoughtful of others. *You cannot find a kinder person than he is.*

Pronunciation Key

ă	pat	ō	pot	th	thin
ā	pay	ō	toe	th	this
âr	care	ô	paw, for	hw	which
ä	father	oi	noise	zh	vision
ě	pet	ou	out	ə	about,
ē	be	ōō	took		item,
ĩ	pit	ōō	boot		pencil,
ī	pie	ũ	cut		gallop,
îr	pier	ûr	urge		circus

knowl•edge /nöl' ĭj/ *n.* everything that one knows or understands about something. *Her knowledge of baseball statistics is impressive.*

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la•bel /lā' bəl/ *v.* (**la•bels**, **la•beled**, **la•bel•ing**) to classify or to describe; to identify with a label. *After we sort the rocks, we will label them.*

la•dy /lā' dē/ *n.* (**la•dies** *pl.*) a polite term for a woman. *Ladies and gentlemen, may I have your attention?*

lan•guage /läng' gwĭj/ *n.* **a.** speech; words that are spoken or written. *Language is the main way human beings communicate.* **b.** the speech of a certain nation, tribe, or group of people. *The French language is spoken by many people.*

latch¹ /läch/ *n.* (**latch•es** *pl.*) a lock or catch in which a movable piece fits into a notch or a slot. *The door wouldn't stay closed because the latch was broken.*

latch² /läch/ *v.* (**latch•es**, **latched**, **latch•ing**) to close with a latch: *latch the door.*

lat•ter /lät' ər/ *adj.* the second of two things listed or mentioned. *Between breakfast and dinner, I like the latter choice.*

laugh /läf/ *v.* (**laughs**, **laughed**, **laugh•ing**) show joy with a smile, chuckle, or other spontaneous sound. *I laughed at the funny story.*

laugh•a•ble /läf' ə bəl/ *adj.* causing laughter or ridicule. *Your sad attempt to beat me at chess is laughable.*

launch /lɒnʃ/ or /læŋʃ/ *v.* (**launch•es**, **launched**, **launch•ing**) **a.** to send upward into space: *launch a spaceship*. **b.** to send into the water: *launch a ship*. **c.** to start; to begin. *Our school launched a cleaning and painting drive in the neighborhood.*

law•yer /lɒ' yər/ *n.* a person who makes a living by practicing law; an attorney. *Ms. Castillo's lawyer helped her draw up the contract.*

lead•er /lē' dər/ *n.* one who leads. *The Scout troop needs a new leader.*

lease¹ /lēz/ *n.* an agreement signed by an owner and a tenant. *She will be moving when her apartment lease expires.*

lease² /lēz/ *v.* (**leas•es**, **leased**, **leas•ing**) to rent. *We are going to lease an apartment until our house is built.*

ledg•er /lēj' ər/ *n.* a book in which a business keeps records of all its sales and purchases. *The bookkeeper totaled a column of figures in the ledger.*

leg•al /lē' gəl/ *adj.* permitted by law. *The legal age for getting a driver's license varies from state to state.*

le•gal•ity /lē' gəl' ī tē/ *n.* requirement of the law. *The neighbors questioned the legality of shooting fireworks.*

leg•i•ble /lēj' ə bəl/ *adj.* readable; clear. *The doctor's handwriting was legible.*

length•en /lɛŋgk' θən/ or /lɛŋg'-/ *v.* to make or become longer. *This road has been lengthened since I last drove on it.*

lib•er•ty /līb' ər tē/ *n.* (**lib•er•ties** *pl.*) **a.** freedom; independence. *The American Revolution won liberty for the former British colonies.* **b.** the right or opportunity to do something. *Our constitution protects our civil liberties.*

li•cense /lī' sɛns/ *n.* a document giving official permission; a permit. *Ms. Soto obtained a pilot's license after she learned how to fly a plane.*

light•en /līt' n/ *v.* **a.** to make brighter; to add light to. *The new paint lightens the room.* **b.** to make less heavy. *Taking out the books lightened my suitcase.*

lin•guis•tics /lɪŋ gwīs' tīks/ *n.* the science of language that deals with the nature and structure of speech. *Phonetics is a branch of linguistics that is useful in spelling.*

lis•ten•er /līs' ə nər/ *n.* one who listens. *A good listener remembers what the speaker said.*

loaf /lɒf/ *n.* (**loaves** *pl.*) the shape of bread baked as one piece. *Jay cut the first slice from the loaf.*

lo•cate /lō' kāt/ or /lō kāt'/ *v.* (**lo•cates**, **lo•cat•ed**, **lo•cat•ing**) **a.** to find the position or place of. *Can you locate your town on the map?* **b.** to establish in a certain place. *The store is located in the shopping center.*

lodge /lɒj/ *n.* **a.** a building used as a temporary living place. *We stayed at a lodge on the lake.* **b.** the den of an otter or a beaver. *The beavers built a big lodge.*



lodge

-logy or **-ology** a suffix, used to form nouns, that means science or study of: *biology*.

loi•ter /loi' tər/ *v.* to hang around; to stand around. *The police officer asked the people not to loiter.*

lone /lɒn/ *adj.* alone; single. *A lone cloud floated in the blue sky.*

loos•en /lōō' sən/ *v.* **a.** to make loose; to make less tight. *Loosen the collar around the dog's neck.* **b.** to become loose. *The knot in the rope loosened because it wasn't tied correctly.*

lose /lōōz/ *v.* (**los•es**, **lost**, **los•ing**) **a.** to be unable to find; to misplace. *Put the key in your pocket so you won't lose it.* **b.** to fail to win. *She lost the race by less than a second.*

loss /lɒs/ or /lɔs/ *n.* (**loss•es** *pl.*) **a.** ruin; destruction. *The forest fire caused the loss of many trees.* **b.** a failure to keep or to win. *The loss of the contract cost the company millions of dollars.* **c.** a losing. *Marci felt the loss of her old friends when she moved away.*

lo•tion /lō' shən/ *n.* a liquid that heals, soothes, or cleans the skin. *Anne put lotion on her dry hands.*

loud•ness /loud' nīs/ *n.* the state of being loud. *The loudness of a sound is measured in units called decibels.*

lounge¹ /lounj/ *v.* (**lounge•es**, **lounge•d**, **lounge•ing**) to sit, stand, or lie in a relaxed manner. *Lounge here until you feel better.*

lounge² /lounj/ *n.* a lobby; a public waiting room. *We walked through the hotel lounge to get to the service desk to check in.*

loy•al /loi' əl/ *adj.* faithful. *Sam is a loyal friend.*

loy•al•ty /loi' əl tē/ *n.* (**loy•al•ties** *pl.*) a sense of duty; being loyal. *No one could question our loyalty to our country.*

lug•gage /lūg' ij/ *n.* baggage; the suitcases, trunks, bags, or boxes that are taken on a trip. *We claimed our luggage at the station.*



mag•ic /mäj' ik/ *n.* **a.** in stories, the ability to do seemingly impossible things. *The prince was changed into a frog by magic.* **b.** anything that charms and delights; an enchanting quality. *Donna was fascinated by the magic of the coral reef.*

mail•box /māl' bōks'/ *n.* **a.** a public box into which people put items to be delivered by mail. *The contents of a mailbox are taken to the post office.* **b.** a private box for a home or business to which mail is delivered. *Check the mailbox to see if you got a letter.*

ma•jor /mā' jər/ *adj.* larger; greater; primary. *He played a major role in the project's success.*

ma•jor•i•ty /mə jōr' i tē/ *n.* **a.** a number that is more than half of a total; the larger part. *The majority of Americans can read and write.* **b.** the number of votes by which an election is won. *The vote was thirteen to nine, so they won the election by a majority of four votes.*

make•be•lieve¹ /māk' bī lēv'/ *n.* a playful pretending of something that is not real. *Let's play make-believe; you be Batman, and I'll be Robin.*

make be•lieve² /māk' bī lēv'/ *v.* to pretend. *We made believe we were kangaroos.*

man•u•script /mān' yə skript'/ *n.* a version of a book, screenplay, or article submitted to a publisher. *He sent the manuscript of his novel to his publisher.*

Pronunciation Key

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âr care	ô paw, for	hw which
ä father	oi noise	zh vision
ě pet	ou out	ə about,
ē be	ōō took	item,
ĩ pit	ōō boot	pencil,
ī pie	ũ cut	gallop,
îr pier	ûr urge	circus

march /mārch/ *v.* (**march•es**, **marched**, **march•ing**) to walk with even, steady steps. *The band marched in the parade.*

mar•gin /mār' jīn/ *n.* **a.** an edge; a border: *the eastern margin of the property.* **b.** the border around the writing or printing on a page. *Please leave a margin of one inch on all sides.*

ma•rine /mə rēn'/ *adj.* of or relating to the sea. *Marine biology is the study of ocean animals.*

mar•vel¹ /mār' vəl/ *n.* a wonderful or marvelous thing. *Space capsules are marvels of modern science.*

mar•vel² /mār' vəl/ *v.* to be struck with wonder; to be astonished. *We marveled at the speed of the cheetahs.*

mar•vel•ous /mār' və ləs/ *adj.* wonderful; astonishing. *The actors were marvelous in their roles in the play.*

math•e•ma•ti•cian /māth' ə mə tīsh' ən/ *n.* a person who is an expert in mathematics. *Carol is a mathematician for the health department.*

math•e•mat•ics /māth ə māt' īks/ *n.* the study of properties of quantities and sets, measurement, and relationships, using numbers and symbols. *Arithmetic is one part of mathematics.*

ma•tur•i•ty /mə tyōōr' i tē /, /mə tōōr' i tē /, or /mə chōōr' i tē / *n.* (**ma•tur•i•ties** *pl.*) the quality of having reached full growth. *Don't pick the peaches until they reach maturity.*

ma•yor /mā' ər/ or /mār/ *n.* a person who is elected as the head of a city or town government. *The mayor gave a speech at the opening of the new shopping center across town.*

mech•a•nize /mĕk' ə nīz'/ *v.* (**mech•a•niz•es**, **mech•a•nized**, **mech•a•niz•ing**) to equip with machinery: *mechanize a factory.*

mem•o•rize /mĕm' ə rīz'/ *v.* (**mem•o•riz•es**, **mem•o•rized**, **mem•o•riz•ing**) to commit to memory; to learn by heart. *We memorized a poem by Emily Dickinson.*

mem•o•ry /mĕm' ə rē/ *n.* (**mem•o•ries** *pl.*) **a.** the power or the ability to remember things. *She has a great memory for names.* **b.** anything that is remembered. *Seeing our old house again brought back happy memories.*

-ment a suffix, used to form nouns, that means:
a. act or process of: *enjoyment.* **b.** condition of: *astonishment.*

men•tion /mĕn' shən/ *v.* to talk about briefly; to say something about. *She mentioned meeting the new teacher, but she didn't tell me his name.*

men•tion /mĕn' shən/ *n.* a brief statement. *There wasn't even a mention of the fire in the newspaper.*

mer•ry-go-round /mĕr' ē gō round'/ *n.* a round, rotating platform with seats and animal figures on which people ride. *Sharla rode a pink horse on the merry-go-round.*

mes•sage /mĕs' ɪj/ *n.* any news, information, question, etc., sent from one person to another. *We left a message for him to meet us at the swimming pool.*

met•al /mĕt' əl/ *n.* a chemical element that is flexible, elastic, and usually solid. It usually has a shiny surface and conducts electricity. *There are many kinds of metal used for different purposes.*

me•tal•lic /mī tāl' ɪk/ *adj.* **a.** made of metal. **b.** like metal. *They decorated their bikes with metallic paint.*

meter a Greek root meaning “measure”: *millimeter.*

me•ter /mē' tər/ *n.* **a.** an international unit of measure equal to about 39.37 inches. *A meter is a little longer than a yard.* **b.** a device for measuring. *Don't forget to put money into the parking meter!*

met•ric /mĕt' rīk/ *adj.* relating to the meter.
Scientists use the metric system of measurement.

mid- a prefix that means “middle.”

mid•af•ter•noon /mīd əf' tər nōn'/ *n.* the middle of the afternoon. *Midafternoon is often the hottest part of the day.*

mid•af•ter•noon /mīd əf' tər nōn'/ *adj.* in the middle of the afternoon: *a midafternoon swim.*

mid•air /mīd âr'/ *n.* the middle of the air. *A hummingbird can hover in midair.*

mid•air /mīd âr'/ *adj.* in the middle of the air: *a midair turn.*

mid•day /mīd' dā'/ *n.* the middle of the day; noon.
The parade began at midday.

mid•day /mīd' dā'/ *adj.* in the middle of the day:
the midday meal.

mid•field /mīd' fēld'/ *n.* the middle space of the field. *The batter hit the ball to the midfield.*

mid•land /mīd' lənd/ *n.* the middle or interior part of a country or a region. *We traveled to the midland of the desert.*

mid•night /mīd' nīt'/ *n.* the middle of the night; twelve o'clock at night. *Midnight marks the end of the day.*

mid•night /mīd' nīt'/ *adj.* in the middle of the night: *a midnight movie on television.*

mid•sec•tion /mīd' sĕk' shən/ *n.* a middle section midway of a thing or an area. *The midsection of the subway was packed.*

mid•sum•mer /mīd' sŭm' ər/ *adj.* having to do with the middle of summer. *We went to Old Man's Cave for our midsummer trip.*

mid•term /mīd' tŭrm'/ *n.* the middle of the term.
The senator resigned in midterm for health reasons.

mid•term /mīd' tŭrm'/ *adj.* in the middle of a term:
a midterm exam in school.

mid•way /mīd' wā'/ *adv.* in the middle of the way or distance; halfway. *The equator circles Earth midway between the poles.*

mi•grate /mī' grāt'/ *v.* **a.** to move from one country or region to settle in another. **b.** to change location regularly, especially by moving from one region or climate to another. *Many birds migrate south to spend the winter in Florida.*

mi•gra•tion /mī grā' shən/ *n.* **a.** the act or instance of moving from one country or region to settle in another. **b.** changing location on a regular basis, especially seasonally. *Insect migration is often in response to changes in temperature.*

mil•lion /mīl' yən/ *n.* a number equal to one thousand thousands; 1,000,000. *The numeral for one million has six zeros.*

mir•ror /mīr' ər/ *n.* **a.** a glass or other reflective surface. *We saw the reflection in the mirror.* **b.** anything that gives a true account or picture. *The book is a mirror of society.*

mis•judge /mīs jŭj'/ *v.* (**mis•judg•es**, **mis•judged**, **mis•judg•ing**) to evaluate incorrectly. *I have leftovers because I often misjudge how much food I need.*

mission

mis·sion /mɪʃən/ *n.* **a.** a group of people sent to carry on some particular business: *a mission to help foreign countries develop better methods of farming.* **b.** the business or job of such a group. *Their mission is to locate the missing files.* **c.** a person's calling. *Her mission in life was teaching.*

mo·bil·i·ty /mō bīl' ī tē/ *n.* the quality of being able to move. *Without the cast, my arm has greater mobility.*

mod·ern·ize /mōd' ə r nīz'/ *v.* (**mod·ern·iz·es**, **mod·ern·ized**, **mod·ern·iz·ing**) to make or become modern; to bring up to date. *We modernized our bathroom by adding a shower.*

mois·ture /mois' chər/ *n.* the very small droplets of water that are in the air or that collect on a surface; wetness. *In the greenhouse, we could see the moisture that had collected on the leaves of the plants.*

mon·key /mūn' kē/ *n.* (**mon·keys pl.**) a small, furry animal with hands, thumbs, and long tails. *Monkeys have long tails, but apes have no tails at all.*



monkey

mo·tor /mō' tər/ *n.* an engine that turns power into motion. *The car would not move because the motor wouldn't start.*

moun·tain /moun' tən/ *n.* any land that rises like a hill but is much higher than a hill. *We could see the snow on the mountains when we were still far away.*

moun·tain·ous /moun' tənəs/ *adj.* having mountains; filled with or covered by mountains. *The western part of the United States contains many mountainous areas.*

mov·ie /mōv' vē/ *n.* **a.** a series of pictures flashed on a screen so rapidly that what is shown appears to be moving. *Have you seen the movie 101 Dalmatians?* **b. movies** the showing of motion pictures at a theater. *We saw Greg at the movies.*

nationalize

Pronunciation Key

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ī pie	ŭ cut	gallop,
îr pier	ûr urge	circus

mul·ti·ple¹ /mūl' tə pəl/ *adj.* made up of many parts; being more than one. *His multiple interests include sports, music, and movies.*

mul·ti·ple² /mūl' tə pəl/ *n.* (**mul·ti·ples pl.**) a number that is divisible by another number with no remainder. *4 and 6 are multiples of 2.*

mur·mur¹ /mûr' mər/ *n.* a soft sound. *She spoke in a murmur.*

mur·mur² /mûr' mər/ *v.* to make a soft noise. *Please do not murmur so softly.*

mu·se·um /myōō zē' əm/ *n.* a building in which artistic, historical, or scientific objects are kept for display. *We saw an exhibition at the art museum.*

mus·sel /mūs' əl/ *n.* a kind of mollusk that looks like a clam. *The substance mother-of-pearl comes from inside a mussel.*

mys·te·ri·ous /mī stîr' ē əs/ *adj.* full of mystery or the unknown; difficult to understand; puzzling. *Shooting stars were mysterious to people in ancient times.*



nar·row¹ /nār' ō/ *adj.* **a.** not wide: *a narrow street.* **b.** close: *a narrow escape.*

nar·row² /nār' ō/ *v.* to become less wide. *The river narrows as it reaches the city.*

na·tion·al·ize /nāsh' ə nə līz'/ *v.* to change from private to government ownership. *Do you think we should nationalize the auto industry?*

na•val /nā' vəl/ *adj.* of or relating to a navy. *The naval battleship was on display in the harbor.*

➤ Naval sounds like navel.

na•vel /nā' vəl/ *adj.* of or relating to a certain kind of seedless orange. *I like navel oranges for breakfast.*

➤ Navel sounds like naval.

near /nîr/ *prep.* not far from; close to. *The school is near my house, only a block away.*

nee•dle /nēd' l/ *n.* **a.** a thin, pointed steel tool used in sewing. *Can you thread a needle?* **b.** a slender rod used in knitting. *We heard the needles clicking as you were knitting.* **c.** something thin and pointed like a needle. *A pine tree has needles.*



needle

neigh•bor /nā' bər/ *n.* **a.** a person who lives nearby. *Our next-door neighbors have a gray cat.* **b.** a person or thing that is close to another. *Canada is a neighbor of the United States.*

-ness a suffix that means "state, quality, or degree of," used to form nouns: *loudness*.

news•pa•per /nōōz' pā' pər/ or /nyōōz'-/ *n.* a printed paper that contains news, advertisements, cartoons, etc. *My grandfather likes to work the crossword puzzles in the newspaper.*

non- a prefix that means "not": *nonprofit*.

non•dair•y /nōn' dâr' ē/ *adj.* containing no milk or milk products. *Aunt Vicki can eat only nondairy products.*

non•fat /nōn' făt'/ *adj.* lacking fat solids or having the fat content removed: *nonfat milk*.

non•fic•tion /nōn fîk' shən/ *n.* writing that is based on fact, not made up; writing that is not fiction. *Histories and biographies are nonfiction.*

non•pro•duc•tive /nōn prə duk' tîv/ *adj.* not producing or having any results. *Because we were not able to make any decisions, our meeting today was nonproductive.*

non•prof•it /nōn prōf' ît/ *adj.* not set up for the purpose of making a profit. *A charity is a nonprofit organization.*

non•re•turn•a•ble /nōn' rî tûr' nə bəl/ *adj.* not able to be returned: *nonreturnable bottles*.

non•sense /nōn' sēns'/ *n.* foolish actions or words; silly talk; anything that does not make sense. *Babies talk nonsense when they are learning to speak.*

non•stop¹ /nōn' stōp'/ *adv.* without stopping. *We flew nonstop to Denver.*

non•stop² /nōn' stōp'/ *adj.* without stops; having no breaks: *a nonstop flight*.

non•vi•o•lent /nōn vî' ə lənt/ *adj.* not violent; opposed in principle to violence. *Diplomats use nonviolent methods to resolve conflicts.*

nor•mal¹ /nôr' məl/ *adj.* natural; usual; average. *We had an inch less than the normal amount of rain this month.*

nor•mal² /nôr' məl/ *n.* the usual condition. *Her temperature is two degrees above normal.*

nui•sance /nōō' səns/ or /nyoo' səns/ *n.* something that annoys; an inconvenience. *The long wait was a nuisance when we needed to hurry.*



ob•ject¹ /ōb jēkt'/ *v.* to oppose; be against. *The students will object if the school dance is cancelled.*

ob•ject² /ōb' jēkt/ *n.* **a.** a thing. **b.** a goal. **c.** a focus. *The object of the game is to score the most points.*

ob•jec•tion /əb jēk' shən/ *n.* a reason or argument against something. *The attorney raised an objection to the evidence.*

o•boe /ō' bō'/ *n.* (**o•boes** *pl.*) a musical instrument with double reeds that makes rich evocative tones. *The oboe carries the melody in that part of the song.*

ob•tain /əb tān'/ *v.* (**ob•tains**, **ob•tained**, **obtain•ing**) to get; acquire. *We obtained permission for the field trip.*

o•cean•og•ra•pher /ō' shə nŏg' rə fər/ *n.* a scientist whose specialty is the study and exploration of the ocean. *The oceanographer told us about the Gulf Stream.*

of•fice /ô' fis/ or /ôf' is/ *n.* **a.** a place or room where business is done or a service is supplied. *We waited in the doctor's office.* **b.** a position to which one is elected or appointed. *She holds the office of mayor.*

of•fi•cer /ô' fī sər/ *n.* **a.** a person in a position of authority: *a bank officer; an army officer.* **b.** a policeman or policewoman. *Officer, which way is the art and science museum?*

on•ion /ün' yən/ *n.* a vegetable with a bulb that has a sharp smell and taste. *Onions can be eaten either raw or cooked.*

op•er•ate /öp' ə rāt/ or /öp' ûr āt/ *v.* (**op•er•ates, op•er•at•ed, op•er•at•ing**) **a.** to run or work. *Do you know how to operate a sewing machine?* **b.** to work on the body with instruments to restore it to health. *The doctor operated to remove the boy's tonsils.*

op•er•a•tion /öp' ə rā' shən/ or /öp' ar ā' shən/ *n.* a surgical treatment. *The patient recovered quickly after the operation.*

op•er•a•tor /öp' ə rā' tər/ or /öp' ûr ā' tər/ *n.* one who runs or operates a machine, vehicle, business, etc.: *telephone operator.*

op•por•tu•ni•ty /öp' ər tōō' nī tē/ or /-tyōō'-/ *n.* (**op•por•tu•ni•ties pl.**) a time or chance that is right for doing something. *Let's find an opportunity to talk to Amy about the picnic.*

op•tic /öp' tīk/ *adj.* related to the eye or sight. *The doctor looked at his optic nerve.*

op•ti•cian /öp' tīsh' ən/ *n.* a person who sells or makes lenses and eyeglasses. *The optician made the contact lenses.*

op•ti•mism /öp' tə mīz' əm/ *n.* a hopeful disposition; the belief that our world is the best of all possible worlds. *Janet's optimism and sunny outlook on life make her fun to be around.*

op•tom•e•trist /öp' tōm' ī trīst/ *n.* a specialist licensed to examine eyes in order to diagnose problems and prescribe corrective lenses. *My trip to the optometrist resulted in a new pair of glasses.*

-or a suffix, used with verbs to form nouns, that means: **a.** one who: *director.* **b.** thing that: *accelerator.*

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îr pier	ûr urge	circus

or•chid /ôr' kīd/ *n.* (**or•chids pl.**) a certain sometimes exotic plant with flowers that grows in different colors and shapes. *Orchids often are grown in greenhouses.*

or•di•nance /ôr' dn əns/ *n.* an order or command. *Each new ordinance was posted on the bulletin board.*

or•di•nar•y /ôr' dn ər' ē/ *adj.* **a.** usual; normal. *The ordinary time it takes to drive downtown is twenty minutes.* **b.** not special; average: *an ordinary meal.*

or•gan•ism /ôr' gə nīz' əm/ *n.* an individual life form. *They studied how the organism grows.*

or•gan•ize /ôr' gə nīz' / *v.* (**or•gan•iz•es, or•gan•ized, or•gan•iz•ing**) **a.** to work out the details for; to plan. *We helped organize the program for the school assembly.* **b.** to arrange; to put in order. *Organize your paper before you start to write it.*

or•na•ment /ôr' nə mənt/ *n.* something pretty used for decoration. *A mirror can make an attractive wall ornament.*

ounce /ouns/ *n.* **a.** a unit of weight. *Sixteen ounces make one pound.* **b.** a measure of liquids. *An ounce is $\frac{1}{16}$ of a pint.*

-ous a suffix that means "having the qualities of" or "characterized by," used with nouns to form adjectives: *joyous.*

out•line¹ /out' līn'/ *n.* a plan; a list of main subjects. *Martin made an outline of the points he wanted to cover.*

out•line² /out' līn'/ *v.* (**out•lines, out•lined, out•lin•ing**) to make a plan of; to tell about the main ideas of something.

out•weigh /out wā'/ *v.* to be heavier than. *Blue whales outweigh other whales.*

ov•en /ŭv' ən/ *n.* the enclosed space of a stove used for baking, roasting, etc. *Keep the oven closed while the cookies bake.*



oven

ox•y•gen /ŏk' sĭ jən/ *n.* a gaseous element that has no color, taste, or odor. *All animals need oxygen to live.*

oy•ster /oi' stər/ *n.* a mollusk with a soft body surrounded by two rough shells, found in shallow parts of the ocean. *Some kinds of oysters form valuable pearls.*



pal•ace /pāl' ɪs/ (**pal•aces** *pl.*) *n.* the official residence of royalty. *The palace was protected by the royal guard.*

pal•ate /pāl' ɪt/ *n.* the roof of the mouth. *The taffy stuck to my teeth and my palate.*

➤ **Palate** sounds like **pallet**.

pal•et /pāl' ɪt/ *n.* a hard bed or mattress. *At camp I slept on a pallet in the tent.*

➤ **Pallet** sounds like **palate**.

pan•el /pān' əl/ *n.* **a.** a flat, rectangular section of a surface such as a wall. *The panels on the door are painted brown.* **b.** a group of persons sitting together to decide a question. *The panel met to discuss the economy.*

par•a•graph /pār' ə grāf'/ *n.* a sentence or a group of sentences that develops one main idea or topic. *The first word of a paragraph is usually indented.*

par•cel /pār' səl/ *n.* **a.** a package; a bundle of things wrapped together. *The shopper's arms were filled with parcels.* **b.** a piece; a section. *The farmer sold a parcel of land.*

parcel post /pār' səl pōst/ *n.* a special postage rate for packages and parcels that weigh one pound or more. *The man sent the package by parcel post.*

par•don /pār dn/ *v.* to forgive or excuse. *Pardon me for disturbing you.*

part of speech /pärt' əv spēch'/ *n.* one of the classifications of words according to how they function in sentences. *Common parts of speech include nouns and verbs.*

pass /pās/ *v.* **a.** to go by. *They pass the fire station on the way to school.* **b.** to hand over; to give; to send. *Please pass the salad.* **c.** to succeed in. *The entire fourth grade passed the test.*

passed /pāst/ *v.* past tense of **pass**.

pas•sen•ger /pās' ən jər/ *n.* a person traveling in, but not operating, a vehicle. *A passenger is allowed one piece of luggage.*

pa•tience /pā' shəns/ *n.* the calm endurance of a trying situation. *Our driver showed great patience during the traffic delay.*

pa•tri•ot•ism /pā' trē ə tĭz' əm/ *n.* devotion and love of country. *There are many ways to express patriotism.*

pause /pōz/ *v.* (**pauses, paused, pausing**) to stop for a short time. *He paused to get a glass of water.*

peach /pēch/ *n.* (**peaches** *pl.*) a sweet, juicy fruit with a large, rough stone in the center. *When ripe, a peach has a fuzzy, pinkish-yellow skin.*

pea•nut but•ter /pē' nūt būt' ər/ *n.* a food made from roasted peanuts ground into a spreadable paste: *peanut butter and jelly.*

peer /pĭr/ *v.* to look at with curiosity; to look long and hard. *The wide-eyed child peered at all the presents.*

➤ **Peer** sounds like **pier**.

pen•ny /pĕn' ē/ *n.* (**pennies** *pl.*) a coin worth one cent each. *Ten pennies equal one dime.*

per•form /pər fōrm'/ *v.* **a.** to do; to carry out. *Elizabeth performs all her jobs well.* **b.** to entertain before an audience; to act out. *The actors performed a new play.*

per•fume /pŭr' fyōōm'/ or /pər fyōōm'/ *n.* **a.** a sweet smell. *The perfume of the flowers filled the air.* **b.** a sweet-smelling liquid used on the body and clothing. *My sister bought a bottle of perfume.*

pe•ri•od /pĭr' ē əd/ *n.* a unit of time. *Fourth period is right after lunch.*

pe•ri•od•ic /pīr' ē ōd' īk/ *adj.* happening at regular intervals. *The periodic clanking noise annoyed him.*

per•mis•sion /pər mīsh' ən/ *n.* consent, especially formal consent. *With the permission of the principal, our class visited the zoo.*

per•son /pûr' sən/ *n.* a human being; a man, woman, boy, or girl. *This elevator can hold one more person.*

pes•si•mism /pēs' ə mīz' əm/ *n.* a gloomy outlook; the belief that this is the worst of all possible worlds. *His pessimism made everyone unhappy.*

phar•ma•cy /fār' mə sē/ *n.* (**phar•ma•cies** *pl.*) a place where medicines are mixed and distributed; a drugstore; an apothecary. *Pick up your prescription at the pharmacy.*

-phobia a suffix, used to form nouns, that means “a deep, unreasonable fear of something”: *zoophobia.*

pho•bi•a /fō' bē ə/ *n.* a deep, unreasonable fear of something. *My dog barks at people because he has a phobia of strangers.*

photo a Greek root meaning “light”: *photographic.*

pho•to /fō' tō/ *n.* a photograph. *This is a photo of my dog when he was a puppy.*

pho•to•cop•y /fō' tō kōp' ē/ *n.* a photographic copy. *May I make a photocopy of your story?*

pho•to•es•say /fō' tō ēs' ā/ *n.* photographs, with some written text, that tell a story. *Her photo-essay appeared in a major magazine.*

pho•to•graph /fō' tə grāf' / *n.* image; picture. *You will have your photograph taken at school.*

pho•tog•ra•phy /fə tōg' rə fē/ *n.* the process of taking photographs. *You can study photography at the community center.*

pi•an•o /pē ān' ō/ *n.* (**pi•an•os** *pl.*) a large musical instrument played by striking keys arranged in order of pitch from lowest to highest. *We played a duet on the piano.*

pier /pīr/ *n.* a landing place for ships and boats. *Tie your rowboat to the pier.*

➤ **Pier** sounds like **peer**.

pierce /pīrs/ *v.* (**pierc•es**, **pierced**, **pierc•ing**) to make a hole in with a sharp, pointed instrument; to stab. *The balloon exploded when it was pierced with a pin.*

pi•o•neer /pī ə nīr' / *n.* a person who goes first and opens the way for others. *The ancient Egyptians were pioneers in astronomy.*

pitch•er ¹ /pīch' ər/ *n.* a player in a baseball game who throws the ball to a person at bat. *The pitcher threw a curve ball for a strike.*

Pronunciation Key

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ā pay	ō toe	th this
âr care	ô paw, for	hw which
ä father	oi noise	zh vision
ě pet	ou out	ə about,
ē be	ōō took	item,
ĩ pit	ōō boot	pencil,
ī pie	ũ cut	gallop,
îr pier	ûr urge	circus

pitch•er ² /pīch' ər/ *n.* a jar with a large lip used for holding and pouring water, milk, oil, or other liquid. *Pitchers may have one or two handles.*

pla•gia•rize /plā' jə rīz' / *v.* (**pla•gia•riz•es**, **pla•gia•rized**, **pla•gia•riz•ing**) to take ideas or written passages from another. *You plagiarize when you claim someone else's work as your own.*

plas•tic ¹ /plās' tīk/ *n.* any of a large number of synthetic chemical substances that can be molded into various forms by heat and pressure. *Vinyl and nylon are plastics.*

plas•tic ² /plās' tīk/ *adj.* made of plastic: *plastic dishes.*

pleas•ant /plēz' ənt/ *adj.* **a.** delightful; pleasing: *a pleasant vacation.* **b.** fair and warm: *a pleasant day.* **c.** agreeable; friendly: *pleasant teachers.*

pleas•ure /plēzh' ər/ *n.* **a.** joy; delight; satisfaction. *Her pleasure in meeting the famous guitarist showed on her face.* **b.** something that gives enjoyment or satisfaction. *Going to the zoo was a pleasure for the class.*

pledge ¹ /plēj/ *n.* a promise; an agreement. *We made a pledge to be home by ten o'clock.*

pledge ² /plēj/ *v.* (**pledg•es**, **pledged**, **pledg•ing**) to promise. *My father pledged to help with the fund drive.*

poin•set•ti•a /poin sēt' ē ə/ or /poin sēt' ə/ *n.* a plant with small flowers and large red, pink, or white leaves often used in decorating at Christmas. *The poinsettia plant is very colorful.*

poise /poiz/ *n.* the way the body is carried or held; grace; balance. *Ballet dancers move with superb poise.*

poi•son¹ /poi' zən/ *n.* a substance that harms the body. *Some snakes give off a poison when they bite.*

poi•son² /poi' zən/ *v.* to injure or kill by poison. *We poisoned the weeds in the yard.*

po•lice¹ /pə lēs'/ *n.* a group of persons who enforce law, deal with criminals, and keep peace. *Call the police in an emergency.*

po•lice² /pə lēs'/ *adj.* of or having to do with the police: *a police officer.*



police

po•lite /pə lit'/ *adj.* having good manners; courteous; thoughtful. *It is polite to shake hands when you meet someone.*

pol•lute /pə lōūt'/ *v.* (**pol•lutes**, **pol•luted**, **pol•luting**) to make dirty. *Car exhaust will pollute the air.*

pop•u•late /pɒp' yə lāt'/ *v.* (**pop•u•lates**, **pop•u•lated**, **pop•u•lating**) to live or reside in; to inhabit. *When the apartment building was finished, it was quickly populated by new residents.*

port a Latin root meaning “to carry”: *transport.*

por•ta•ble /pôr' tə bəl/ *adj.* easy to move. *My grandfather had one of the early portable radios.*

pos•si•ble /pɒs' ə bəl/ *adj.* being something that may or may not happen. *It's not possible for cats to ride bicycles.*

post- a prefix that means “after” or “later”: *postwar.*

post•date /pōst dāt'/ *v.* (**post•dates**, **post•dated**, **post•dating**) to use a date on something that is later than the actual date. *I postdated the letter because I knew I wouldn't mail it until Monday.*

post me•rid•i•em /pōst' mə rīd' ē əm/ *adv.* being after noon; P.M. *If something is marked “post meridiem,” it has to do with happening in the afternoon or evening.*

post•script /pōst' skript'/ or /pōs'-/ *n.* a note added to a letter after the writer's signature. *Rieko wrote in a postscript that she had found her socks after all.*

post•test /pōst' tēst/ *n.* a test taken after information has been learned. *I did well on the posttest.*

post•war /pōst' wôr'/ *adj.* happening after a war: *the postwar boom in the economy.*

pow•der /pou' dər/ *n.* a substance made of fine grains. *It's easy to grind chalk into a powder.*

pow•er•ful /pou' ər fəl/ *adj.* having great power; strong. *The king was a powerful ruler.*

pow•er•less /pou' ər līs/ *adj.* having no strength or power; helpless. *The farmers were powerless against the drought.*

prac•tice¹ /prāk' tīs/ *n.* **a.** actual use. *The plan didn't work well in practice.* **b.** training by doing something over and over. *Playing the piano requires regular practice.*

prac•tice² /prāk' tīs/ *v.* (**prac•tices**, **prac•ticed**, **prac•ticing**) **a.** to put into actual use. *He practices what he believes.* **b.** to do exercises in order to become skilled. *Let's practice our spelling.*

pre- a prefix that means: **a.** before: *preschool.* **b.** in advance: *prepaid.*

pre•am•ble /prē' əm' bəl/ or /prē əm' bəl/ *n.* an introductory statement. *The Constitution's Preamble begins with “We the people.”*

pre•cau•tion /prī kô' shən/ *n.* an action or care taken in advance, often for protection or safety. *We took the precaution of locking the car.*

pre•dict /prī dīkt'/ *v.* tell about in advance. *She tries to predict the weather, but she is often wrong.*

pre•dic•tion /prī dīk' shən/ *n.* the act of telling what might happen. *Caleb made a prediction that his team would win.*

pref•ace /prēf' īs/ *n.* text placed at the beginning of a book to introduce the book. *Mary always reads a book's preface.*

pre•fix /prē' fiks/ *n.* (**pre•fix•es** *pl.*) a group of letters added to the beginning of a word to change its meaning. *In the word reheat, re- is a prefix that means "again."*

pre•his•tor•ic /prē' hī stôr' ik/ or /-stôr'-/ *adj.* having to do with the time before written history began. *Prehistoric paintings and tools have been found all over the world.*

pre•paid¹ /prē pād'/ *adj.* paid for in advance. *The package was prepaid.*

pre•paid² /prē pād'/ *v.* past tense and past participle of prepay.

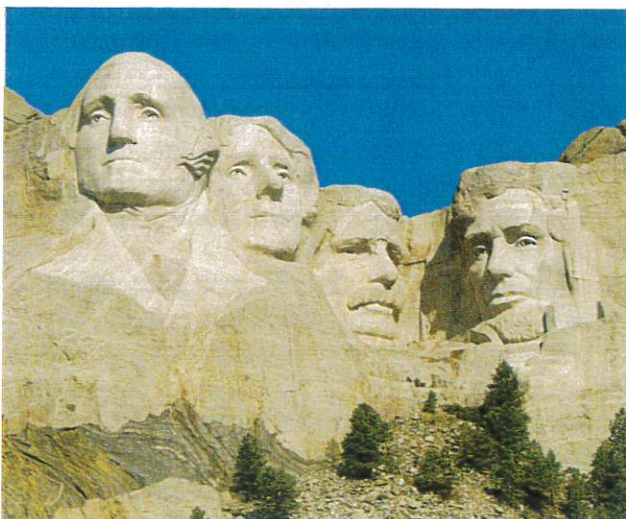
pre•pare /prī pār'/ *v.* (**pre•pares**, **pre•pared**, **pre•par•ing**) *a.* to make ready; to get ready. *The farmer prepares the soil for planting crops.* *b.* to make or to put together in a certain way. *The chef prepared her special salad.*

pre•re•cord /prē' rī kôrd'/ *v.* (**pre•re•cord•ed**) to record in advance for later use. *We are prerecording this program for airing over the holidays.*

pre•sent /prī zēnt'/ *v.* *a.* to give. *The prize was presented to the winner.* *b.* to offer; to bring up for consideration. *May I present a suggestion?*

pre•side /prī zīd'/ *v.* to act as president or leader. *Adam will preside over the committee meeting.*

pres•i•dent /prēz' ĭ dənt/ *n.* the appointed or elected leader of a group or country. *Which president does not appear on Mount Rushmore?*



president

pre•test /prē' tēst'/ *n.* a test given beforehand to determine readiness. *If you study, you'll do well on the pretest.*

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ē be	ōō took	item,
ĭ pit	ōō boot	pencil,
ī pie	ŭ cut	gallop,
îr pier	ûr urge	circus

pre•view /prē' vyōō'/ *n.* something viewed or watched in advance. *We were invited to a preview of the new movie.*

prin•ci•pal¹ /prīn' sə pəl/ *adj.* most important; chief; main. *The principal product of Pittsburgh is steel.*

➤ **Principal** sounds like **principle**.

prin•ci•pal² /prīn' sə pəl/ *n.* the head of a school. *The principal announced the winners of the spelling contest.*

➤ **Principal** sounds like **principle**.

prin•ci•ple /prīn' sə pəl/ *n.* a basic fact; a rule upon which other rules are based: *the principles of science.*

➤ **Principle** sounds like **principal**.

pri•vate /prī' vīt/ *adj.* belonging to a certain person or group of persons; not public. *Your letters are your private property.*

pro•duce /prə dōōs'/ or /-dyōōs'/ *v.* (**pro•duc•es**, **pro•duced**, **pro•duc•ing**) *a.* to make or manufacture; to put out. *Boiling water produces steam.* *b.* to present to the public: *produce a play.*

pro•fes•sion /prə fēsh' ən/ *n.* a kind of work or occupation that requires special education. *To enter the medical profession, you must study for several years after college.*

pro•fes•sor /prə fēs' ər/ *n.* a college teacher of the highest rank. *Mr. Patel is an assistant professor at the university.*

proj•ect¹ /prōj' ēkt/ *n.* a plan or task that takes a long time. *The class will begin a new art project next week.*

proj•ect² /prə jēckt'/ *v.* to throw forward; to send out. *Will you project the light into this corner?*

promise

prom•ise¹ /prəm' īs/ *n.* a statement that one will surely do something. *Jerry always keeps his promises.*

prom•ise² /prəm' īs/ *v.* (**prom•is•es**, **prom•ised**, **prom•is•ing**) to give one's word; to make a promise. *Margaret promised to be here at three o'clock.*

prompt•ness /prɒmpt' nīs/ *n.* the quality of being on time or of meeting deadlines. *John is known for his promptness to meetings.*

pro•nounce /prə nouns'/ *v.* (**pro•nounc•es**, **pro•nounced**, **pro•nounc•ing**) to make the sounds of; to speak. *If you pronounce words clearly, it will be easier for you to spell them.*

pros•pect¹ /prɒs' pɛkt/ *n.* (usually plural) a chance; possibility. *Do you have any good job prospects?*

pros•pect² /prɒs' pɛkt/ *v.* to look for. *Shall we prospect for gold in the creek?*

prove /prōv/ *v.* (**proves**, **proved**, **proved or prov•en**, **prov•ing**) to show to be true. *The doctor's tests proved that Cindy was in good health.*

pro•vide /prə vīd'/ *v.* to supply. *It's my turn to provide snacks for the swim meet.*

pro•vi•sion /prə vīzh' shən/ *n.* the act of providing supplies. *Have we made provision for staying overnight?*

psy•chol•o•gy /sī kōl' ə jē/ *n.* the study of the mind and behavior. *The psychology of crowd behavior is very interesting.*

pub•lic¹ /püb' līk/ *n.* the people. *The library is used by the public.*

pub•lic² /püb' līk/ *adj.* **a.** for the people; used by people. *Public parks are open to all.* **b.** of the people: *public opinion.*

pub•lish•er /püb' lī shər/ *n.* a person or company whose business is to prepare, print, and sell books, magazines, newspapers, etc. *You will find the publisher's name on the second page in this book.*

pu•pil¹ /pyōō' pəl/ *n.* a person being taught by a teacher; a student. *Sean is a pupil of hers.*

pu•pil² /pyōō' pəl/ *n.* the dark opening in the center of the eye. *The pupil becomes smaller in bright light and larger in dim light.*

pur•pose /pūr' pəs/ *n.* aim; plan; intention. *The purpose of the meeting was to plan.*

re-



quick /kwīk'/ *adj.* (**quick•er**, **quick•est**) fast. *I was quicker than my brother at getting my chores done.*

quick•en /kwīk' ən/ *v.* to make or become rapid. *Your heart may quicken before a performance on stage.*



race¹ /rās/ *n.* a contest of speed. *We had a race at recess.*



race

race² /rās/ *n.* people grouped by common history, nationality, or geography. *Our country includes many races, nationalities, religions, and languages.*

ra•cial /rā' shəl/ *adj.* related to characteristics of race. *Racial and ethnic diversity give us opportunities to learn from each other.*

ra•di•ant /rā' dē ənt/ *adj.* **a.** bright; shining. *Ann has a radiant smile.* **b.** sent out in waves. *Earth receives radiant heat from the sun.*

rap•id /rāp' ɪd/ *adj.* fast; quick. *The rapid current carried the canoe down the river.*

ra•tion•al /rāsh' ən əl/ *adj.* based on reason; logical. *After thinking it over calmly, Jeff made a rational decision to sell his car.*

re- a prefix that means: **a.** again: *regroup.* **b.** back: *rebound.*

re•al•ize /rē' ə līz'/ v. (**re•al•iz•es**, **re•al•ized**, **re•al•iz•ing**) to understand; to know; to be aware. *Allen suddenly realized that he was late for school.*

re•ap•pear /rē' ə pîr'/ v. to become visible again; to appear again. *The chipmunk vanished into a hole and then reappeared.*

re•call /rī kôl'/ v. **a.** to call back. *The soldiers were recalled to duty after a brief leave.* **b.** to remember. *Snapshots help us recall happy days.*

re•ceive /rī sēv'/ v. (**re•ceives**, **re•ceived**, **re•ceiv•ing**) to get. *You should receive the letter in two days.*

re•cent /rē' sɛnt/ adj. done, made, or happening not long ago. *A recent news article told about the city's traffic problem.*

re•charge /rē chārj'/ v. (**re•charg•es**, **re•charged**, **re•charg•ing**) to charge again; to restore to a former level of energy. *If you recharge the batteries, your radio will work.*

re•ci•pe /rēs' ə pē'/ n. a list of ingredients and instructions for preparing a food or drink. *Does the cookie recipe include flour?*

re•cite /rī sīt'/ v. (**re•cites**, **re•cit•ed**, **re•cit•ing**) **a.** to say something learned or memorized aloud. *Dennis recited a poem.* **b.** to give a detailed account. *He can recite many facts about his favorite team.*

re•claim /rī klām'/ or /rē -/ v. **a.** to restore to a usable condition. *We can reclaim land used for mining and set up a nature preserve.* **b.** to claim back; to ask for the return of. *They reclaimed their furniture from storage.*

re•cord /rī kôrd'/ v. to keep an account of; to write down. *I will record the names of the people who attended.*

re•cov•er /rī kŭv' ər/ v. **a.** to get back. *The police recovered the stolen goods.* **b.** to regain health. *Tracy recovered quickly after her illness.*

re•cu•per•ate /rī kōō' pə rāt'/ or /rī kyōō' pə rāt'/ v. (**re•cu•per•ates**, **re•cu•per•at•ed**, **re•cu•per•at•ing**) to recover from being sick; to get better and stronger. *Lacy will recuperate at home after the surgery.*

re•di•rect /rē' dī rēkt'/ or /rē' dī rēkt'/ v. to change the direction or course. *The police officer is going to redirect traffic away from the accident.*

re•en•ter or **re•en•ter** /rē' ɛn' tər/ v. to go in again; to enter again. *When she reentered the room, we all clapped.*

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ref•er•ence¹ /rēf' ər ɛns/ or /rēf' rɛns/ n. **a.** the act of referring. **b.** a relation to or concern with something. *The teacher made a reference to my paper in class today.* **c.** a remark referring to something. **d.** a statement of the qualifications of a person seeking employment. *She has excellent job references.* **e.** a book, document, or portion of a written work to which a reader is referred.

ref•er•ence² /rēf' ər ɛns/ or /rēf' rɛns/ adj. used or usable for reference. *A dictionary is a reference book.*

ref•er•ence³ /rēf' ər ɛns/ or /rēf' rɛns/ v. (**-ences**, **-enced**, **-enc•ing**) to refer to. *He referenced her book in his speech.*

re•flect /rī flēkt'/ v. to think back on; to remember about; to think seriously about. *After I reflect on my hasty decision, I may change my mind.*

re•form¹ /rī fôrm'/ v. to make better by correcting or removing faults. *We discussed how to reform the old rules.*

re•form² /rī fôrm'/ n. an improvement; a correction of a wrong. *Reforms in the voting laws created a fairer system.*

re•fract /rī frăkt'/ v. to cause the path of light to bend. *The lens of the eye can refract light.*

re•fresh /rī frēsh'/ v. to make fresh again; to revive; to renew. *The cool lemonade refreshed us after our hike.*

re•fresh•ment /rī frēsh' mɛnt/ n. a light food or drink. *During intermission, they served a complimentary refreshment.*

refrigerator

re•frig•er•a•tor /rĭ frĭj' ə rā' tər/ *n.* a special box or container used for storing food at low temperatures. *Our refrigerator has an icemaker, too.*

re•fuse /rĭ fyōōz'/ *v.* (**re•fus•es, re•fused, re•fus•ing**)
a. to turn down; to reject. *She refused my offer of help.* **b.** to be unwilling; to decline. *I refuse to let them bother me.*

re•gard¹ /rĭ gārd'/ *v.* **a.** to look at closely; to examine. *He regarded me with interest.* **b.** to consider; to think of. *I regard her as a friend.*

re•gard² /rĭ gārd'/ *n.* respect; esteem. *The audience showed their regard for the soloist by applauding loudly.*

re•gion /rē' jən/ *n.* **a.** a large portion of the surface of the earth. *Cacti grow in desert regions.* **b.** any area or place. *We live in the northeast region of the state.*

re•hearse /rĭ hūrs'/ *v.* (**re•hears•es, re•hearsed, re•hears•ing**) to practice or prepare for a performance. *Our choir rehearsed for the spring concert.*

re•heat /rē hēt'/ *v.* to heat again. *Dad reheated some leftovers for dinner.*

re•join /rē join'/ *v.* to join again. *When we came back, we rejoined the group in the living room.*

rel•a•tive¹ /rĕl' ə tĭv'/ *n.* a person connected to another by blood or marriage. *All my relatives attended the party.*

rel•a•tive² /rĕl' ə tĭv'/ *adj.* comparative; compared with another. *We compared the relative sizes of moths and butterflies.*

re•luc•tant /rĭ lŭk' tənt/ *adj.* unwilling. *He was reluctant to jump into the pool.*

re•mark¹ /rĭ mārĕk'/ *v.* to say; to comment briefly. *Dad remarked that we had forgotten to brush our teeth.*

re•mark² /rĭ mārĕk'/ *n.* a brief comment. *She made a flattering remark about my haircut.*

re•mem•ber /rĭ mēm' bər/ *v.* **a.** to bring back to the mind; to recall. *I couldn't remember the answer.* **b.** to keep in mind. *Remember to turn off the light.*

re•move /rĭ mōōv'/ *v.* (**re•moves, re•moved, re•mov•ing**) to take away; to take off. *Remove everything from your desk before you leave.*

re•pair¹ /rĭ pār'/ *v.* to bring back to good condition; to fix; to mend. *Do you know how to repair a flat tire?*

re•pair² /rĭ pār'/ *n.* the act of repairing. *The car repair will be finished tomorrow.*

respectable

re•place /rĭ plās'/ *v.* (**re•plac•es, re•placed, re•plac•ing**) to substitute. *Dana will replace the wilted flowers with fresh ones.*

re•place•ment /rĭ plās' mənt/ *n.* a substitute. *The actress's replacement was nervous about her performance.*

re•port¹ /rĭ pôrt'/ or /rĭ pôrt'/ *n.* a detailed statement. *Tamiko gave a book report to the class.*

re•port² /rĭ pôrt'/ or /rĭ pôrt'/ *v.* to tell about; to present. *It will be Bill's turn to report on Tuesday.*

res•cue /rēs' kyōō/ *v.* (**res•cues, res•cued, res•cu•ing**) to save from danger; to free from harm. *The volunteer rescued the girl from the fire.*



rescue

re•spect¹ /rĭ spēkt'/ *v.* to honor someone or something. *It is important to respect other people's ideas.*

re•spect² /rĭ spēkt'/ *n.* the state of honoring someone or something. *I have respect for my parents.*

re•spect•a•ble /rĭ spēk' tə bəl/ *adj.* (**re•spect•a•bil•i•ty, adv.**) **a.** worthy of respect. *He's a well-regarded and respectable professor.* **b.** proper. *Please act in a respectable manner.* **c.** fair in size, quality, or quantity. *They donated a respectable amount of money to the cause.* **d.** fit to be seen. *The children were told to wear respectable clothes to the funeral.*

re•sult /rĭ zŭlt'/ v. (**re•sults**, **re•sult•ed**, **re•sult•ing**) to happen as an effect. *The cold, damp weather is resulting in icy roads.*

re•tire /rĭ tĭr'/ v. (**re•tires**, **re•tired**, **re•tir•ing**)
a. to withdraw or retreat in order to be alone. *I am going to retire to my room.* b. to withdraw from one's position or occupation. *After working for 35 years, my grandparents plan to retire next year.*

re•ver•ber•ate /rĭ vŭr' bə rāt'/ v. (**re•ver•ber•ates**, **re•ver•ber•at•ed**, **re•ver•ber•at•ing**) to sound again; to echo. *The thunder reverberated through the mountains.*

re•ward¹ /rĭ wŏrd'/ n. something given in return for something done. *A medal is a reward for accomplishment.*

re•ward² /rĭ wŏrd'/ v. to give a reward to or for. *Our efforts at cooking were rewarded with a delicious pie.*

re•write /rĕ rĭt'/ v. (**re•writes**, **re•wrote**, **re•writ•en**, **re•writ•ing**) to write again. *The teacher asked us to rewrite our book reports, after correcting the spelling and punctuation.*

role /rŏl/ n. job; area of responsibility. *My role at dinnertime is setting the table.*

route /rŏt/ or /rout/ n. a. a road, path, etc. *We consulted the map to find the shortest route.* b. a regular course; a series of stops: *newspaper route.*

roy•al /roi' əl/ adj. having to do with kings and queens. *The king and queen live in the royal palace.*

rupt a Latin root meaning "to break": *disruptive.*

ru•ral /rŏr' əl/ adj. having to do with the country; in the country. *Children who live in rural areas usually ride buses to school.*



sad•ness /săd' nĭs/ n. sorrow; grief. *Tears can be an expression of sadness.*

saf•est /săf' ĕst/ adj. most free from risk or harm. *I feel safest in the car when I am wearing my seat belt.*

scald /skôld/ v. a. to burn with hot liquid. *Don't scald your tongue on the hot soup.* b. to heat to just under boiling. *Scald the milk.*

Pronunciation Key

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ē be	ōō took	item,
ĭ pit	ōō boot	pencil,
ī pie	ŭ cut	gallop,
îr pier	ûr urge	circus

scal•lop /skŏl' əp/ or /skāl' əp/ n. a type of mollusk found in two closed shells. *A scallop can move through the water by snapping its shell open and shut.*

scarce /skârs/ adj. hard to get; not abundant; rare. *Trees are scarce in the middle of a big city.*

scarce•ly /skârs' lē/ adv. hardly; barely. *There are scarcely any people awake at five o'clock in the morning.*

scar•y /skâr' ē/ adj. (**scar•i•er**, **scar•i•est**) causing one to feel scared; frightening. *Horror movies are scary.*

sci•en•tist /sĭ' ən tĭst/ n. a person trained to be an expert in one or more fields of science. *Astronomers are scientists.*

scram•ble /skrām' bəl/ v. (**scram•bles**, **scram•bled**, **scram•bling**) a. to climb, crawl, or walk in a hurry. *The children scrambled up the side of the hill.* b. to mix in a messy way. *I scrambled my books and papers together and ran for the bus.*

screen /skrĕn/ n. a. wire woven together tightly, leaving tiny openings. *Screens keep out insects in the summer.* b. a surface on which movies, slides, etc., are shown. *We put up the screen for the slide show.* c. the part of a television set on which the picture appears: *a 25-inch screen.*

scrib a Latin root meaning "to write": *transcribe.*

scribe /skrĭb/ n. a person who copies manuscripts by hand as a profession. *Evan is a scribe for the museum.*

script /skript/ n. a. cursive handwriting. *Most people do not write letters in script these days.* b. the text of a play or movie. *The actors read the script for the movie.*

search¹ /sûrch/ *v.* to look for something. *All people search for happiness.*

search² /sûrch/ *n.* (**search•es** *pl.*) a hunt. *After a long search, they found the cat.*

sec•re•tar•y /sêk' rî tēr' ē / *n.* (**sec•re•tar•ies** *pl.*) a person who organizes files, delivers important messages, and keeps an office in order. *The secretary answered the phone.*

sec•tion /sêk' shən/ *n.* **a.** a part; a division; a slice. *An orange is divided naturally into sections.* **b.** a region. *This hilly section of Missouri is beautiful.*

se•lect /sî lēkt'/ *v.* to pick out; to choose. *Joanna selected the dress with the green ribbons.*

self•ish /sêl' fîsh/ *adj.* thinking mostly of oneself; not caring much about others. *Refusing to share is selfish.*

semi- a prefix that means: **a.** half: *semi-circle.* **b.** partly; somewhat: *semisweet.* **c.** twice during: *semiannual.*

sem•i•an•nu•al /sēm' ē ān' yōō əl/ *adj.* happening twice a year. *The company holds semiannual sales meetings.*

sem•i•cir•cle /sēm' ī sîr' kəl/ *n.* half of a circle. *The choir was in a semicircle on the stage.*

sem•i•co•lon /sēm' ī kō' lən/ *n.* a punctuation mark (;) that stands for a break greater than a comma and less than a period.

sem•i•fi•nal¹ /sēm' ē fî' nəl/ *adj.* coming just before the final, as in a competition: *the semifinal round.*

sem•i•fi•nal² /sēm' ē fî' nəl/ *n.* one of the two games, matches, or rounds that come just before the final. *If Mark wins the semifinal, he will advance to the final.*

sem•i•for•mal /sēm' ē fôr' məl/ *adj.* somewhat formal: *a semiformal dinner.*

sem•i•sweet /sēm' ē swēt'/ *adj.* somewhat sweet: *semisweet chocolate.*

sem•i•week•ly /sēm' ē wêk' lē/ or /sēm' ī wêk' lē/ *adj.* occurring twice a week. *Our group meets semiweekly at the town hall.*

Sen•ate /sēn' ít/ *n.* one of the branches of the United States Congress. *The Senate has two senators from each state.*

sen•a•tor /sēn' ə tər/ *n.* a member of a legislative group called a senate. *A senator in Congress is elected to serve six years.*

sense /sēns/ *n.* **a.** a power of the body that makes a person aware of things. *Our five senses are sight, smell, taste, hearing, and touch.* **b.** a feeling: *a sense of satisfaction.*

sep•a•rate¹ /sēp' ə rāt'/ *v.* (**sep•a•rates**, **sep•a•rat•ed**, **sep•a•rat•ing**) to divide; to keep apart; to be between. *The fence separates the two yards.*

sep•a•rate² /sēp' ə rīt/ or /sēp' rīt/ *adj.* not connected; set apart. *They work for the same factory but in separate buildings.*

ser•geant /sär' jənt/ *n.* an Army or Marine Corps officer who ranks below a lieutenant but above a corporal. *The sergeant relayed the orders to his company.*

ser•i•ous /sîr' ē əs/ *adj.* **a.** thoughtful; solemn. *You look so serious; is something wrong?* **b.** in earnest; honest; not joking. *She is serious about becoming a dancer.*

serv•ice /sûr' vîs/ *n.* **a.** a help; an aid. *As a service to the passengers, the bus stops at Oak Street.* **b.** work done for others. *He received an award for his service to the city.*

ses•sion /sēsh' ən/ *n.* a meeting period. *During our class field trip, we attended a session of the state legislature.*

➤ **Session** sounds like **cession**.

shake /shāk/ *v.* (**shakes**, **shook**, **shak•en**, **shak•ing**) **a.** to move quickly up and down or from side to side. *The wind shook the windows.* **b.** to tremble. *Her hands were shaking from the cold.*

shawl /shôl/ *n.* a large piece of cloth worn over the shoulders or the head. *At the pueblo, we saw a woman weaving a beautiful shawl.*

show /shō/ *v.* (**shows**, **showed**, **shown** or **showed**, **show•ing**) to point out; to cause to be seen. *Show me the picture you liked.*

sick•ness /sîk' nîs/ *n.* (**sick•ness•es** *pl.*) **a.** illness; poor health. *Good nutrition helps prevent sickness.* **b.** a certain disease. *Chicken pox is usually a mild sickness.*

sil•ent /sî' lənt/ *adj.* **a.** quiet; still; with no sound or noise. *The morning was silent until the birds began to sing.* **b.** not said out loud. *The e in rake is silent.*

si•mul•ta•ne•ous /sî' məl tā' nē əs/ or /sîm' əl tā' nē əs/ *adj.* happening or done at the same time. *A computer can perform many simultaneous actions.*

sin•cere /sîn sîr'/ *adj.* honest; genuine; really meaning what one says. *Please accept our sincere thanks for the donation.*

sin•cere•ly /sîn sîr' lē/ *adv.* truly; honestly. *He is sincerely sorry for breaking the vase.*

ski¹ /skē/ *n.* (**skis** *pl.*) one of two long slender pieces of wood or metal that can be fastened to a shoe: *snow skis.*

ski² /skē/ *v.* (**skis**, **skied**, **ski•ing**) to glide over snow or water on skis. *They skied swiftly down the hill.*

sledge•ham•mer /slēj' hām' ər/ *n.* a long, heavy hammer. *He used a sledgehammer to break up the concrete step.*

sleigh /slā/ *n.* a carriage mounted on runners, used for traveling on ice or snow. *A sleigh is usually pulled by horses.*

slen•der /slēn' dər/ *adj.* **a.** thin; not big around. *This slender tree bends when the wind blows hard.*

b. small; slight; not great or strong: *a slender chance.*

slim /slīm/ *adj.* (**slim•mer**, **slim•mest**) **a.** thin; slender. *Jill chose a slim volume of poems at the library.*

b. small; slight: *a slim hope.*

slope¹ /slōp/ *n.* land that slants up and down. *We skied down a long slope.*

slope² /slōp/ *v.* (**slopes**, **sloped**, **slop•ing**) to slant. *The roof slopes to carry off rain.*

smudge /smŭj/ *n.* a smear or blotch. *Maria got a smudge on her white shoes.*

soft•en /sô' fən/ or /sôf' ən/ *v.* to make or become soft. *Ice cream softens in the heat.*

sol•dier /sôl' jər/ *n.* (**sol•diers** *pl.*) a person serving in an army. *A soldier often receives both military and technical training.*



soldier

sol•i•taire /sôl' ĭ târ'/ *n.* a single gem set by itself. *The solitaire sparkled in the light.*

so•lu•tion /sə lōō' shən/ *n.* **a.** the answer; the explanation. *The solution to the puzzle in the magazine is given on page 20.* **b.** a mixture formed by dissolving something. *Sugar and tea create a solution.*

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ī pie	ũ cut	gallop,
îr pier	ûr urge	circus

solve /sôlv/ or /sôlv/ *v.* (**solves**, **solved**, **solv•ing**) to find the answer to. *The police solved the crime.*

sor•row /sôr' ô / or /sôr' ô/ *n.* a strong feeling of grief or sadness. *My family felt sorrow when our dog ran away.*

sort /sôrt/ *v.* to separate things into like groups. *The baby can sort the blocks into two piles.*

sour¹ /sour/ *adj.* **a.** not sweet; acid. *A lemon has a sour taste.* **b.** spoiled. *This milk has gone sour.*

sour² /sour/ *v.* to become sour. *Milk sours if it is not kept cool.*

speak•er /spē' kər/ *n.* **a.** a person who speaks or delivers public speeches. *The speaker at tonight's meeting will discuss the election.* **b.** a device that transmits sound. *These speakers will help everyone hear the music.*

spec a Latin root meaning "to see": *spectator.*

spe•cial•ist /spësh' ə lĭst/ *n.* a person who knows much about a certain subject. *The specialist said I had an ear infection.*

spe•cial•ize /spësh' ə lĭz'/ *v.* (**spe•cial•iz•es**, **spe•cial•ized**, **spe•cial•iz•ing**) to emphasize or focus on a special area. *That reporter specializes in stories about Central America.*

spe•cial•ty /spësh' əl tē / *n.* (**spe•cial•ties** *pl.*) **a.** a special skill or occupation. *Sports photography is his specialty.* **b.** a special product or feature. *That store's specialty is toys.*

spec•i•men /spēs' ə mən/ *n.* a sample. *The nurse took the blood specimen to the lab.*

speed /spēd/ *n.* **a.** swiftness; quickness. *An antelope has great speed.* **b.** the rate of movement. *The airplane flies at a speed of six hundred miles an hour.*

speed•om•eter /spī dŏm' ĭ tər/ *n.* an instrument that shows speed. *The speedometer shows that the car is traveling at 60 miles per hour.*

splen•did /splĕn' dĭd/ *adj.* **a.** bright; brilliant; magnificent. *What a splendid sunset!* **b.** good; excellent. *They have a splendid chance to win.*

spo•ken /spō' kən/ *v.* past participle of **speak**.

spo•ken² /spō' kən/ *adj.* expressed orally. *The teacher gave us both spoken and written instructions.*

squir•rel /skwĭr' əl/ *n.* a small rodent with a long bushy tail. *A squirrel eats nuts.*



squirrel

staff /stăf/ *n.* **a.** a long cane or pole. *The shepherd carried a staff curved at one end.* **b.** a group of people working together under a leader or manager: *the teaching staff.*

stare /stār/ *v.* (**stares, stared, star•ing**) to look at with a steady gaze. *Li stared at the painting, fascinated by the bright colors.*

steal /stēl/ *v.* (**steals, stole, sto•len, steal•ing**) **a.** to take dishonestly or without permission. *A burglar might steal your television if you leave your door unlocked.* **b.** to move quietly and secretly. *We decided to steal away before the play was over.*

➤ **Steal** sounds like **steel**.

steel /stēl/ *n.* a strong metal made from iron by mixing it with carbon. *Steel is used for making strong tools.*

➤ **Steel** sounds like **steal**.

sten•cil /stĕn' səl/ *n.* a sheet of paper, plastic, or metal, out of which a pattern or letters have been cut, that is used for tracing or painting a design on the surface beneath. *Mom used a stencil to paint the flowers.*

sten•cil² /stĕn' səl/ *v.* to trace or mark with a stencil. *Did you stencil your initials on the bag?*

stin•gy /stĭn' jē/ *adj.* (**stin•gi•er, stin•gi•est; stin•gi•ly, adv.**) not generous; unwilling to spend or give. *Though he didn't have much money, he was never stingy.*

stir•rups /stĭr' əps/ or /stĭr' əps/ *n. pl.* (**stir•rup sing.**) foot supports that are hung from a horse's saddle to support the rider's feet. *Place your feet in the stirrups when riding a horse.*

sto•len /stō' lən/ *v.* past participle of **steal**.

stom•ach /stŭm' ək/ *n.* the organ in the body into which food goes after it is swallowed. *The stomach helps digest the food.*

straight¹ /strāt/ *adj.* **a.** having no curves or bends. *Use a ruler to draw a straight line.* **b.** neat; in order. *A bank must keep its records straight.*

straight² /strāt/ *adv.* in a straight line; directly. *Go straight home after school.*

straight•en /strāt' n/ *v.* **a.** to make or become straight. *After miles of curving, the road straightened.* **b.** to put in order. *Doug was supposed to straighten his room.*

strang•er /strān' jər/ *n.* **a.** a person who is not known. *I know him, but she's a complete stranger.* **b.** someone from another place. *Many strangers came to town for the fair.*

strength•en /strĕngk' thən/, /strĕng' thən/ *v.* to make or become strong or powerful. *Calcium and vitamin D strengthen bones.*

strike /strĭk/ *n.* in baseball a pitched ball that is swung at and missed by the batter or that is hit foul; a perfectly thrown ball. *The new pitcher threw one strike after another.*

stub•born /stüb' ərn/ *adj.* not easily persuaded; having one's own definite idea. *Lee was stubborn and refused to listen.*

style¹ /stīl/ *n.* **a.** a way of doing or making something. *Some authors have a simple style of writing.* **b.** fashion. *This year's style in dresses is different from last year's.*

style² /stīl/ *v.* to make and design in a special way. *I style my hair with a round brush.*

styl•ish /stī' lish/ *adj.* in the current style; fashionable. *He wore a stylish new suit.*

sub•sti•tute /süb' stī tōōt'/ or /süb' stī tyōōt'/ *n.* a person or thing that takes the place of another. *We had a substitute when our regular teacher was sick.*

suc•cess /sək sēs'/ *n.* (**suc•cess•es** *pl.*) **a.** a favorable result or outcome; achievement. *Hard work often brings success.* **b.** a person or thing that succeeds. *The guest speaker was a huge success.*

suit¹ /sūt/ *n.* a set of matching clothes. *Ms. Cole wore an elegant suit to the concert.*

suit² /sūt/ *v.* to please; to satisfy. *You can try very hard, but you can't suit everyone.*

suit•case /sūt' kās'/ *n.* a usually rectangular bag used to hold clothes when a person travels. *I had to sit on my suitcase to close it after it was packed.*

sum•ma•rize /sūm' ə rīz'/ *v.* (**sum•ma•riz•es**, **sum•ma•rized**, **sum•ma•riz•ing**) to give the main points of; to restate in fewer words. *Can you summarize Roger's speech?*

sum•mon /sūm' ən/ *v.* to call forth. *The judge may summon the lawyer to the bench.*

sun•ny /sūn' ē / *adj.* (**sun•ni•er**, **sun•ni•est**; **sun•ni•ly**, *adv.*) bright with sunshine. *It's a shame to stay indoors on such a sunny day!*

sup•ply¹ /sə plī'/ *v.* (**sup•plies**, **sup•plied**, **sup•ply•ing**) to provide; to furnish; to give. *Who will supply the food for the picnic?*

sup•ply² /sə plī'/ *n.* (**sup•plies** *pl.*) the amount or quantity needed or available. *When the snowfall started, the store got a supply of snow shovels.*

sup•pose /sə pōz'/ *v.* (**sup•pos•es**, **sup•posed**, **sup•pos•ing**) **a.** to guess; to think. *I suppose he's right.* **b.** to expect; to intend. *The kite wasn't supposed to rip.* **c.** to assume; to consider as a possibility. *Suppose she doesn't come. Who will give the speech?*

sur•prise /sər prīz'/ *n.* something unexpected. *The flowers from Joy were a nice surprise.*

sur•vey /sər vā' / or /sūr' vā' / *v.* **a.** to look over; to examine. *From a high tower, the ranger surveyed the forest for smoke.* **b.** to measure the exact size and shape of an area of land. *A team will survey the land before the new road is built.*

sus•pi•cion /sə spīsh' ən/ *n.* **a.** a belief without proof. *I have a suspicion that the squirrels ate the bird food.* **b.** a state of being suspected, as of a misdeed or wrongdoing. *The conniving man was under suspicion for the local bank robbery.*

sweat•shirt /swēt' shûrt'/ *n.* a heavy cotton pullover with long sleeves, often worn for exercise. *Grandpa wears a sweatshirt when he goes jogging.*

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swerve /swûrv/ *v.* (**swerves**, **swerved**, **swerv•ing**) to turn aside from a straight course. *We watched the cyclist swerve to avoid colliding with the other cyclists on the trail.*

swift /swîft/ *adj.* **a.** very fast: a swift runner.
b. prompt: a swift answer.

swift•ness /swîft' nīs/ *n.* speed; quickness. *The antelope's swiftiness amazed us.*

syll•la•ble /sīl' ə bəl/ *n.* a word or a part of a word that is pronounced as a unit. *We divide words into syllables to know where to hyphenate them at the end of a line.*

sym•bol•ism /sīm' bə līz' əm/ *n.* **a.** the art or practice of using symbols to represent something else. *The symbolism in my story uses lions and mice to represent bravery and cowardice.*
b. a system of symbols or representations.



tac•tic /tāk' tīk/ *n.* (**tac•tics** *pl.*) a strategy for reaching a goal. *The candidate listed her tactics for winning the election.*

tar•di•ness /tār' dē nīs/ *n.* slowness; lateness. *Steve's tardiness is annoying.*

taught /tôt/ *v.* (**teach**, **teach•es**, **taught**, **teach•ing**) helped to learn; instructed. *My friend taught me how to play this game.*

teams /tēmz/ *n. pl.* (**team** *sing.*) groups of players opposing one another in competitions. *We could identify the different teams by the colors of their uniforms.*

tech•nol•o•gy /tĕk nŏl' ə jē/ *n.* the use of science to reach commercial goals. *Students enjoy using video and computer technology as tools for learning.*

teen•ag•er /tēn' ā jər/ *n.* (**teen•ag•ers** *pl.*) a person between the ages of thirteen and nineteen. *Several teenagers stood in line to buy concert tickets.*

tele a Greek root meaning “distant”: *televised.*

tel•e•cast¹ /tĕl' ə kăst/ *n.* a television broadcast: *a sports telecast.*

tel•e•cast² /tĕl' ə kăst/ *v.* (**tel•e•casts**, **tel•e•cast** or **tel•e•cast•ed**, **tel•e•cast•ing**) to broadcast by television. *The game will be telecast at eight o'clock.*

tel•e•phone¹ /tĕl' ə fŏn/ *n.* an instrument that sends sound to a distant point. *Our telephone is wireless.*

tel•e•phone² /tĕl' ə fŏn/ *v.* to speak by telephone. *Please telephone your brother and ask him to come over.*

tele•pho•to /tĕl' ə fŏ' tŏ/ *adj.* shortened form of *telephotographic*; a lens for taking photographs from a distance. *She used a telephoto lens to take a picture of the spiny plant.*



telephoto

tel•e•scope /tĕl' ĭ skŏp'/ *n.* an instrument used to look at distant objects. *I can see the moon clearly through my telescope.*

tem•po•rar•y /tĕm' pə rĕr' ē / *adj.* (**tem•po•rar•i•ly**, *adv.*) lasting for a brief time; not permanent. *Baby teeth are temporary.*

ter•rif•ic /tə rĭf' ĭk/ *adj.* exceptionally good or wonderful. *Sunny weather is terrific!*

them•selves /thĕm sĕlvz'/ or /thəm-/ *pron.* **a.** their own selves. *They thought of the plan themselves.* **b.** their usual selves. *They were so tired after the circus that they weren't themselves.*

there•fore /thâr' fôr'/ or /-fôr'/ *adv.* for that reason; consequently. *It turned the litmus paper blue; therefore, it must be a base.*

ther•mom•e•ter /thər mŏm' ĭ tər/ *n.* an instrument for measuring temperature. *The thermometer shows that it is very hot outside.*

thick•en /thĭk' ən/ *v.* to make heavier or thicker. *You can use flour to thicken gravy.*

thirst /thûrst/ *n.* a desire for something to drink caused by a dry feeling in the mouth or throat. *The horses satisfied their thirst by drinking from a stream.*

thor•ough /thûr' ō/ *adj.* **a.** complete. *She did a thorough job.* **b.** careful and exact. *The police were thorough in examining the evidence.*

thought /thôt/ *v.* (**think**, **thought**, **thinking**) considered; believed; formulated in the mind. *They thought the movie was funny.*

thought•less /thôt' lĭs/ *adj.* careless; inconsiderate. *It was thoughtless of you to invite only some of your friends.*

throw¹ /thrŏ/ *v.* (**throws**, **threw**, **thrown**, **throw•ing**)

a. to toss or cast through the air: *throw the ball.*

b. to put into a particular state. *The power failure threw the office into confusion.*

throw² /thrŏ/ *n.* an act of throwing; a toss. *The throw was caught for a touchdown.*

thun•der•ous /thŭn' dər əs/ *adj.* producing thunder; loud; noisy. *A thunderous sound woke the baby.*

thun•der•storm /thŭn' dər stŏrm'/ *n.* a heavy rainstorm with lightning and thunder. *That tree was struck by lightning during the thunderstorm.*

thus /thŭs/ *adv.* therefore; as a result. *The car ran out of gas; thus we were unable to continue driving.*

tick•lish /tĭk' lĭsh/ *adj.* oversensitive; touchy. *Mom's feet are very ticklish.*

tight•en /tĭt' n/ *v.* to make or become tighter. *Mary tightened her seat belt before driving away.*

time zone /tĭm' zŏn'/ *n.* a geographical location in which the same standard time is used. *Ohio is in the Eastern time zone.*

tis•sue /tĭsh' ōŏ/ *n.* **a.** a group of cells in a plant or animal that carry out a certain function: *skin tissue.* **b.** light, soft, thin paper or cloth. *I wiped my nose with a tissue.*

tone /tŏn/ *n.* **a.** a sound, especially with reference to its quality: *a harsh tone.* **b.** a manner of speaking: *an angry tone.* **c.** a shade of color: *tones of green.*

tour•ist /tŏŏr' ĭst/ *n.* a person traveling for pleasure. *The tourists all took pictures of the castle.*

tow•er¹ /**tou**' ə/ *n.* a tall, narrow structure. *The bell tower stands next to the church.*

tow•er² /**tou**' ə/ *v.* to rise high in the air. *The new building towered above the city.*

trac•tor /**trāk**' tər/ *n.* a large machine on wheels, used for pulling trucks or farm equipment. *The farmer drove the tractor into the barn.*

trans•port /**trāns** **pōrt**'/ *v.* to carry or move something from one place to another. *A truck will transport the new cars to the car dealer.*

treas•ur•er /**trēzh**' ə/ *n.* the person who handles a group's funds and finances. *The social club's treasurer recorded the month's expenses.*

treat•ment /**trēt**' mənt/ *n.* **a.** a way of handling. *Baby animals receive special treatment at the zoo.*
b. anything used to treat something. *The doctor said that ice was the best treatment for my sprain.*

treas•ty /**trē**' tē / *n.* (**treas•ties** *pl.*) an agreement between nations. *The leaders signed a treaty to end the war.*

tre•men•dous /**trī** **mēn**' dəs/ *adj.* **a.** marvelous; wonderful. *She made a tremendous catch.*
b. terrible; dreadful. *The new dam saved the town from tremendous flood damage.* **c.** extremely large; enormous. *A tremendous wave rocked the boat.*

tri- a prefix that means "three."

tri•an•gle /**trī**' āng' gəl/ *n.* a closed figure in which three straight lines form three angles. *There are 180 degrees in a triangle.*

tri•cor•nered /**trī**' kôr' nər'd/ *adj.* having three corners. *Bellville's tricornered intersection had many accidents.*

tri•cy•cle /**trī**' sīk' ə/ or /-sī kəl/ *n.* a three-wheeled vehicle that is moved by pedals. *Small children ride tricycles.*

tri•o•gy /**trīl**' ə jē/ *n.* a group of three literary works or dramas related by theme. *The Lord of the Rings is a trilogy whose three volumes tell the story of a ring with mystical powers.* [Greek *trilogiā*, from *tri-*, three + *logos*, word, speech.]

trim¹ /**trīm**/ *v.* (**trims**, **trimmed**, **trim•ing**) to make neat by cutting some away. *I trimmed the grass along the sidewalk.*

trim² /**trīm**/ *adj.* (**trim•er**, **trim•mest**) neat and tidy. *Trim hedges grew in the garden.*

tri•pod /**trī**' pōd'/ *n.* a three-legged stand for supporting a camera or other equipment. *A tripod can be adjusted to different heights.*

tri•sect /**trī**' sēkt'/ or /**trī** **sēkt**'/ *v.* to divide into three equal parts: *trisect an angle.*

Pronunciation Key

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ä father	oi noise	zh vision
ě pet	ou out	ə about,
ē be	ōō took	item,
ī pit	ōō boot	pencil,
ī pie	ŭ cut	gallop,
îr pier	ûr urge	circus

trop•ics /**tröp**' īks/ *n. pl.* the region of Earth on both sides of the equator. *The weather in the tropics is usually hot and humid.*

trou•ble /**trüb**' ə/ *n.* **a.** something that causes worry or distress; difficulty. *The trouble with our car is that the motor won't run.* **b.** a bother; an extra effort. *It was no trouble to help her clean her room.*

trou•sers /**trou**' zərz/ *n. pl.* (**trou•ser** *sing.*) a piece of clothing reaching from the waist to the ankles, covering each leg separately; pants. *Dad wore his new trousers.*

tru•ly /**trōō**' lē / *adv.* **a.** really; truthfully. *Do you think he told us what he truly thought?* **b.** in fact; indeed. *The music sounded truly glorious.*

trust /**trüst**/ *v.* **a.** to believe in; to depend or rely on. *We trust the doctor to do what is best for us.* **b.** to expect; to assume. *I trust you have finished your homework.*

tun•nel /**tün**' ə/ *n.* a passage beneath the ground. *The mole dug a tunnel.*

twen•ty•sev•en /**twēn**' tē **sēv**' ən/ *n.* the next number after twenty-six; twenty plus seven; 27. *His football career ended when he was twenty-seven.*

type¹ /**tīp**/ *n.* a particular kind; a sort; a class. *What type of book do you like best?*

type² /**tīp**/ *v.* (**types**, **typed**, **typ•ing**) to write with a typewriter. *Linda typed her report.*

typ•ist /**tī**' pīst/ *n.* a person who uses a typewriter. *A good typist must also be a careful proofreader.*



um•brel•la /ŭm brĕl' ə/ *n.* a light metal frame covered with waterproof material, used as a protection against sun or rain. *I got wet because I forgot my umbrella.*

un- a prefix that means: **a.** not: *unhappy*. **b.** the opposite of: *undress*.

un•but•ton /ŭn bŭt' n/ *v.* to unfasten the buttons of. *Unbutton your shirt before you pull it off.*

un•com•mon /ŭn' kŏm' ən/ *adj.* (**un•com•mon•er**, **un•com•mon•est**) unusual; not ordinary. *People riding unicycles is an uncommon sight.*

un•cov•er /ŭn kŭv' ə/ *v.* **a.** to remove the cover from. *Steam rose from the hot dish as Dad uncovered it.* **b.** to reveal or expose. *They will uncover the truth during the trial.*

un•der•line /ŭn' dər līn'/ *v.* (**un•der•lines**, **un•der•lined**, **un•der•lin•ing**) to draw a line under. *Underline the part of the sentence that contains an error.*

un•e•qual /ŭn ē' kwəl/ *adj.* **a.** not the same; not equal: *unequal amounts*. **b.** poorly matched; unfair. *The race between the tortoise and the hare was an unequal contest.*

un•fair /ŭn fār'/ *adj.* not fair; not honest or just. *Cheating is unfair.*

un•hap•py /ŭn hăp' ē/ *adj.* (**un•hap•pi•er**, **un•hap•pi•est**; **un•hap•pi•ly** *adv.*) not happy; sad; full of sorrow. *When Maria was unhappy, we tried to cheer her up.*

u•nit /yōō' nīt/ *n.* **a.** a single thing or a group of things thought of as one. *These shelves join to form a portable unit.* **b.** a standard measure. *Meters are units of distance.*

un•known /ŭn nŏn'/ *adj.* not known; strange; unfamiliar. *A stranger is an unknown person.*

un•like•ly /ŭn līk' lē/ *adj.* (**un•like•li•er**, **un•like•li•est**) not probable. *We were surprised by her unlikely choice of green apples.*

un•pack /ŭn pāk'/ *v.* to remove the contents of a suitcase or a package. *After we moved, it took a week to unpack all the boxes.*

un•sure /ŭn shŏor'/ *adj.* not certain or sure. *He was unsure of his ability to win.*

un•tie /ŭn tī'/ *v.* (**un•ties**, **un•tied**, **un•ty•ing**) to loosen something that has been tied. *She untied the ribbon and opened the gift.*

up-to-date /ŭp' tə dāt'/ *adj.* including any recent changes; current; modern. *This edition of the dictionary is the most up-to-date version.*

use•ful•ness /yōōs' fəl nīs/ *n.* the quality of having utility and practical worth. *These shelving units are popular because of their usefulness.*

u•ten•sil /yōō tĕn' sīl/ *n.* a tool, especially one useful in the kitchen. *Use this utensil to remove the cake from the pan.*



va•cant /vā' kənt/ *adj.* **a.** empty; not occupied. *I found a vacant chair and sat down.* **b.** not aware; not thinking; not recognizing or understanding: *a vacant look.*

vain /vān/ *adj.* **a.** too proud of oneself. *After Elaine won the prize she became vain about her accomplishment.* **b.** not successful; useless. *I soon gave up my vain efforts to attract his attention.*

➤ **Vain** sounds like **vane** and **vein**.

val•ley /vāl' ē/ *n.* (**val•leys** *pl.*) an area of low land between hills or mountains. *A clear river flowed through the valley.*



valley

val•u•a•ble /vāl' yōō ə bəl/ or /vāl' yə bəl/ *adj.* **a.** having great value or worth; important. *He is a valuable player on the team.* **b.** worth a great deal of money. *She keeps her valuable china on a high shelf.*

val•ue¹ /vāl' yōō/ *n.* **a.** worth; importance. *No one doubts the value of a good education.* **b.** a moral principle or standard. *Your values determine your character.*

val•ue² /vāl' yōō/ *v.* (**val•ues**, **val•ued**, **val•u•ing**) to think of as having great worth. *He values the time that he spends with his children.*

vane /vān/ *n.* a device to show which way the wind is blowing. *The weather vane turns as the wind changes direction.*

➤ Vane sounds like vain and vein.

van•ish /vān' ish/ *v.* (**van•ish•es**, **van•ished**, **van•ish•ing**) to disappear from existence. *The dense fog seemed to vanish before our eyes.*

van•i•ty /vān' ī tē/ *n.* **a.** an excessive pride in one's abilities or appearance; vainness. *Patrick's vanity makes him worry about what others will think.*

b. uselessness; worthlessness. *We realized the vanity of our efforts to kill every weed in the yard.*

var•y /vār' ē/ *v.* (**var•ies**, **var•ied**, **var•y•ing**) **a.** to change. *The temperature varies with the seasons.*

b. to cause to change or be different. *People can vary their appearance by wearing different clothes.*

vein /vān/ *n.* one of the many branching tubes through which blood is carried to the heart from all parts of the body. *Can you see the veins in your arms?*

➤ Vein sounds like vain and vane.

verb /vûrb/ *n.* a word that expresses action or a state of being. *In the sentences Go to the store and His dog is brown, the verbs are go and is.*

ver•ses /vûr' səs/ or /vûr' səz/ *n.* groups of lines in a poem or song. *He recited all the verses to the national anthem.*

➤ Verses sounds like versus.

ver•sus /vûr' səs/ or /vûr' səz/ *prep.* against; as the alternative to; in contrast to. *The tournament was down to two teams: the Bobcats versus the Tigers.*

➤ Versus sounds like verses.

vig•or•ous /vīg' ər əs/ *adj.* full of vigor; energetic. *We made a vigorous attempt to rake all the leaves in an hour.*

vil•lage /vīl' ij/ *n.* a number of houses and buildings in an area that is smaller than a town. *Everyone knows everyone else in our village.*

vis•i•tor /vīz' ī tər/ *n.* a person who visits. *The visitor brought flowers.*

voiced /voist/ *v.* (**voice**, **voices**, **voiced**, **voic•ing**) said; uttered. *When the announcement was made, we all voiced our approval.*

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ē be	ōō took	item,
ĩ pit	ōō boot	pencil,
ī pie	ũ cut	gallop,
îr pier	ûr urge	circus

vol•un•teer /völ' ən tîr'/ *n.* one who offers to perform a service of his or her free will, usually without pay. *We need a volunteer to sell tickets to the school play.*

vow•el /vou' əl/ *n.* **a.** a sound made with the voice when the breath is allowed to pass out of the mouth freely. *The sound of o in go is a vowel.* **b.** any of the letters that stand for such a sound. *The most common vowels are a, e, i, o, and u.*

voy•age /voi' ij/ *n.* a journey by water or through air or space. *Christopher Columbus made a famous voyage to America.*



waist /wāst/ *n.* the narrow part of the body between the ribs and the hips. *Belts are worn around the waist.*

➤ Waist sounds like waste.

waive /wāv/ *v.* (**waives**, **waived**, **waiv•ing**) to give up, especially a legal right. *A suspect can waive his right to an attorney.*

warmth /wôrmth/ *n.* **a.** the state of being warm. *The warmth of the sun felt good.* **b.** friendly or affectionate feeling. *We appreciated the warmth of their welcome.*

war•y /wār' ē/ *adj.* (**war•i•er**, **war•i•est**) cautious; apprehensive; watching carefully. *Most cats are wary of dogs.*

wash•a•ble /wôsh' ə bəl/ *adj.* capable of being washed without damage. *That sweater is made of washable wool.*

waste /wāst/ *v.* (**wastes**, **wast•ed**, **wast•ing**) to use up carelessly or foolishly. *He wasted his money on toys he didn't need.*

➤ **Waste** sounds like **waist**.

water /wô' tər/ or /wôt' ər/ *n.* the clear liquid that falls as rain. *Water becomes ice when it freezes.*

wa•ter•proof /wô' tər proof'/ *adj.* unaffected by water. *The raincoat is made from waterproof material.*

wea•ry /wîr' ē/ *adj.* (**wea•ri•er**, **wea•ri•est**; **wea•ri•ly**, *adv.*) tired; exhausted. *The weary travelers went to sleep at once.*

week•end /wēk' ɛnd'/ *n.* Saturday and Sunday, as a time for rest, play, visiting, etc. *We are going bowling this weekend.*

weight /wāt/ *n.* **a.** a measure of the heaviness of an object. *The assistant recorded my dog's weight.* **b.** the measured heaviness of a specific object. *Muffin's weight is twenty-eight pounds.*

west•ern /wēs' tərn/ *adj.* of, in, or toward the west. *We found the berries in the western half of the valley.*

whole /hōl/ *adj.* (**whol•ly**, *adv.*) **a.** in one piece. *Don't slice the apples; just leave them whole.* **b.** complete; entire. *There are four volumes in the whole set of books.*

wise /wîz/ *adj.* (**wis•er**, **wis•est**; **wise•ly**, *adv.*) **a.** showing good sense or judgment. *He made a wise decision.* **b.** having much knowledge or information. *England's Queen Elizabeth I was recognized as an unusually wise woman for her time.*

world /wûrld/ *n.* **a.** Earth. *There are many languages spoken in the world.* **b.** all of the people on Earth. *The world was touched by his generosity.*

wor•ried /wûr' ēd/ or /wûr' ēd/ *adj.* the quality of being anxious, uneasy, agonized, or bothered. *I could tell by his worried look that he didn't like going to the dentist.*

wor•ri•some /wûr' ē səm/ or /wûr'-/ *adj.* causing concern or worry. *His jammed locker was a worrisome problem all day.*

worst¹ /wûrst/ *adj.* most evil, bad, or unpleasant. *This is the worst book I have ever read.*

worst² /wûrst/ *n.* that which is worst. *The worst of the winter is yet to come.*

worth¹ /wûrth/ *n.* **a.** merit; value. *This book has little real worth, but it's fun to read.* **b.** the quantity of something that can be bought for a certain amount. *Grandma bought ten dollars' worth of bread.*

worth² /wûrth/ *adj.* **a.** worthy of. *If a thing is worth doing, it's worth doing well.* **b.** having the value of. *That gem is worth a lot.*

worth•less /wûrth' lîs/ *adj.* without worth or value. *The photographs were worthless to everyone but the family members.*

wrist•watch /rîst' wöch'/ *n.* a watch worn on a band that fastens around the wrist. *The child was excited to get her first wristwatch.*



wristwatch

Y

youth /yōōth/ *n.* **a.** a young person, especially a young man. *Who is the tall youth with the red hair?* **b.** the quality or the time period of being young. *Youth is followed by adulthood.*

Z

zo•ol•o•gy /zōō ōl' ə jē/ *n.* a branch of biology concerned with the animal kingdom and animal life. *She wants to study zoology because she cares so much about animals.*

zo•o•pho•bi•a /zō' ə fō' bē ə/ *n.* an abnormal fear of animals. *His zoophobia keeps him from visiting our farm.*