

Using the 6th Grade Dictionary

Guide Words

The **guide words** at the top of each dictionary page can help you find the word you want quickly. 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 use guide words easily.
- 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

mem•o•ry /mēm' 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.*

definition to be sure you have the correct entry word

sample sentence to make the definition clearer



-able a suffix, used to form adjectives, that means:

a. capable of: *understandable*. **b.** worthy of: *lovable*.

ab•sence /ăb' səns/ *n.* **a.** being away. *Ryan brought a note to excuse his absence.* **b.** not having; a lack: *an absence of interest.*

ab•sent /ăb' sənt/ *adj.* away; not here. *Kate was absent on Monday but present on Tuesday.*

ac•cent¹ /ăk' sɛnt/ *n.* **a.** a mark (') used to show stress. *A syllable with an accent is pronounced more strongly.* **b.** a distinctive way of speaking: *a British accent.*

ac•cent² /ăk' sɛnt/ *v.* **a.** to stress; to emphasize. *Accent the first syllable.* **b.** to add to; to enhance. *Beth's pink scarf accents her white dress.*

ac•cept /ăk sɛpt'/ *v.* **a.** to be given. *She will accept the award with pride.* **b.** to agree. *The teenager will accept responsibility for his own behavior.*

ac•cept•a•ble /ăk sɛp' tə bəl/ *adj.* (**ac•cept•a•bly**, *adv.*) agreeable; satisfactory. *Everyone found the plan acceptable.*

ac•ci•dent /ăk' sɪ dɛnt/ *n.* **a.** a harmful or unexpected event. *Ali had an accident on his bike.* **b.** something that occurs without being planned for. *The cure for the disease was discovered by accident.*

ac•cu•rate /ăk' yər ɪt/ *adj.* correct; without mistakes. *The witness's testimony was accurate and consistent with the evidence.*

ac•cu•rate•ly /ăk' yər ɪt lē/ *adv.* (**ac•cu•rate** *adj.*) in a way that exactly conforms to fact; without error. *He had been there only once, but he could accurately describe how to get there.*

ac•cuse /ə kyōōz'/ *v.* (**ac•cus•es**, **ac•cused**, **ac•cus•ing**) to blame for wrongdoing. *The police accused him of speeding and reckless driving.*

a•chieve /ə chēv'/ *v.* (**a•chieves**, **a•chieved**, **a•chiev•ing**) to reach; to accomplish. *If you wish to achieve success you must work hard.*

a•cre•age /ā' kər ɪj, ā' krɪj/ *n.* area of land in acres.

ac•tion /ăk' shən/ *n.* **a.** a thing done; a deed. *The firefighter was praised for her brave action.* **b.** motion; movement. *Debbie likes action, but David prefers relaxation.*

ac•tive•ly /ăk' tɪv lē/ *adv.* in a busy manner; directly involved. *Once this cast comes off, I can actively play baseball.*

ac•tiv•i•ty /ăk tɪv' ɪ tē/ *n.* (**ac•tiv•i•ties** *pl.*)

a. energetic action or movement. **b.** specified form of supervised action or field of action. *The activity they planned for Sam's birthday party was fun.*

a•cute /ə kyōōt'/ *adj.* **a.** severe or sharp; intense: *acute pain.* **b.** having fewer than 90 degrees. *A triangle must have at least two acute angles.*

a•dapt /ə dăpt'/ *v.* to adjust to a specified use or situation. *Some animals adapt to changes in climate.*

ad•di•tion•al•ly /ə dɪsh' ə nə lē/ *adv.* also; moreover; in addition. *Additionally, the movie has won international awards.*

ad•e•quate /ăd' ɪ kwɪt/ *adj.* as much as needed. *We had adequate food for everyone.*

ad•mi•ra•ble /ăd' mər ə bəl/ *adj.* (**ad•mi•ra•bly** *adv.*) deserving admiration; excellent.

ad•mire /ăd mɪr'/ *v.* (**ad•mires**, **ad•mired**, **ad•mir•ing**) **a.** to regard with pleasure, wonder, and approval. **b.** to have a high opinion of; esteem or respect.

ad•mit /ăd' mɪt'/ *v.* (**ad•mits**, **ad•mit•ted**, **ad•mit•ting**) **a.** to let in. *If you don't have a ticket they can't admit you to the show.* **b.** to acknowledge; to confess. *The mayor admitted that she had not been aware of the problem.*

ad•mit•tance /ăd mɪt' ns/ *n.* permission to enter. *Do we need tickets for admittance to the play?*

a•dopt /ə dɔpt'/ *v.* (**a•dopt•a•ble** *adj.*) (**a•dopt•ion** *n.*) **a.** to take into one's family through legal means and raise as one's own child. *The couple wants to adopt a child.* **b.** to take and follow by choice. *The team will adopt a new strategy.* **c.** to vote to accept. *The council decided to adopt the resolution.*

a•dor•a•ble /ə dɔr' ə bəl/ or /ə dɔr'-/ *adj.* lovable; charming. *The stuffed animals were cuddly and adorable.*

a•dore /ə dɔr'/ or /-dɔr'/ *v.* (**a•dores**, **a•dored**, **a•dor•ing**) to feel deep love and respect for. *Gandhi was adored by millions of Indians.*

ad•vance¹ /ăd vāns'/ *v.* to go forward. *Please advance to the front of the line.*

ad•vance² /ăd vāns'/ *n.* any forward movement; progress. *Medical research has made great advances.*

ad•vance•ment /ăd vāns' mənt/ *n.* improvement; progress; promotion. *They dedicated their new club to the advancement of poetry.*

ad•van•tage /ăd vān' tɪj/ *n.* **a.** anything that helps bring about success. *That basketball player has the advantage of being tall.* **b.** help; benefit; gain. *Studying is to your advantage.*

ad•ven•ture•some /ăd vĕn' chər səm/ *adj.*
inclined to take part in dangerous or risky activities. *Most explorers are adventuresome.*



adventuresome

ad•vice /ăd vīs'/ *n.* opinion about what could or should be done about a problem; counsel. *The student asked the teacher's advice for solving a problem.*

ad•vise /ăd vīz'/ *v.* (**ad•vis•es**, **ad•vised**, **ad•vis•ing**)
a. to offer advice to; counsel. *Her parents advise her about balancing schoolwork and social activities.* **b.** to recommend or suggest. *The librarian can advise us about resources for our project.* **c.** to inform or notify.

af•fin•i•ty /ə fīn' ī tē/ *n.* (**af•fin•i•ties** *pl.*) a natural feeling for or attraction to somebody or something. *I have an affinity for people who like to read.*

af•firm /ə fûrm'/ *v.* (**af•fir•ma•tion** *n.*) **a.** to declare positively or firmly; maintain to be true. **b.** to confirm.

af•ford /ə fôrd', ə fôrd'/ *v.* (**af•ford•a•ble** *adj.*) **a.** to have the financial means for. **b.** to be able to spare or give up: *could afford an hour for lunch.* **c.** to be able to do or perform (something) without incurring harm or criticism, or with benefit to oneself: *can afford to be tolerant.*

af•ter•ward /ăf' tər wôrd/ *adv.* later. *We'll do some shopping and have lunch afterward.*

Pronunciation Key

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âr care	ô paw, for	hw which
ä father	oi noise	zh vision
ĕ 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

-age a suffix, used to form nouns, that means:
a. a collective or a general group: *baggage.*
b. a state or condition of: *marriage.* **c.** an act of: *breakage.*

ag•ed /ă' jīd/ *adj.* **a.** old; having lived long.
The aged man was having difficulty walking.
b. /āj'd/ having a certain age: *aged three.*

ag•ent /ă' 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.* [Latin *agēns*, doing, from *agere*, to do.]

aisle /īl/ *n.* a passage between rows of seats. *The usher stood in the aisle.*

➤ **Aisle** sounds like **isle**.

al•bum /ăl' bəm/ *n.* **a.** a book with blank pages on which photographs, stamps, etc., may be kept. *Will you sign my autograph album?* **b.** a recording of several different pieces of music. *I like the title song on that album.*

al•li•ance /ə lī' əns/ *n.* **a.** a formal pact of union or confederation between nations in a common cause. **b.** a union by kinship, marriage, or common interest.

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

all right¹ /əl' rīt'/ *adj.* satisfactory. *Your answer looks all right to me.*

all right² /əl' rīt'/ *adv.* **a.** yes; very well. *All right, I'll come home early.* **b.** in a satisfactory way. *Is everything going all right?*

al•mond /ă' mənd/ *n.* the nut of the almond tree. *Toasted almonds make a good snack.*

al•ter•nate /əl' tər nīt/ *adj.* used in place of another. *Before making a big decision, consider all alternate choices.*

al•tim•e•ter /āl tīm' ĩ tər/ *n.* an instrument used to measure altitude. *The pilot checked the altimeter before he prepared to land.*

am•a•teur /ām' ə tūr' or /-chōr'/ *n.* a person who participates in an activity for fun, not money. *Even an amateur can become skillful with regular practice.*

amaze /ə māz'/ *v.* (**amaze**, **amazed**, **amazing**) to surprise or astonish. *We were amazed at the acrobat's ability.*

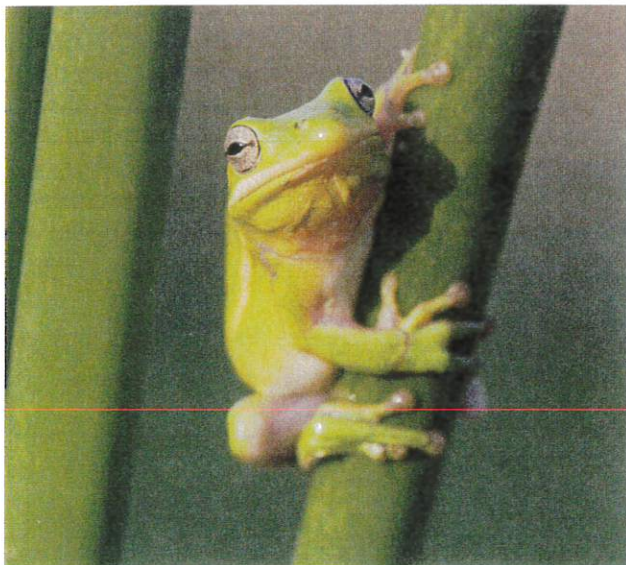
amaze•ment /ə māz' mənt/ *n.* a state of extreme surprise or wonder; astonishment.

am•bi•tious /ām bīsh' əs/ *adj.* **a.** full of, characterized by, or motivated by ambition. **b.** greatly desirous; eager. **c.** showing or requiring much effort.

am•bu•lance /ām' byə ləns/ *n.* a vehicle for taking people who are hurt or sick to the hospital. *An ambulance is equipped with special lights and a siren.*

am•i•a•ble /ā' mē ə bəl/ *adj.* generally friendly and pleasant; agreeable. *We get along with our neighbor because she is amiable.*

am•phib•i•an /ām' fīb' ē ən/ *n.* a cold-blooded animal that has gills and lives in water when young but develops lungs and breathes air when mature. *Frogs, toads, and salamanders are amphibians.*



amphibian

amuse /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.*

amuse•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.*

am•us•ing /ə myōō' zing/ *adj.* pleasing; entertaining. *The standup comic was amusing.*

an•a•gram /ān' ə grām'/ *n.* a word or phrase formed by reordering the letters of another word or phrase.

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

an•ces•tor /ān' sēs' tər/ *n.* a person from whom one is descended. *A family tree lists each ancestor in a family.*

an•gel /ān' jəl/ *n.* an immortal, spiritual being often depicted as kind and loving. *According to tradition, angels are messengers from heaven.*

an•nex¹ /ə nēks' or /ān' ēks'/ *v.* to add on; to attach; to join. *City council voted to annex the vacant lot.*

an•nex² /ān' ēks' or /ān' ĩks/ *n.* a room or building added to a building that is already there. *The store added an annex to hold the plants and garden supplies.*

an•ni•ver•sary /ān' ə vûr' sə rē/ *n.* (**-ries pl.**) the annual recurrence of an event that took place in some preceding year: *a wedding anniversary.*

an•nounce /ə nouns'/ *v.* (**an•nounce**, **announced**, **announcing**) **a.** to tell; to make known; to give notice. *Would the principal announce that school will be closing early?* **b.** to provide commentary and deliver announcements on radio or television. *The sportscaster announces the tennis match.*

an•noy•ance /ə noi' əns/ *n.* a feeling of irritation or impatience. *The dripping faucet was an annoyance as we tried to sleep.*

-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": *assistant.*

anti- a prefix that means "against": *antiseptic.*

an•ti•dote /ān' tī dōt'/ *n.* a remedy to counteract the effects of a poison. *They used an antivenin as an antidote for the snakebite.*

an•ti•freeze /ăn' tī frēz'/ *n.* a liquid mixed with another liquid to keep it from freezing. *Cars need antifreeze during the winter.*

an•ti•slav•e•ry /ăn' tē slā' və rē/ *adj.* opposed to slavery. *The antislavery movement gained strength during the Civil War.*

an•ti•so•cial /ăn' tē sō' shəl/ *adj.* avoiding the company of others. *It is a mistake to assume that a shy person is antisocial.*

anx•ious /ăngk' shəs/ or /ăng' shəs/ *adj.* **a.** worried. *Tanisha was anxious about moving to a new school.* **b.** eager. *Tori was anxious to hear the test results.*

ap•par•ent /ə pâr' ənt, ə pâr'-/ *adj.* **a.** readily seen; open to view; visible. **b.** readily understood or perceived; plain or obvious. **c.** appearing as such but not necessarily so: *an apparent advantage.*

ap•peal /ə pēl'/ *v.* to ask, request, or plea. *The organization will appeal for more funding.*

ap•pear•ance /ə pîr' əns/ *n.* **a.** being seen by the public. *The television star made a personal appearance at the shopping mall.* **b.** the looks of a place or person. *New paint really improved the room's appearance.*

ap•plause /ə plôz'/ *n.* **a.** approval expressed, especially by the clapping of hands. **b.** praise; commendation.

ap•pli•cant /ăp' lī kənt/ *n.* a person applying for a job or position. *There were many applicants for the after-school job.*

ap•ply /ə plī'/ *v.* (**ap•plies, ap•plied, ap•ply•ing**) **a.** to put on: *apply paint.* **b.** to put to use. *We did an experiment to apply what we learned in science.* **c.** to make a request. *She applied to join the Girl Scouts.*

ap•point•ment /ə point' mənt/ *n.* an arrangement to meet someone at a certain time. *I have a two o'clock appointment.*

ap•pre•ci•ate /ə prē' shē āt'/ *v.* (**ap•pre•ci•ates, ap•pre•ci•at•ed, ap•pre•ci•at•ing**) to see the value of something. *The recital made us appreciate my brother's hours of piano practice.*

ap•proach /ə prōch'/ *v.* to come near. *The deer ran away as we approached.*

ap•proach•a•ble /ə prō' chə bəl/ *adj.* friendly; easy to approach. *The librarian's smile made her seem approachable.*

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ī pie	ũ cut	gallop,
îr pier	ûr urge	circus

ap•prove /ə prōv'/ *v.* (**ap•proves, ap•proved, ap•prov•ing**) **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?*

ap•prox•i•mate /ə prōks' ə mīt/ *adj.* nearly right; almost correct. *The architect gave them an approximate cost of the new house.*

ap•ti•tude /ăp' tī tōd'/ or /-tyōd'/ *n.* a talent or ability for learning. *She has an aptitude for languages; she speaks French, German, and Italian.*

a•rise /ə rīz'/ *v.* (**a•ris•es, a•rose, a•ris•en, a•ris•ing**) **a.** to get up. *On school days we arise early.* **b.** to appear; to begin. *If any problems should arise, call us.*



arise

ar•riv•al /ə rī' vəl/ *n.* an act of reaching a destination. *After our arrival at the hotel, we checked into our room.*

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.*

-ary a suffix that means "of" or "relating to," used to form adjectives: *honorary*.

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 hours to complete my homework assignments.*

as•sist /ə sīst'/ *v.* to help; to aid. *I assisted Mother in preparing dinner.*

as•sis•tant /ə sīs' tənt/ *n.* a person who assists another. *We need an assistant to help with the project.* [Latin *assistere*, to assist, from *ad-*, near to + *sistere*, to stand.]

as•so•ci•ate¹ /ə sō' shē āt'/ *v.* **a.** to think of as related. *Most people associate tears with sadness, but many people cry when they are happy.* **b.** to join as a friend. *Joy associates with her softball teammates regularly.*

as•so•ci•ate² /ə sō' shē īt/ *n.* a friend or fellow worker. *Mr. Ortiz is an associate of my father's.*

as•sume /ə sōm'/ *v.* (**as•sumes**, **as•sumed**, **as•sum•ing**) **a.** to accept as true. *People once assumed the earth was flat.* **b.** to accept; to take upon oneself. *Megan assumed the job of decorating the room.*

as•sump•tion /ə sūmp' shən/ *n.* a statement accepted or supposed true without proof or demonstration.

-ate a suffix used: **a.** to form adjectives that mean "having" or "characterized by": *fortunate*. **b.** to form verbs that mean "to act upon": *renovate*.

ath•lete /āth' lēt'/ *n.* one who performs in competitive sports. *An athlete trains daily.*

-ation a suffix, used to form nouns, that means: **a.** an action or process: *consideration*. **b.** the result of an action or process: *inflammation*.

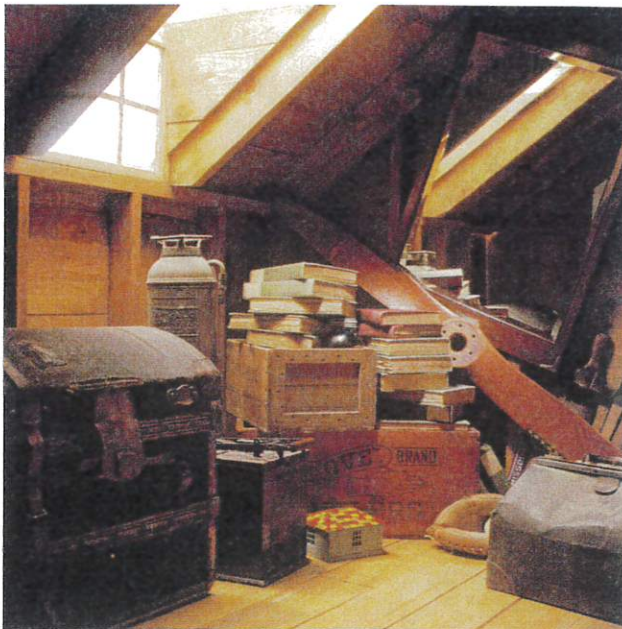
at•tend /ə tēnd'/ *v.* to go to; to be present at. *Did you attend the last meeting?*

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. *During a losing streak, attendance drops at baseball games.*

at•ten•dant /ə tēn' dənt/ *n.* a person who serves or waits on others. *There are always four attendants working at this gas station.*

at•ten•tion /ə tēn' shən/ *n.* **a.** staying alert to what is happening. *Always pay attention in class.* **b.** thoughtfulness; consideration. *Rhonda gave a lot of attention to her grandparents during their visit.*

at•tic /āt' īk/ *n.* a room just below the roof of a house. *We found a big box up in our attic.*



attic

auc•tion•eer /ōk' shə nīr'/ *n.* one who conducts a public sale of things to be sold for the most money offered. *Mr. and Mrs. Mohnsen paid the auctioneer for the cow.*

au•di•ence /ō' dē əns/ *n.* a number of people who come together to see or hear something. *The audience entered the theater for the matinee.*

au•thor•i•ty /ə thōr' ī tē/ or /-thōr'-/ or /ō-/ *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.*

auto- a prefix that means self: *autograph*

au•to•bi•og•ra•pher /ō' 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.* [Greek *autos*, self + *bios*, life + *graphein*, to write.]

au•to•bi•o•graph•i•cal /ô' tō bī ə grăf' ĭ kəl/ *adj.* concerning the story of one's own life. *The short story I wrote for English class is autobiographical.*

au•to•graph¹ /ô' tō grăf' / *n.* anything written in a person's own handwriting, especially his or her name. *I collected the autographs of all the students in my class.*

au•to•graph² /ô' tō grăf' / *v.* to sign one's name. *She asked the pitcher to autograph her ball.* [Greek *autos*, self + *graphein*, to write.]

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

a•vail•a•ble /ə vā' lə bəl/ *adj.* able to be used or obtained. *The firefighters used all the available equipment.*

a•ware•ness /ə wâr' nēs/ *n.* quality of having knowledge or cognizance. *Although he didn't seem to be paying attention, we knew he had a high awareness of what was going on around him.*

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



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

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

baf•fle /băf' əl/ *v.* (**baf•fles**, **baf•fled**, **baf•fing**) to puzzle; to bewilder. *The riddles baffled the students.*

bal•ance¹ /băl' əns/ *n.* **a.** equality in weight or number. *Our teacher keeps a good balance between praise and criticism.* **b.** a steady position. *I tripped and lost my balance.*

bal•ance² /băl' əns/ *v.* **a.** to weigh or measure in or as in a balance. *Amy added one more weight to balance the scales.* **b.** to bring into a condition of balance. *Antoine balanced the basketball on his fingertip.*

bam•boo /băm bōō' / *n.* (**-boos pl.**) **a.** any of various mostly tropical grasses having hard-walled stems with ringed joints. **b.** the hollow woody stems of the bamboo, used in a variety of constructions, crafts, and manufactures.

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ban•dage /băn' dĭj/ *n.* a strip of cloth used to cover a wound. *Put a bandage over the cut.*

ban•ner¹ /băn' ər/ *n.* **a.** a flag. *"The Star-Spangled Banner" is a song about the American flag.* **b.** a piece of cloth with a picture, design, or writing on it. *The owners hung a banner for the grand opening.*

ban•ner² /băn' ər/ *adj.* very good: a banner season.

ban•quet /băng' kwĭt' / *n.* a feast serving many people. *The newlyweds hosted a banquet for their guests.*

bar•be•cue /băr' bĭ kyōō' / *n.* a meal cooked over an open fire, especially outdoors. *They served hamburgers at the barbecue.*

bare•ly /bâr' lē/ *adv.* hardly; scarcely. *We could barely see the cars because of the fog.*

bar•gain¹ /băr' gĭn/ *n.* **a.** an agreement. *I made a bargain with Molly to rake the leaves if she would bag them.* **b.** something with a low price. *He found a bargain at the sale.*

bar•gain² /băr' gĭn/ *v.* to try to agree on the terms of a deal. *The employer and employees bargained over the new labor contract.*

ba•rom•e•ter /bə rôm' ĭ tər/ *n.* an instrument that measures air pressure. *A falling reading on a barometer can indicate worse weather to come.* [Greek *baros*, weight + *metron*, measure.]

ba•zaar /bə zār' / *n.* **a.** An oriental market consisting of a street lined with shops and stalls. **b.** a fair or sale at which miscellaneous articles are sold, often for charitable purposes. *The parents' organization held a bazaar to raise money for the school library.*

be•have /bī hāv'/ *v.* (**be•haves**, **be•haved**, **be•hav•ing**) **a.** to act properly; to do the right things. *If you don't behave, you won't be invited again.* **b.** to act; to conduct oneself. *How did he behave at the movies?*

be•lief /bī lēf'/ *n.* (**be•liefs** *pl.*) a strong opinion about the truth or reality of things. *Early explorers had a belief that the earth was flat.*

be•liev•a•ble /bī lē' və bəl/ *adj.* able to be accepted as true or real. *His story seemed strange but believable.*

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

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

bib•li•og•ra•phy /bīb' lē ōg' rə fē/ *n.* (**bib•li•og•ra•phies** *pl.*) a list of books and references on a topic. *I included a bibliography with my report on whales.*

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 good balance.*

bill of sale /bīl' ə' sāl'/ *n.* a document stating that personal property has been transferred to a new owner. *The lawyers drew up a bill of sale for our old house.*

bio- a prefix that means life: *biology*

bi•og•ra•pher /bī ōg' rə fər/ *n.* a person who writes a life history of another person. *A good biographer does careful research.* [Greek *bios*, life + *graphein*, to write.]

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.* [Greek *bios*, life + *graphein*, to write.]

bi•ol•o•gist /bī ōl' ə jīst/ *n.* a person who studies living organisms. *The biologist James Watson received a Nobel Prize for his DNA work.*

bi•ol•o•gy /bī ōl' ə jē/ *n.* the scientific study of living things. *Botany and zoology are two branches of biology.* [Greek *bios*, life + *logos*, word, speech.]

birth•mark /bûrth' mark/ *n.* a mole or a special mark somewhere on the skin of the body since birth. *The heart-shaped mole on her shoulder was a birthmark.*

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

bi•zarre /bə zär'/ *adj.* strikingly unconventional or far-fetched, as in style or appearance; odd. *On "Bad Hair Day" students enjoy coming up with bizarre hair-dos.*

blame•less /blām' līs/ *adj.* without blame; without guilt. *The rabbit was blameless for making the holes in the ground; a mole made them.*

book•mo•bile /bōōk' mō bēl'/ *n.* a truck that serves as a traveling library. *I hope the bookmobile has the magazine I want!*

book•store /bōōk' stôr'/ or /-stôr'/ *n.* a store where books are sold. *That bookstore has a good selection of books for children.*

bou•tique /bōō tēk'/ *n.* a small retail shop that specializes in gifts, fashionable clothes, and accessories.

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

brand /bränd/ *n.* a particular kind of product. *Advertisers persuade you to buy their brands.*

break•a•ble /brā' kə bəl/ *adj.* capable of being broken. *Fine glass is very breakable.*

break•age /brā' kīj/ *n.* an action or an instance of breaking. *The breakage of the glass made a mess.*

brief•case /brēf' kās'/ *n.* a portable rectangular case used for carrying books or papers.

brief•ly /brēf' lē/ *adv.* (**brief** *adj.*) for a short time or duration. *The train stopped briefly to board another passenger.*

bronze /brōnz/ *n.* an alloy of copper and tin or certain other metals. *The Olympic teams may win medals of gold, silver, or bronze.*

browse /brouz/ *v.* (**brows•es**, **browsed**, **brows•ing**) **a.** to look at in a leisurely way; to skim through. *Sam browsed through the magazines in the dentist's office.* **b.** to feed on leaves. *Giraffes browse on tall trees.*

budge /būj/ *v.* (**budg•es**, **budged**, **budg•ing**) to move slightly. *The car wheels were stuck in the mud and did not budge.*

buf•fa•lo /būf' ə lō/ *n.* (**buf•fa•los** or **buf•fa•loes** *pl.*) a large animal with a hump on its back and a large head; a bison. *We saw a herd of buffalo in the park.*

buf•fet¹ /bə fā'/ or /bōō-/ *n.* a meal at which guests may serve themselves from food laid out on a table or sideboard. *After the meeting, we served a salad buffet.*

buf•fet² /būf' it/ *v.* to knock about with force. *The wind buffeted the fragile flowers.*

bu•gle /byōō' gəl/ *n.* a brass instrument similar to a trumpet, used for military signals. *The soldiers woke up to the sound of a bugle.*



bugle

bull•doz•er /bōōl' dō' zər/ *n.* a tractor for moving dirt. *The worker used the bulldozer to level the dirt.*

bul•le•tin /bōōl' ī tn/ *n.* **a.** a short news report. *The television program was interrupted for a bulletin about the storm.* **b.** a small magazine or newspaper. *The club puts out a bulletin twice a month.*

bu•reau /byōōr' ō/ *n.* **a.** a chest of drawers for holding clothing. *My socks are in the top drawer of the bureau.* **b.** an office for a special kind of business. *We visited the passport bureau.*

busi•ness /bīz' 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?*

by•line also **by•line** /bī' līn'/ *n.* a line at the head of a newspaper or magazine article with the author's name.



caf•e•te•ri•a /kăf ī tīr' ē ə/ *n.* a restaurant in which the customers are served at a counter and carry their meals on trays to tables.

calm•er /kām' ər/ *adj.* (**calm**) quieter; more still; more peaceful. *After the wind died down, the surface of the lake grew calmer.*

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.*

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

camp•site /kämp' sīt'/ *n.* a place to camp. *We chose a campsite near a waterfall.*

can•cel /kăn' 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.*

ca•pa•ble /kā' pə bəl/ *adj.* (**ca•pa•bly**, *adv.*) having the skill to; able to. *She is capable of fixing almost any machine.*

cap•tain /kăp' tən/ *n.* a person who commands a ship, army, or team. *The captain is responsible for the safety of all those on board the ship.*

cap•tion /kăp' shən/ *n.* a title, short explanation, or description accompanying an illustration or photograph.

car•at /kăr' ət/ *n.* a measure of weight for precious stones. *The ring held a ruby that was one carat in size.*

car•bon /kăr' bən/ *n.* a common chemical element found in all organic substances. *Carbon is also present in coal, graphite, and charcoal.*

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

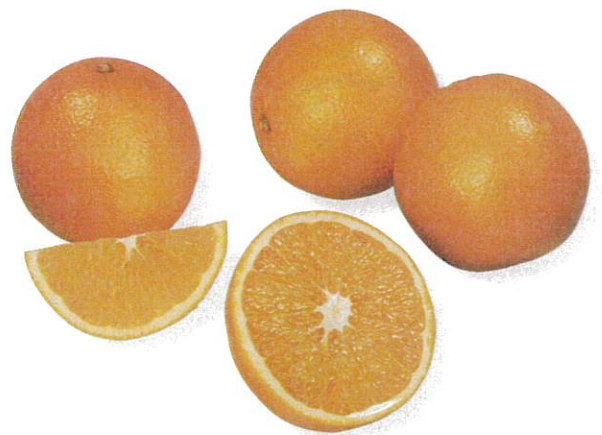
care•ful•ly /kăr' fə lē/ *adv.* with care; cautiously or thoroughly. *Peter dusted the tiny figurines carefully.*

car•et /kăr' īt/ *n.* a special mark used in editing to show where something needs to be added. *I put a caret between two words to show where I wanted to add an adjective.*

car•pen•ter /kăr' pən tər/ *n.* a person who can make things from wood or repair them. *We hired a carpenter to make the new cabinets.*

- car•pet** /kär' pīt/ *n.* a thick, heavy fabric for covering a floor. *I have a new carpet in my room.*
- car•riage** /kär' ij/ *n.* a four-wheeled vehicle pulled by horses and used for carrying people. *Carriages were popular until the car was invented.*
- car•ton** /kär' tn/ *n.* a container made of cardboard or plastic. *We looked for a carton large enough to hold all the gifts.*
- ca•su•al** /kăzh' ōō əl/ *adj.* **a.** without a plan; happening by chance. *He paid a casual visit to his old friends.* **b.** everyday; informal. *We wore casual clothes to the party.*
- cat•e•go•rize** /kăt' ĭ gə rīz'/ *v.* (**cat•e•go•rizes**, **cat•e•go•rized**, **cat•e•go•rizing**) to put into order. *Please categorize these compact disks by artist.*
- cau•tious** /kô' shəs/ *adj.* careful; keeping away from danger. *The bus driver was cautious in the storm.* [Latin *cautiō*, from *cavēre*, to take care.]
- ceil•ing** /sē' līng/ *n.* the top of a room. *The room has a light attached on the ceiling.*
- cen•sor** /sĕn' sər/ *n.* a person who looks for objectionable material and deletes it. *The censor deleted several words in the new movie.*
- 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?*
- cer•tain•ly** /sûr' tn lē/ *adv.* definitely; surely. *Your grades will certainly improve if you study hard.*
- chal•lenge** /chăł' ənj/ *n.* **a.** a demand for an explanation. **b.** the quality of requiring full use of one's abilities, energy, or resources: *a career that offers a challenge.*
- change•a•ble** /chăn' jə bəl/ *adj.* subject to change; variable: *changeable weather.*
- chan•nel** /chăn' əl/ *n.* **a.** a body of water connecting two larger bodies of water. *The English Channel lies between the Atlantic Ocean and the North Sea.* **b.** any passage through which a liquid can flow. *The workers dug a channel to remove water.* **c.** a frequency used for radio or television. *The community channel is asking viewers for money.*
- chap•ter** /chăp' tər/ *n.* a part or main section of a book. *Each chapter is narrated by a different character.*
- char•coal** /chär' kōl'/ *n.* a black substance made by partly burning wood in a closed container. *Many people cook outdoors in the summer using charcoal as fuel.*

- char•i•ty** /chăř' ĭ tē/ *n.* (**char•i•ties pl.**) good will; sympathy; brotherly love. *Helping the woman open the heavy door is an example of charity.*
- check•book** /chĕk' bōōk'/ *n.* a book of blank bank checks. *The monthly bank statement also tells how to balance a checkbook.*
- chee•tah** /chē' tə/ *n.* a wild cat with black spots on its coat. *The average cheetah weighs about 100 pounds.*
- chief** /chĕf/ *n.* (**chiefs pl.**) a leader; the head of a tribe or group; the person who is in charge. *The police chief reviewed the case.*
- chief•ly** /chĕf' lē/ *adv.* most importantly; mainly. *We are chiefly concerned about the community's lack of a park.*
- cin•na•mon** /sĭn' ə mən/ *n.* a spice made from the dried inner bark of certain tropical Asian trees. *I like cinnamon on my toast.*
- cir•cu•lar** /sûr' kyə lər/ *adj.* round; having the shape of a circle. *A lighthouse is usually a circular building.*
- cir•cu•late** /sûr' kyə lāt'/ *v.* (**cir•cu•lates**, **cir•cu•lat•ed**, **cir•cu•lat•ing**) to spread widely; distribute. *We circulated fliers about our upcoming bake sale.*
- cit•rus** /sīt' rəs/ *adj.* of or having to do with a group of trees whose fruit are juicy and often have a thick rind, such as oranges. *Dad doesn't like citrus fruits because they upset his stomach.*



citrus

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

class•mate /klās' māt'/ *n.* a member of the same academic class.

clause /klôz/ *n.* a separate or distinct section of a document. *The legal document had one clause after another that had to be explained by the attorney.*

cleanse /klēnz/ *v.* to make clean; to remove dirt from. *Always cleanse a cut or scrape before bandaging it.*

clear•ance /klīr' əns/ *n.* **a.** space; clearing. *There was only a foot of clearance between the branch and the roof.* **b.** a sale at which prices are reduced for quick sale. *After a clearance, a store has room to display new merchandise.*

cof•fee /kô' fē/ or /kôf' ē/ *n.* a drink that comes from the beanlike seeds of certain tropical trees. *Dad likes to start the day with a cup of fresh coffee.*

col•lec•tion /kə lēk' shən/ *n.* something gathered. *All proceeds from the money collection will go to charity.*

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 /kôl' ə nīst/ *n.* someone who lives in a colony; a settler. *The Pilgrims were among the first American colonists.*

col•umn /kôl' əm/ *n.* **a.** a support or pillar for a building. *The ivy twines around the porch columns.* **b.** a straight row that goes up and down. *Many books have two columns of print on each page.* **c.** articles appearing regularly and written by one author. *Mr. Vronski writes a column for the paper.*

com•bine¹ /kôm' bīn'/ *n.* a harvesting machine. *The farmer wanted to buy a new combine to help clear his wheat fields.*

com•bine² /kəm bīn'/ *v.* (**com•bines**, **com•bined**, **com•bin•ing**) **a.** to bring into a state of unity. **b.** to join (two or more substances) to make a single substance; mix.

co•me•di•an /kə mē' dē ən/ *n.* a professional entertainer who says and does things to make people laugh. *Some comedians have become stars of situation comedies.*

com•mo•tion /kə mō' shən/ *n.* a noisy confusion; disorder. *I can't sleep with that loud commotion just outside my window!*

Pronunciation Key

ă pat	ō pot	th thin
ā pay	ō toe	th this
âr care	ô paw, for	hw which
ă 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

com•mu•ni•ty /kə myōō' nī tē/ *n.* (**com•mu•ni•ties** *pl.*) all the people who live in one area; the residents of a town. *The park is for the entire community.* [Latin *commūnis*, common.]

com•mute /kə myōōt'/ *n.* *Informal.* the trip made by a commuter: a 22-mile commute.

com•pact¹ /kəm pākt'/ or /kôm' pākt'/ *adj.* arranged within a small space. *Most portable appliances are compact.*

com•pact² /kəm pākt'/ *v.* to pack together tightly. *That machine compacts garbage.*

com•pact³ /kôm' pākt'/ *n.* a small cosmetic case.

com•pan•ion /kəm pān' yən/ *n.* a friend; a comrade. *He has been a good companion to me since first grade.*

com•part•ment /kəm pārt' mənt/ *n.* a division, section, or part of a space. *I put my shoes in a special compartment of my suitcase.*

com•pas•sion /kəm pāsh' ən/ *n.* sympathy for the problems of others. *When her dog died, her friends showed her great compassion.*

com•pel•ling /kəm pēl' ĩng/ *adj.* pressing; persuasive; needing attention.

com•plain /kəm plān'/ *v.* (**com•plained**, **com•plain•ing**) **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•plaint /kəm plānt'/ *n.* a statement expressing annoyance or unhappiness. *The manager listened patiently to the customer's complaint.*

com•ple•ment¹ /kŏm' plə mənt/ *n.* **a.** something that completes, makes up a whole, or brings to perfection. *Chocolate cake was the perfect complement to the fine meal.* **b.** the quantity or number needed to make up a whole. *The shelves held a full complement of the encyclopedia.* **c.** either of two parts that complete the whole or mutually complete each other. *In ancient Chinese thought, the opposing forces of yin and yang are complements.*

➤ **Complement** sounds like **compliment**.

com•ple•ment² /kŏm' plə mənt/ *v.* to add or serve as a complement to.

com•plete•ly /kəm plēt' lē/ *adv.* entirely; totally. *By the end of the party, the food was completely gone.*

com•ple•tion /kəm plē' shən/ *n.* making or being completed; finishing. *The completion of a job gives one a feeling of accomplishment.*

com•plex¹ /kŏm' plēks'/ *n.* an exaggerated fear or concern about oneself. *If someone criticizes you too much, you may get a complex that you aren't good enough for that person.*

com•plex² /kəm plēks'/ or /kŏm' plēks'/ *adj.* difficult; not simple. *The students worked to solve the complex social studies question.*

com•pli•ment¹ /kŏm' plə mənt/ *n.* **a.** an expression of praise, admiration, or congratulations. *The boss often gives compliments to his hard-working staff.* **b.** a formal act of courtesy, or respect. —*idiom.* **left-handed compliment.** praise that has an insulting meaning. *She does well considering her prior performance.*

➤ **Compliment** sounds like **complement**.

com•pli•ment² /kŏm' plə mənt/ *v.* **a.** to pay a compliment or give praise. *It is wise to compliment people if they are doing a good job.* **b.** to show fondness, regard, or respect for by giving a gift or performing a favor.

com•po•si•tion /kŏm' pə zīsh' ən/ *n.* something made up or composed. *Our teacher assigned a one-page composition.*

com•pound¹ /kŏm' pound'/ *n.* a chemical substance formed of two or more elements. *Water is a compound of hydrogen and oxygen.*

com•pound² /kŏm' pound'/ *adj.* formed of two or more parts; a compound sentence.

com•pound³ /kŏm' pound'/ *v.* to add to. *The sunshine compounded our happiness.*

com•pound⁴ /kŏm' pound'/ *n.* a group of buildings enclosed by barriers. *The security was tight around the compound.*

com•pu•ter /kəm pyōō' tər/ *n.* an electronic device that stores and analyzes data or performs calculations at high speeds. *Some schools have computers in every classroom.*

con•ceit /kən sēt'/ *n.* an exaggerated opinion of one's worth; vanity. *Conceit is an unattractive quality.*

con•cern /kən sŭrn'/ *v.* **a.** to relate to; to have an effect on. *The problem of pollution concerns all of us.* **b.** to make anxious; to worry. *His illness concerned his parents.*

con•clude /kən klōōd'/ *v.* (**con•cludes**, **con•clud•ed**, **con•clud•ing**) to end; to finish. *She concluded her speech and sat down.*

con•clu•sion /kən klōō' zhən/ *n.* **a.** the end. *We left in a hurry at the conclusion of the dinner.* **b.** an opinion arrived at by thinking carefully. *The judge's conclusion was that Mr. Benson was innocent.*

con•demn /kən dēm'/ *v.* to strongly disapprove of someone or something. *You should not condemn him because of his beliefs.*

con•den•sa•tion /kŏn' dēn sā' shən/ or /kŏn' dən sā' shən/ *n.* a shortened, concise version of something, such as a written work. *I read a condensation of the new best-selling novel.*

con•di•tion /kən dīsh' ən/ *n.* **a.** something that is needed before something else can be obtained. *Hard work is a condition of success.* **b.** the state in which a person or thing is. *The weather conditions were good.*

con•duct¹ /kŏn' dŭkt'/ *n.* behavior; way of acting. *Nancy's conduct in class was good.*

con•duct² /kən dŭkt'/ *v.* **a.** to guide; to lead. *The student conducted the visitor through the new building.* **b.** to carry; to be a path for. *Copper conducts electricity.*

con•fide /kən fīd'/ *v.* (**con•fides**, **con•fid•ed**, **con•fid•ing**) to trust one's secrets to another. *Pedro confided his plan to his friend.*

con•fi•den•tial /kŏn' fī dēn' shəl/ *adj.* done or communicated in confidence; secret.

con•firm /kən fŭrm'/ *v.* to make certain or sure. *The experiment confirmed her theory.*

con•fuse /kən fyōōz'/ *v.* (**con•fus•es**, **con•fused**, **con•fus•ing**) to mix up in the mind; to throw into disorder. *The loud noises confused the wild animals.*

con•fu•sion /kən fyoo' zhən/ *n.* **a.** an act or instance of disorder. *Toby tried to find his mother in the confusion after the fire.* **b.** a mistaking of a person or thing for another.

Con•gress /kɒŋg' grīs/ *n.* the branch of the United States government that makes laws. *Congress is made up of the Senate and the House of Representatives.*

con•nect /kə nēkt'/ *v.* **a.** to join; to link. *Before you turn on the water, connect the hose to the faucet.* **b.** to join two ideas, events, etc., in the mind. *I connect clowns with the circus.*

con•nec•tion /kə nēk' shən/ *n.* the state of being joined or put together. *"I can't hear you because there is a bad connection," Mom said into the phone.*

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.*

con•sid•er•ate /kən sīd' ər īt/ *adj.* thoughtful; having regard for others' needs and feelings. *Our school nurse is considerate of our discomfort.*

con•sid•er•a•tion /kən sīd' ə rā' shən/ *n.* **a.** careful thinking. *They gave our plan serious consideration.* **b.** regard for the feelings of others; thoughtfulness. *Selfish people have little consideration for others.*

con•sis•tent /kən sīs' tēnt/ *adj.* (**con•sis•tent•ly** *adv.*) in agreement; compatible. [Lat. *consistens*, *consistent-*, pr. part. of *consistere*, to stand still: *com-* (intensive) + *sistere*, to cause to stand.]

con•sole¹ /kən sōl'/ *v.* to comfort in time of trouble or sorrow. *The mother tried to console the screaming toddler.*

con•sole² /kɒn' sōl/ *n.* a cabinet or panel that houses the controls for mechanical or electrical equipment such as a television, stereo, or computer. *Technicians operate all the theater lights from a central console.*

con•stant /kɒn' stənt/ *adj.* never changing or stopping; happening again and again. *The constant beat of the rain put us to sleep.*

con•tact¹ /kɒn' takt/ *n.* **a.** a coming together of objects; a touching. *My fingers came into contact with a cold, soft material.* **b.** a connection, especially of people: *a business contact.*

con•tact² /kɒn' takt/ *v.* to communicate with. *The pilot contacted the control tower for landing instructions.*

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

con•ta•gious /kən tā' jəs/ *adj.* **a.** tending to spread from person to person. *Her laughter is contagious.* **b.** easily contracted, as a disease. *Chicken pox is a highly contagious disease.*

con•tain•er /kən tā' nər/ *n.* a box, a can, or a jar that holds something. *Please place these glasses in that container.*



container

con•tem•plate /kɒn' tēm plāt'/ *v.* to think deeply about. *I like to contemplate nature.*

con•tent¹ /kɒn' tēnt/ *n.* **a.** often **contents**; what is contained; what a thing holds or encloses. *The contents of the package are listed on the label.* **b.** the ideas expressed; the topic. *The teacher liked the content of my essay but said its grammar and punctuation needed work.*

con•tent² /kən tēnt'/ *adj.* satisfied; pleased. *We were content with our one-point victory.*

con•test /kɒn' tēst'/ *n.* a test, struggle, games, etc., to determine a winner. *Who won the prize in the art contest?*

con•tes•tant /kən tēs' tənt/ or /kōn' tēs' tənt/ *n.* one who takes part in a game or a race. *The contestant lost on the game show after winning thousands of dollars.*

con•tin•u•al /kən tīn' yōō əl/ *adj.* happening again and again without interruption. *The continual rain caused many floods.*

con•tin•u•ous /kən tīn' yōō əs/ *adj.* going on without stopping; connected. *A continuous line of people passed the window.*

con•tract¹ /kōn' trākt'/ *n.* a legal agreement. *The striking workers finally accepted the new contract.*

con•tract² /kən trākt'/ or /kōn' trākt'/ *v. a.* to make a legal agreement. *We contracted to mow their lawn every two weeks. b.* to become smaller by shrinking. *Most things expand in warm weather and contract in cold weather.*

con•trib•ute /kən trīb' 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•tri•bu•tion /kōn' trī byōō' shən/ *n.* the act of giving something. *Your contribution of money is greatly appreciated.*

con•vert¹ /kən vūrt'/ *v.* to change into another form, substance, or condition. *Jim's dad converted their unfinished basement into a playroom.*

con•vert² /kōn' vūrt/ *n.* a person who has accepted a new belief. *There are few converts to the new tax proposal.*

con•vict¹ /kən vīkt'/ *v.* to find guilty. *The defendant was convicted of a felony.*

con•vict² /kōn' vīkt'/ *n. a.* a person found guilty of a crime. *The convict was led from the court. b.* a person serving a prison sentence. *Some convicts work in the prison garden.*

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.*

co•pi•ous /kō' pē əs/ *adj.* a large supply; more than enough. *The farmer was pleased with his copious harvest.*

cor•dial /kōr' jəl/ *adj.* having a warm and friendly nature. *Everyone liked her because of her cordial manner.*

cor•rode /kə rōd'/ *v.* (**co•rodes**, **co•rod•ed**, **co•rod•ing**) *a.* to dissolve or wear away gradually, especially by chemical action. *b.* to be eaten or worn away; become corroded.

cor•sage /kōr sāzh', -sāj'/ *n.* a small bouquet of flowers worn by a woman at the shoulder or waist or on the wrist.

could•'ve could have.

count•less /kount' līs/ *adj.* too numerous to be counted. *There are countless trees in the jungle.*

cour•age /kūr' ĭj/ or /kūr'-/ *n.* the quality of facing danger or a difficult task without giving in to fear. *It takes courage to admit your mistakes.*

cou•ra•geous /kə rā' jəs/ *adj.* being brave; having courage. *The courageous skater attempted a triple jump.*

cov•er•age /kūv' ə ĭj/ *n.* the extent or degree to which something is observed, analyzed, and reported.

crack•ers /krāk' ərz/ *n.* thin, crisp biscuits or wafers. *He likes to break up crackers into his soup.*

crease¹ /krēs/ *v.* (**creas•es**, **creased**, **creas•ing**) to fold, pleat, or wrinkle. *How do you crease paper to make an airplane?*

crease² /krēs/ *n.* a line made by pressing, folding, or wrinkling. *Jan ironed out the creases in her skirt.*

cross•coun•try /krōs' kūn' trē/ or /krōs'-/ *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.*

cru•el /krōō' əl/ *adj.* wanting to make others suffer or causing them pain. *The cruel children threw stones at the birds.*

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.*

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

crumb /krūm/ *n.* a small piece or fragment, especially of bread or cake. *We fed crumbs to the birds during the winter.*

cu•li•nar•y /kyōō' lə nēr' ē/ or /kūl' ə nēr' ē/ *adj.* of or relating to the kitchen or to cookery. *After attending culinary school, Mike could prepare a lavish meal in no time.*

cul•prit /kūl' prīt/ *n.* one charged with an offense or crime. *The culprit pled "guilty" to the charge.*

cup•board /kūb' ərd/ *n.* a cabinet with shelves, used for storing food, dishes, etc. *We keep spices in the corner cupboard.*

cur•few /kûr' fyoo/ *n.* an order requiring persons to remain indoors during set hours, especially at night. *The soldiers had a midnight curfew.*

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

cur•tain /kûr' tn/ *n.* a hanging piece of cloth used to decorate a door or window or to separate the audience from the stage in a theater. *We closed the curtains to darken the room.*

cush•ion /kōosh' ən/ *n.* a soft pad or a pillow. *Their poodle sleeps on a cushion in a basket.*



cushion

cus•to•di•an /kūs stō' dē ən/ *n.* a caretaker; a janitor. *The custodian of the building keeps the sidewalks free of snow during the winter.*

cus•to•dy /kūs' tə dē/ *n.* **a.** safekeeping; guardianship. *The judge granted the parents joint custody of the children.* **b.** detention. *The police have a suspect in custody.*

cus•tom•ar•y /kūs' tə mēr' ē/ *adj.* based on custom; usual; routine. *A tuna sandwich and an apple are my customary lunch.*

cus•tom•er /kūs' tə mər/ *n.* any person who buys something. *The store held a sale to attract new customers.*



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.*

day•dream¹ /dā' drēm'/ *n.* a pleasant, dreamy thought. *She has daydreams about being a famous poet.*

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day•dream² /dā' drēm'/ *v.* to have pleasant, dreamy thoughts. *Try not to daydream in class.*

deal /dēl/ *v.* (**deals, dealt, deal•ing**) **a.** to have to do with; to be concerned with. *The book deals with the history of America.* **b.** to hand out; to distribute. *Whose turn is it to deal the cards?*

dealt /dēlt/ *v.* past tense and past participle of deal.

debt /dět/ *n.* something owed to another person, usually money. *It is polite to repay a debt as soon as possible.*

de•ceit /dī sēt'/ *n.* the act of lying or cheating; an act of telling a falsehood to trick someone. *The spy's deceit was the reason for his success.*

de•ci•sion /dī sīzh' ən/ *n.* a conclusion; a verdict; the act of making up one's mind. *Has the committee reached a decision?*

de•duct•i•ble /dī dūk' tə bəl/ *adj.* able to be subtracted. *Most donations to charity are tax deductible.*

de•fen•dant /dī fēn' dənt/ or /dī fēn' dānt'/ *n.* one who is accused or sued in a court of law. *The defendant apologized for littering.*

def•i•nite /dēf' ə nīt/ *adj.* certain. *We have definite plans to visit my grandparents next week.*

del•i•cate /dēl' ĩ kīt/ *adj.* **a.** light and pleasing to the senses: *a delicate perfume.* **b.** carefully and expertly done; requiring careful workmanship: *delicate repairs.* **c.** fragile; easily broken or hurt: *a delicate vase.*

de•li•cious /dī līsh' əs/ *adj.* pleasing in taste or smell; tasting good; delightful. *We had a delicious meal at the restaurant.*

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

de•light•ful /dī līt' fəl/ *adj.* greatly pleasing; causing joy or delight. *We saw a delightful movie last night.*

de•par•ture /dī pār' chər/ *n.* the act of leaving. *Our flight's time of departure was ten o'clock.*

de•scen•dant /dī sən' dənt/ *n.* **a.** an individual descended from another. **b.** something derived from a prototype or earlier form.

des•o•late /dēs' ə līt/ or /dēz'-/ *adj.* **a.** barren; without vegetation: *desolate terrain.*

b. uninhabited; deserted: *a desolate island.*

c. lonely; dejected. *Julie was desolate when her best friend moved away.*

des•per•ate /dēs' pər ít/ *adj.* **a.** almost despairing; frantic. *I made a desperate attempt to catch the teetering vase.* **b.** very bad; critical; extreme. *The driver was in a desperate situation when the brakes failed.*

de•tain /dī tān'/ *v.* **a.** to delay; to hold back. *The flight was detained two hours due to heavy fog.* **b.** to keep in custody. *A suspect was detained for questioning.*

de•tri•ment /dēt' rə mənt/ *n.* **a.** an injury or damage. *He worked hard without detriment to his health.* **b.** a cause of injury or damage. *Getting bad ear infections can be a detriment to your hearing.*

de•vel•op /dī vēl' əp/ *v.* **a.** to grow; to come into being. *The bud developed into a blossom.* **b.** to build up; to put to use. *Reading helps develop your mind.*

de•vel•op•ment /dī vēl' əp mənt/ *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?*

de•vice /dī vīs'/ *n.* **a.** something devised or constructed for a particular purpose, especially a machine used to perform one or more relatively simple tasks. *The can opener is a useful device.* —**idiom.** *leave to (one's) own devices.* to allow to do as one pleases. *If his parents leave him to his own devices, he may get into trouble.*

de•vise /dī vīz'/ *v.* (**de•vis•es, de•vised, de•vis•ing**) **a.** to form or arrange in the mind; contrive. *Give me some time to devise a plan of action.* **b.** Obs. To suppose; imagine.

de•vote /dī vōt'/ *v.* (**de•votes, de•vot•ed, de•vot•ing**) to give effort, time, or money to a cause or activity. *David will devote his summer to building the playhouse.*

di•a•gram /dī ə grām'/ *n.* **a.** a plan, sketch, drawing, or outline designed to demonstrate or explain how something works or to clarify the relationship between the parts of a whole. **b.** a chart or graph.

di•am•e•ter /dī ām' 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.]

die•sel /dē' zəl, -səl/ *n.* **a.** a diesel engine. **b.** a vehicle powered by a diesel engine.

di•e•tar•y /dī ī tēr' ē/ *adj.* of or relating to a diet or to the rules of a diet. *Nutritionists help people choose the best dietary plan.*

dif•fer /dīf' ər/ *v.* (**dif•fered, dif•fer•ing**) **a.** to be unlike. *The two nations differ in their languages and customs.* **b.** to disagree; to have unlike ideas or opinions. *We couldn't resolve our argument, so we agreed to differ.*

dif•fer•ent /dīf' ər ənt/ or /dīf' rənt/ *adj.* **a.** not alike. *Summer is different from winter.* **b.** not the same; separate. *My cousin and I go to different schools.*

dif•fi•cult /dīf' ī kŭlt'/ or /-kəlt/ *adj.* **a.** hard; not easy to do or understand. *Learning to play chess is difficult.* **b.** hard to get along with. *He has a reputation for being difficult.*

di•gest•i•ble /dī jēs' tə bəl/ or /dī jēs' tə bəl/ *adj.* easily consumed or absorbed; easily digested. *Most soft foods are digestible for older babies.*

dig•it /dīj' ít/ *n.* the numeral for any number from 1 to 9 and usually the numeral for 0. *The numeral 150 has three digits.*

dil•i•gence /dīl' ə jəns/ *n.* a careful and steady effort. *Your diligence on this project will earn you a great honor.*

di•rect¹ /dīr ĕkt'/ or /dī-/ *v.* (**di•rect•ed, di•rect•ing**) **a.** to point out the way. *The road map directed us to the town.* **b.** to be in charge of; to manage. *A police officer directed traffic.* **c.** to order; to command. *The doctor directed Will to eat more fresh fruit.*

di•rect² /dī rĕkt'/ or /dī-/ *adj.* **a.** straight; not roundabout: *a direct route.* **b.** honest; frank: *a direct answer.*

di•rec•tion /dī rĕk' shən/ or /dī-/ *n.* **a.** managing; control. *The orchestra was under the direction of a famous conductor.* **b.** a point toward which one can face. *We walked in the direction of the bank.* **c. directions** an explanation of how to do something. *The directions were hard to follow.*

di•rect•ly /dī rĕkt' lē/ *adv.* **a.** in a direct line; straight. *The city is directly north of us.* **b.** right away. *I'll be there directly.*

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

dis•as•ter /dī zās' tər/ or /dī sās' tər/ *n.* a destructive event. *The fire at the hotel was a disaster.*

dis•cov•er /dī skūv' ər/ *v.* (**dis•cov•ers, dis•cov•ered**) find; come upon; learn. *After the rain, we sometimes discover a rainbow.*

dis•cov•er•ing /dī skūv' ər ɪŋ/ *v. prog. tense* making known or visible; finding; coming upon; learning. *Scientists are discovering new things about prehistoric life.*

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

dis•cus•sion /dī skūsh' ən/ *n.* a serious or thorough conversation. *Sandy and I had a long discussion about how to clean up our neighborhood.* [Latin *discuss-*, perfect stem of *discutere*, to discuss, from *dis-*, apart + *quatere*, to shake.]

dis•guise¹ /dīs gīz'/ *v.* (**dis•guis•es, dis•guised, dis•guis•ing**) **a.** to change one's real appearance so that one will not be recognized. *In the play, the thief was disguised as a detective.* **b.** to hide; to mask; to cover up. *He disguised his anger by smiling.*

dis•guise² /dīs gīz'/ *n.* a costume used to hide one's real identity: *a clown disguise.*



disguise

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dis•o•bey /dīs' ə bā'/ *v.* to refuse or fail to obey. *Soldiers learn not to disobey orders.*

dis•play /dī splā'/ *v.* **a.** to hold up to view; exhibit. **b.** to make noticeable.

dis•pute /dī spyōōt'/ *v.* (**dis•put•es, dis•put•ed, dis•put•ing**) to argue; to debate; to have a different opinion about. *Our class disputed over the best date for the picnic.*

dis•tance /dīs' təns/ *n.* the space between two points or places. *I live a short distance away.*

dis•tant /dīs' tənt/ *adj.* **a.** far away or long ago. *The speaker had traveled in distant lands.* **b.** not easy to talk with; keeping to oneself. *Shy persons can seem distant until you get to know them.*

dis•taste•ful /dīs' tāst' fəl/ *adj.* rude, unpleasant, or offensive. *We agreed that calling people names is distasteful.*

dis•trib•ute /dī strīb' yōōt/ *v.* (**dis•trib•utes, dis•trib•ut•ed, dis•trib•ut•ing**) **a.** to divide among several or many. *Let's distribute the responsibilities so everyone has something to do.* **b.** to give out or to deliver. *Our mail carrier doesn't distribute mail on weekends.*

dis•trict /dīs' trīkt/ *n.* a part of a country, state, or county that has certain duties or functions. *We have school districts and voting districts.*

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

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

do•na•te /dō' nāt'/ *v.* (**do•na•tes**, **do•na•ted**, **do•na•ting**) to give or contribute to a fund or a cause. *We decided to donate the money from the bake sale to the animal shelter.*

do•na•tion /dō nā' shən/ *n.* a gift or contribution. *I wish to make a donation to your charity.*

dor•mi•to•ry /dôr' mī tōr' ē/ or /dôr' mī tōr' ē/ *n.* (**dor•mi•to•ries** *pl.*) **a.** a room in a dormitory. *My roommate cleaned our dormitory.* **b.** a building with many bedrooms. *First-year students live in this dormitory.*

doubt•ful /dout' fəl/ *adj.* not sure; uncertain. *I am doubtful that we can finish the game in this rain.*

down•ward¹ /doun' wərd/ *adv.* toward a lower place. *The car at the top of the hill rolled downward.*

down•ward² /doun' wərd/ *adj.* going toward a lower place. *This downward path leads to the house.*

dram•a•tize /drām' ə tīz'/ or /drä' mə tīz'/ *v.* (**dram•a•tiz•es**, **dram•a•tized**, **dram•a•tiz•ing**) to present or to perform expressively or emotionally. *When the toddler was frustrated, he seemed to dramatize his feelings.*

driz•zle¹ /drīz' əl/ *v.* to rain as a fine mist. *When it began to drizzle, we packed up our picnic supplies.*

driz•zle² /drīz' əl/ *n.* a fine, misty rain. *Because of the drizzle, the umpire canceled the softball game.*

du•ti•ful /doo' tī fəl/ or /dyoo'-/ *adj.* careful about performing one's duty; obedient; respectful. *Darrell is a dutiful son who helps care for his bedridden mother.*



east•ward¹ /ēst' wərd/ *adv.* toward the east. *The river runs eastward.*

east•ward² /ēst' wərd/ *adj.* in or toward the east. *The pilot set an eastward course.*

ec•o•nom•i•cal•ly /ēk' ə nōm' ī kəl ē/ or /ē' kə nōm' ī kəl lē/ *adv.* (**ec•o•nom•ic** *adj.*) in a way that is not wasteful or extravagant; in a prudent and thrifty way. *Because they budgeted economically, they were able to take a wonderful summer vacation.*

ed•i•ble /ēd' ə bəl/ *adj.* capable of being eaten. *Many wild berries are not edible.*

-eer a suffix that means "someone who works in or is involved with": *engineer.*

ef•fort /ēf' ɔrt/ *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.*

e•las•tic /ī lās' tīk/ *n.* a fabric or tape that can stretch. *The waistband is made of elastic.*

e•lec•tri•cian /ī lēk trīsh' ən/ or /ē lēk-/ *n.* a person who installs and repairs electrical equipment. *The electrician rewired the old house.*

el•i•gi•ble /ēl' ī jə bəl/ *adj.* **a.** qualified, as for an office or position. **b.** desirable and worthy of choice, especially for marriage.

em•bar•rass /ēm bār' əs/ *v.* (**em•bar•rass•es**, **em•bar•rassed**, **em•bar•rass•ing**) **a.** to cause to feel self-conscious or ill at ease; disconcert. **b.1.** to beset with difficulties. **b.2.** to hinder; impede. **c.** to complicate.

em•i•grate /ēm' ī grāt'/ *v.* (**-grates**, **-grat•ed**, **-grat•ing**) (**em•i•gra•tion** *n.*) to leave one's place of residence or country to live elsewhere. *In the early 1900s, many people emigrated from Europe to find a better life in the United States.*

em•i•nent /ēm' ə nənt/ *adj.* outstanding in performance, rank, or attainments; distinguished. *The speaker was an eminent poet.*

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

em•pire /ēm' pīr/ *n.* a number of countries led by a single, powerful ruler or emperor. *Years ago, the Roman Empire included most of the world then known in the West.*

em•ploy•ee /ēm plōi' ē/ *n.* a person who works for another person or for a business. *The bank had a picnic for all its employees.*

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

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

en•cour•age•ment /ēn kūr' ī jə mənt, -kūr'-/ *n.* the act of encouraging.

en•dorse /ēn dôrs'/ *v.* (**en•dors•es**, **en•dorsed**, **en•dors•ing**) giving approval of or support to; sanctioning. *Because of his excellent record as mayor, I will endorse that candidate for governor.*

en•dur•ance /ɛn dʊr' əns, -dyʊr'-/ *n.* the act, quality, or power of withstanding hardship or stress.

en•force /ɛn fɔrs'/ or /ɛn fɔrs'/ *v.* (**en•forc•es**, **en•forced**, **en•forc•ing**) to compel obedience or observance. *Part of the teacher's duty is to enforce school rules.*

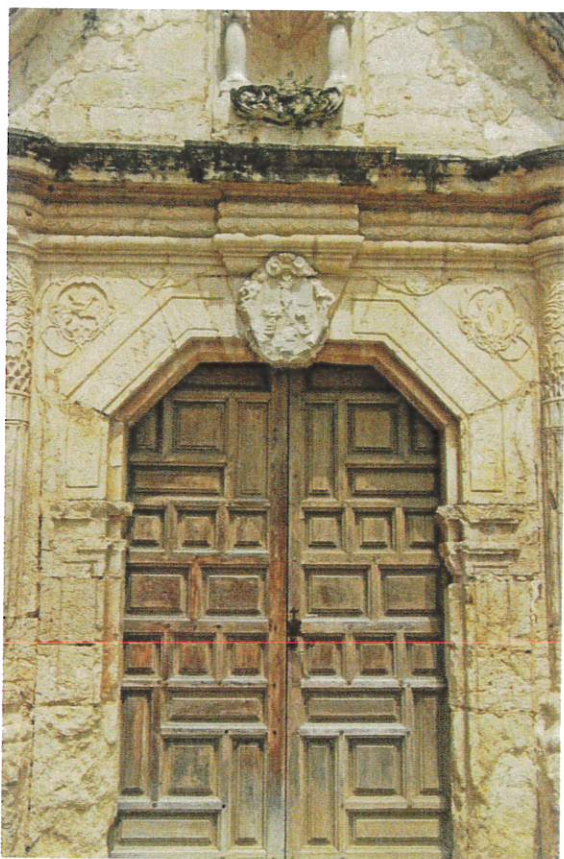
en•gi•neer /ɛn jə nîr'/ *n.* **a.** a person trained to use science and math for practical purposes such as designing and building systems or equipment. *My big sister is an electrical engineer.* **b.** a person who operates an engine: *a train engineer.*

en•rich•ment /ɛn rîch' mənt/ *n.* something added that improves or makes better. *The school's program included enrichment, such as foreign languages, music, and art.*

-ent a suffix used: **a.** to form adjectives that mean "causing" or "being": *absorbent.* **b.** to form nouns that mean "one who": *president.*

en•ter•tain /ɛn' tər tān'/ *v.* to hold the attention of; amuse.

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



entrance

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e•qui•dis•tant /ē' kwī dîs' tənt, ěk' wē-/ *adj.* equally distant.

e•quip•ment /ĩ kwîp' mənt/ *n.* the things needed for a special purpose; supplies. *Paper, desks, and chairs are all office equipment.*

-er a suffix, used to form nouns, that means: **a.** one who: *teacher.* **b.** thing that: *toaster.*

er•ror /ĕr' ər/ *n.* a mistake. *I was happy because my spelling test had no errors.*

es•pe•cial•ly /ĩ spĕsh' ə lē/ *adv.* mainly; in particular; unusually. *My brother likes all sports, but he especially enjoys soccer.*

es•ti•mate /ĕs' 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.*

e•vent•ful /ĩ vēnt' fəl/ *adj.* filled with many events or an important happening. *Our most eventful month was May, when we moved.*

eve•ry•bod•y /ĕv' rē bōd' ē/ or /-būd' ē/ *pron.* all people; each person. *Everybody in our class went to see the parade.*

ex•act•ly /ĩg zăkt' lē/ *adv.* **a.** precisely; without any change. *Do exactly as the teacher says.* **b.** true; quite so. *"Exactly!" exclaimed George in agreement.*

ex•am•ine /ĩg zăm' ĩn/ *v.* (**ex•am•ines**, **ex•am•ined**, **ex•am•in•ing**) to look at closely to find out the condition of; to inspect. *Examine the apples before you buy them.*

ex•cel /ĩk sĕl'/ *v.* (**ex•cels**, **ex•celled**, **ex•cell•ing**) to do better than others; to perform at a high level. *Colleen excels in mathematics.*

- ex•cel•lence** /ĕk' sə ləns/ *n.* something in which a person surpasses others. *The school offered an award for excellence in spelling.*
- ex•cel•lent** /ĕk' sə lənt/ *adj.* very good. *Their excellent singing received loud applause.*
- ex•cept** /ĕk sĕpt'/ *prep.* other than; but. *Every school was invited to the tournament except ours.*
- ex•cite•ment** /ĕk sīt' mənt/ *n.* an excited condition; the state of being stirred up. *The entrance of the tigers created great excitement among the circus crowd.*
- ex•claim** /ĕk sklām'/ *v.* to speak, to call, or to shout out suddenly or with force. *"Wow!" the children will exclaim when the magician pulls the rabbit out of a hat.*
- ex•cur•sion** /ĕk skûr' zhən/ *n.* a short trip made for a certain reason or purpose. *We are taking an excursion to Gettysburg this weekend, to learn more about the Civil War.*
- ex•cuse**¹ /ĕk skyōōz'/ *v.* (**ex•cus•es**, **ex•cused**, **ex•cus•ing**) (**ex•cus•a•ble** *adj.*) **a.1.** to apologize for. **a.2.** to seek to remove the blame from. **b.1.** to grant pardon to; forgive: *excuse him for his clumsiness.* **b.2.** to make allowance for; overlook.
- ex•cuse**² /ĕk skyōōs'/ *n.* **a.** an explanation offered to elicit forgiveness. **b.** a note explaining an absence.
- ex•hib•it**¹ /ĕg zīb' ĭt/ *v.* to display; to reveal publicly. *His paintings were exhibited at the art fair.*
- ex•hib•it**² /ĕg zīb' ĭt/ *n.* a public show or display. *The school's trophies are on exhibit in the front lobby.*
- ex•is•tence** /ĕg zīs' təns/ *n.* being; life. *The existence of extraterrestrial beings is a much-debated mystery.*
- ex•pect** /ĕk spĕkt'/ *v.* to look for something to happen; to look forward to. *When we hear thunder, we can expect a storm.*
- ex•per•i•ence** /ĕk spĭr' 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•per•i•ment**¹ /ĕk spĕr' ə mənt/ *n.* a trial or test to learn, discover, or prove something. *An experiment with litmus paper will show whether a substance is an acid or a base.*
- ex•per•i•ment**² /ĕk spĕr' ə mənt/ *v.* to test something in order to learn, discover, or prove something about it. *The artist experimented with several shades of paint.*

- ex•pla•na•tion** /ĕk' splə nā' shən/ *n.* **a.** the act of making something clear. *His explanation of how airplanes fly was fascinating.* **b.** a reason or a meaning. *There was no explanation for why the luggage didn't arrive.*
- ex•press**¹ /ĕk sprĕs'/ *v.* to tell; to make known. *Think for a moment before you try to express your idea.*
- ex•press**² /ĕk sprĕs'/ *adj.* quick and direct: *express mail.*
- ex•pres•sion** /ĕk sprĕsh' ən/ *n.* **a.** a particular word or phrase. *"Hit the sack" is a slang expression for "go to bed."* **b.** a means of expressing something; an indication. *A sigh can be an expression of contentment.*
- ex•tem•po•rar•y** /ĕk stēm' pə rĕr' ē/ *adj.* spontaneous; happening suddenly, without planning. *I don't like to plan ahead; I like extemporary vacations.*
- ex•tract**¹ /ĕk strākt'/ *v.* **a.** to draw out or pull out by force: *extract a tooth.* **b.** to obtain a substance by a chemical process: *extract aluminum from bauxite.*
- ex•tract**² /ĕk' strākt'/ *n.* **a.** a concentrated substance prepared from natural food or flavoring: *vanilla extract.* **b.** a passage from a literary work. *Our drama club presented extracts from Shakespeare's plays.*
- ex•treme** /ĕk strēm'/ *adj.* (**ex•treme•ly** *adv.*) **a.** being in or attaining the greatest or highest degree; very intense. **b.** of the greatest severity; drastic.



- fab•u•lous** /fāb' yə ləs/ *adj.* **a.** belonging to legend or myth. *Elves are fabulous creatures.* **b.** amazing; wonderful. *It was a fabulous party.* [Latin *fābula*, fable.]
- faint**¹ /fānt/ *adj.* **a.** lacking strength; weak and dizzy. *If you feel faint, sit or lie down.* **b. unclear; dim. *A faint light came from a window in the house.***
- faint**² /fānt/ *v.* to lose consciousness and lie as if asleep because of illness, weakness, etc. *He fainted because he was very tired and hungry.*
- faith•ful** /fāth' fəl/ *adj.* devoted and loyal. *Dogs are faithful companions.*
- fa•mous** /fā' məs/ *adj.* widely known and talked about. *Colorado is famous for its mountains.*

fan•ci•ful /fān' sī fəl/ *adj.* imaginative; unreal.

Science fiction writers create fanciful worlds.

fan•tas•tic /fān tās' tīk/ *adj.* fanciful or imaginary.

Amusement parks are fantastic!

fash•ion¹ /fāsh' ən/ *n.* **a.** a style of dressing or behaving. *Fashions change yearly.* **b.** way or manner. *She smiled in an odd fashion.*

fash•ion² /fāsh' ən/ *v.* to shape; to form. *Birds fashion nests of grass and twigs.*

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•ite¹ /fā' vər it/ or /fāv' rīt/ *adj.* most liked; preferred. *Broccoli is my favorite vegetable.*

fa•vor•ite² /fā' vər it/ or /fāv' rīt/ *n.* the one most liked or preferred. *In baseball, the Red Sox are my favorite.*

fear•less /fīr' līs/ *adj.* not afraid; brave. *The fearless kitten confronted the big dog.*

fear•less•ness /fīr' līs nəs/ *n.* the quality of being without fear; bravery.

fee•ble /fē' bəl/ *adj.* without much strength; weak. *Newborn animals are often feeble.*

fic•tion /fīk' shən/ *n.* writings about imaginary events and people. *Short stories and novels are types of fiction.*

fiend•ish /fēn' dīsh/ *adj.* extremely cruel or mean; wicked. *His fiendish behavior made people dislike him.*

fierce /fīrs/ *adj.* **a.** savage; wild. *The fierce lion growled and paced inside the cage.* **b.** violent. *The fierce wind blew down trees.*

fierce•ness /fīrs' nēs/ *n.* quality of having a savage and violent nature; quality of being extremely severe or violent. *Because of the fierceness of the storm, we took shelter in the closet.*

fi•nal /fī' nəl/ *adj.* last; closing; coming at the end. *Friday is the final day of the sale.*

fi•nal•ist /fī' nə līst/ *n.* a person who takes part in the last stage or session of a competition. *The spelling bee finalist hoped she would win.*

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

flex•i•ble /flēk' sə bəl/ *adj.* **a.** capable of being bent. *The clay figures were still flexible enough to shape.* **b.** adjustable, changeable: *a flexible schedule.*

Pronunciation Key

ă	pat	ö	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

flu•id /flōō' id/ *n.* any substance, such as water or air, that flows easily. *"Drink plenty of fluids," the doctor advised.*



fluid

fo•cus /fō' kəs/ *n.* (fo•cus•es or fo•ci /fō' sī/ or /fō' kī/ *pl.*) **a.** the center of activity or interest. *The focus of the meeting was the school levy.* **b.** an adjustment that gives a clear image. *This picture is out of focus.*

fo•li•o /fō' lē ō/ *n.* (fo•li•os *pl.*) **a.** a leaf in a manuscript. **b.** a page number printed on a page in a book. *An even-numbered folio is generally on the left-hand page of a book.*

fool•ish /fōō' lish/ *adj.* senseless; silly; unwise.

Justin felt really foolish when he realized that his socks didn't match.

foot•age /fōōt' ij/ *n.* a portion of motion-picture film, especially an amount of film depicting a specified event or kind of action: *news footage.*

force•ful /fōrs' fəl/ or /fōrs' fəl/ *adj.* strong and full of drive; powerful. *The forceful wind knocked over the barn.*

force•i•ble /fōr' sə bəl/ or /fōr'-/ *adj.* using or applying physical force: *a forcible entry.*

fore•man /fōr' mən/ or /fōr'-/ *n.* a person in charge of a group of workers: *the construction foreman.*

for•get•ful /fər gēt' fəl/ or /fōr'-/ *adj.* tending to forget; unable to recall. *Because Sandra is often forgetful, she writes notes to remind herself to do things.*

for•mal•ly /fōr' mə lē/ *adv.* **a.** in a manner following or adhering to accepted forms, conventions, or regulations. *She was formally appointed by the board to serve as director.* **b.** done in proper or regular form. *High-level diplomats are greeted formally by the President.* **c.** stiffly or coldly; ceremoniously. *They smiled formally, as if he were a stranger.*

for•ma•tion /fōr mā' shən/ *n.* the structure or arrangement of something. *An icicle-shaped formation in a cave is called a stalagmite.*

for•mer¹ /fōr' mər/ *adj.* coming earlier in time or before in position. *The former owner of this house painted the walls blue.*

for•mer² /fōr' mər/ *n.* the first of two things talked about. *When Tom was given the choice of visiting Los Angeles or New York, he chose the former because he had never been to California.*

for•mer•ly /fōr' mər lē/ *adv.* at a former time; once. *The family formerly resided in another state.*

for•tu•nate /fōr' chə nīt/ *adj.* lucky. *You were fortunate to find the lost bracelet.*

for•tune /fōr' chən/ *n.* luck. *She could hardly believe her good fortune in finding the stolen jewelry.*

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

freeze /frēz/ *v.* (**freez•es, froze, froz•en, 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 last through the winter.*

fre•quent /frē' kwənt/ *adj.* happening often. *We make frequent trips to the grocery store.*

front•ward /frünt' wərd/ *adv.* toward the front. *We faced frontward as our boat coasted from the dock.*

fruit•less /frōōt' līs/ *adj.* **a.** not producing any fruit. *The fig tree was fruitless.* **b.** unsuccessful; unproductive. *They conducted a fruitless search for the missing papers.*

frus•trate /frūs' trāt'/ *v.* (**frus•trates, frus•trat•ed, frus•trat•ing**) to cause feelings of discouragement or puzzlement. *I was frustrated by the slow service.*

-ful a suffix that means "full of" or "having," used to form adjectives: *joyful.*

ful•fill /fōōl fīl'/ *v.* **a.** to bring into effect; to make real. *The team fulfilled their goal of having a winning season.* **b.** to finish; to complete. *Scouts must fulfill requirements to earn badges.*

fu•ri•ous /fyōōr' ē əs/ *adj.* **a.** very angry. *I was furious with myself for forgetting my homework.* **b.** strong; violent. *The furious storm raged for hours.*

fur•nace /fūr' nīs/ *n.* an enclosed structure in which to make a fire. *Furnaces are used to heat buildings, melt metal, and fire pottery.*

fur•ther•more /fūr' thər mōr', -mōr'/ *adv.* moreover; in addition.



ga•rage /gə rāzh'/ or /-rāj'/ *n.* **a.** a building in which cars are kept. *She backed the car out of the garage.* **b.** a place where vehicles are repaired or stored. *The workers at the garage will install new brakes.*

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

gar•ment¹ /gār' mənt/ *n.* an article of clothing. *Which garment has the spaghetti sauce stain on it?*

gar•ment² /gār' mənt/ *adj.* having to do with clothing. *Store the winter clothes in a garment bag.*

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

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•og•ra•phy /jē ōg' rə fē/ *n.* **a.** the study of Earth and its features and inhabitants. *In geography we learn that trade and commerce depend upon rivers, mountains, and other natural features.* **b.** the landscape of a place. *The geography of Colorado is rugged.* [Greek *geō-*, from *gē*, earth + *graphein*, to write.]

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



geologist

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 when they try to locate water or minerals underground.*

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.* [Greek *geō-*, from *gē*, earth + *metron*, measure.]

gleam•ing /glēm' īng/ *v. prog. tense (gleam)* shining. *The stars were gleaming in the cloudless sky.*

glimpse /glīmps/ *n.* a fleeting view or look. *She got only a glimpse of the suspect.*

glo•ri•ous /glōr' ē əs/ or /glōr'-/ *adj.* **a.** producing honor and glory; deserving praise. *The discovery of a way to prevent polio was a glorious triumph of medicine.* **b.** beautiful; brilliant. *This is a glorious day.*

Pronunciation Key

ă pat	ō pot	th thin
ā pay	ō toe	th this
âr care	ô paw, for	hw which
ă 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

gnarled /närld/ *adj.* **a.** having gnarls; knotty or misshapen: *gnarled branches.* **b.** rugged and roughened, as from old age or work: *the gnarled hands of a carpenter.*

golf /gōlf/ or /gōlf/ *n.* a game played with a small hard ball and a set of clubs. *The object of golf is to hit the ball into certain holes using the fewest possible strokes.*

good-bye or **good-by** /gōöd bī'/ *n.* an expression of farewell. *We said our good-byes on the railway platform.*

good•ness /gōöd' nīs/ *n.* the condition of being good. *He determines the goodness of an apple by its taste.*

gor•geous /gôr' jəs/ *adj.* very beautiful; stunning; magnificent. *From an airplane the view of the Grand Canyon is gorgeous.* [Middle English *gorgayse*, elegant.]

-graph a suffix that means "to write": *paragraph*

graph•ic /grăf' īk/ *adj.* **a.** vivid; strong; clear. *Your graphic description of the painting made it easier to find in the museum.* **b.** relating to art, printing, or engraving: *graphic arts.* [Greek *graphein*, to write.]

grav•i•ty /gräv' ī tē/ *n.* the force that draws all objects toward the center of Earth. *A ball that is thrown into the air returns to the ground because of gravity.*

gray•er /grā' ər/ *adj.* having more of the color made by blending black and white. *The heavy clouds are making today seem grayer than yesterday.*

grief /grēf/ *n.* great sorrow or sadness. *Everyone felt grief when the great leader became ill.*

grown-up /grōn' ūp/ *adj.* not childish; mature; adult. *Jason asked for a grown-up bike for his birthday.*

guard•i•an /gär' dē ən/ *n.* **a.** a person or thing that takes care of or protects. *Every citizen must act as a guardian of democracy.* **b.** a person appointed by a court to care for another person. *The form has a blank for the name of your parent or guardian.* [Old French *garder*, to guard.]

guid•ance /gīd' ns/ *n.* **a.** the act of showing. *Under the guidance of the new coach, the team started winning.* **b.** the advice on vocational or educational problems given to students. *My school counselor gave me guidance on choosing classes for next year.*



hand•ker•chief /hāng' kər chīf/ *n.* a small square of cloth used for wiping the nose or worn as decoration. *Mr. Weiss wore a maroon handkerchief that matched his tie.*

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

har•mo•ni•ous /här mō' nē əs/ *adj.* pleasing to the ear; melodic. *Everyone attended the concert to listen to the harmonious voices.*

head•line /hēd' līn/ *n.* **a.** the title or caption of a newspaper article, usually set in large type. **b.** a line at the head of a page or passage giving information such as the title, author, and page number.

herb /ürb, hürb/ *n.* any of various often aromatic plants used especially in medicine or as seasoning.



herb

hes•i•ta•tion /hēz' ĩ tā' shən/ *n.* the act or an instance of hesitating.

hi•ber•nate /hī' bər nāt/ *v.* (**hi•ber•nates**, **hi•ber•nat•ed**, **hi•ber•nat•ing**) to spend the winter sleeping. *Bears often hibernate in caves.*

hic•cupped /hīk' əpt/ *v. p. tense* (**hic•cup**, **hic•cup•ping**) made a kind of muscle spasm in the throat that caused a distinctive sound. *She often hiccupped when she was nervous.*

hid•e•ous /hīd' ē əs/ *adj.* frightful; very ugly. *For the party, Kai wore a hideous monster mask.*

hin•der /hīn' dər/ *v.* **a.** to get in the way of; hamper. **b.** to obstruct or delay the process of.

hind•sight /hīnd' sīt/ *n.* the perception of an event after it has happened. *In hindsight, I should have bought a warmer winter coat.*

his•to•ri•an /hī stōr' ē ən/, /hī stōr' ē ən/, or /hī stōr' ē ən/ *n.* one who is an expert in important past events. *The historian described the types of clothes people wore in the 1800s.*

his•to•ri•cal•ly /hī stōr' ĩ kəl ē/ or /hī stōr' ĩ kəl ē/ *adv.* (**his•to•ri•cal** *adj.*) in a way based on or concerned with events in history. *Historically, that town was a riverboat center.*

home•less /hōm' līs/ *adj.* without a home. *Our community center provides a shelter for homeless persons.*

home run /hōm' rūn/ *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•stead /hōm' stēd/ *n.* a house with its land and outbuildings, especially on a farm. *The settlers chose a site by the river for their homestead.*

home•ward¹ /hōm' wərd/ *adv.* at or toward home. *The ship sailed homeward.*

home•ward² /hōm' wərd/ *adj.* toward home: *the homeward journey.*

hom•o•graph /hōm' ə grāf/ or /hō' mə-/ *n.* a word that has the same spelling as another word but a different meaning. *"Box" (to fight) and "box" (container) are homographs; so are "wind" (moving air) and "wind" (to turn).*

hon•es•ty /ōn' ĩ stē/ *n.* (**-ties** *pl.*) **a.** the quality or condition of being honest; integrity. **b.** truthfulness; sincerity.

hon•or•ar•y /ōn' ə rēr' ē/ *adj.* given as a token of honor: *an honorary key to the city.*

hor•ri•ble /hōr' ə bəl/ or /hōr'-/ *adj.* **a.** causing horror; shocking; dreadful: *a horrible disease.* **b.** very unpleasant: *a horrible grating noise.*

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

hus•band /hūz' bənd/ *n.* the man a woman is married to. *When they were married, her husband gave her a ring.*

hus•tle /hūs' əl/ *v.* (**hus•tles**, **hus•tled**, **hus•tling**)
a. to jostle or shove roughly. **b.** *Informal.* to move hurriedly or urgently. **c.** *Informal.* to urge forward; hurry along.

hymn /hīm/ *n.* a song of praise. *The poet wrote a hymn in praise of nature.*

hys•ter•i•cal /hī stēr' ī kəl/ *adj.* unusually emotional or showing a lack of emotional self-control. *The little boy became hysterical when he couldn't find his favorite toy.*



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

i•de•al /ī dē' əl/ or /ī dēl'/ *n.* a perfect type; an idea of something that is perfect. *Our nation was founded on the ideal that citizens can govern themselves.*

i•de•al² /ī dē' əl/ or /ī dēl'/ *adj.* perfect; exactly as one would wish. *A warm day and a clear sky are ideal conditions for a picnic.*

i•de•al•ly /ī dē' əl lē/ *adv.* perfectly. *The rescue group tried to ideally match each dog with a responsible and loving owner.*

ig•no•rance /īg' nəɹ əns/ *n.* the condition of being ignorant.

ig•no•rant /īg' nəɹ ənt/ *adj.* not having education or knowledge. *A person ignorant of history might think Brazilians speak Spanish.*

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

il- a prefix that means "not": *illicit*. **Il-** replaces **in-** before words that begin with **l**.

il•le•gal /ī lē' gəl/ *adj.* not legal; against the law. *In many states it is illegal to litter.*

il•leg•i•ble /ī lēj' ə bəl/ *adj.* (**il•leg•i•bly**, *adv.*) not able to be read; blurred or poorly written. *The handwriting on the old letter was nearly illegible.*

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

il•lit•er•ate /ī līt' əɹ īt/ *adj.* unable to read or write. *Teaching illiterate adults to read will help them find better jobs.*

il•log•i•cal /ī lōj' ī kəl/ *adj.* senseless; not according to the principles of logic. *In Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, Alice finds herself in an illogical world.*

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

im•mac•u•late /ī māk' yə līt/ *adj.* clean and in good repair. *After we cleaned it, the car's interior was immaculate.*

im•me•di•ate /ī mē' dē īt/ *adj.* happening right away; without delay. *The immediate effect of the medicine was to stop his coughing.*

im•mi•grate /īm' ī grāt'/ *v.* (**-grates**, **-grat•ed**, **-grat•ing**) (**im•mi•gra•tion** *n.*) to enter and settle in a country or region to which one is not native. *Many Irish people immigrated to the United States to escape the Potato Famine.*

im•mi•nent /īm' ə nənt/ *adj.* about to occur; impending. *The path and speed of the hurricane posed an imminent danger to the community.*

im•por•tance /īm pôr' tns/ *n.* significance; value. *Never underestimate the importance of correct spelling.*

im•pos•si•ble /īm pôs' ə bəl/ *adj.* (**im•pos•si•bly** *adv.*) not possible; not able to happen. *It is impossible for us to live without breathing air.*

im•press /īm prēs'/ *v.* **a.** to affect strongly or favorably. *Her fluent French impressed all of us.*
b. to fix firmly in the mind. *He impressed upon us the need to remain quiet.*

in•ci•dent /ɪn' sɪ dənt/ *n.* an occurrence; an event; a happening. *After they apologized to each other, they forgot all about the incident.*

in•cred•i•ble /ɪn krəd' ə bəl/ *adj.* too implausible to be believed; unbelievable.

in•deed /ɪn dēd'/ *adv.* in fact; really. *This meal is indeed delicious.*

in•dif•fer•ence /ɪn dɪf' ər əns/ or /ɪn dɪf' rəns/ *n.* a lack of interest or caring. *Your indifference about this test won't help you do well on it.*

in•dus•tri•ous /ɪn dʊs' trē əs/ *adj.* hard-working; diligent. *Industrious students usually enjoy school.*

in•ex•pen•sive /ɪn' ɪk spən' sɪv/ *adj.* not high in price; cheap.

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.*

in•hab•it /ɪn hǎb' ɪt/ *v.* to live in or on. *Many people and animals inhabit the earth.*

in•hab•i•tant /ɪn hǎb' ɪtənt/ *n.* a person living in a certain place. *The inhabitant of this apartment is messy.*

in•her•it /ɪn hēr' ɪt/ *v.* **a.** to receive something from a person who has died. *Lisa inherited her aunt's ring.* **b.** to receive from a parent as a genetic trait. *Stuart inherited his father's blue eyes.*

in•her•i•tance /ɪn hēr' ɪ təns/ *n.* heritage; something inherited. *Our instinct for survival is an inheritance from many previous generations.*

in•i•tial•ly /ɪ nɪʃ' ə lē/ *adv.* (**in•i•tial** *adj.*) having to do with the first or the beginning. *Initially, she was nervous, but she became confident as she practiced.*

in•no•cence /ɪn' ə səns/ *n.* the state of being innocent; the absence of guilt or wrongdoing. *The suspect's alibi proved his innocence.*

in•no•cent /ɪn' ə sənt/ *adj.* **a.** not guilty. *She claimed she was innocent of the crime.* **b.** harmless; having no bad effect: *an innocent trick.* **c.** unaware of evil. *An innocent child trusts everyone.*

in•sert /ɪn sɜrt'/ *v.* **a.** to put into. *Insert a coin into the slot.* **b.** to add. *Insert an example in this paragraph to strengthen it.*

in•sis•tence /ɪn sɪst' ənts/ *n.* a strong recommendation; a firm demand. *Because of Mom's insistence, we washed our hands.*

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

in•stant¹ /ɪn' stənt/ *n.* a short time; a moment. *The runner paused for an instant to catch his breath.*

in•stant² /ɪn' stənt/ *adj.* immediate; taking place quickly. *She demanded an instant reply.*

in•stru•ment /ɪn' strə mənt/ *n.* **a.** a tool. *A pen is a writing instrument.* **b.** a device for making music. *A piano is a musical instrument.*

in•sult¹ /ɪn sʊlt'/ *v.* to treat with rudeness; to hurt feelings on purpose. *It is not polite to insult someone.*

in•sult² /ɪn' sʊlt'/ *n.* a rude or hurtful remark or act. *I meant that as a compliment, not an insult.*

in•sur•ance /ɪn shōōr' əns/ *n.* the business of guaranteeing to cover specified losses in the future, as in the case of accident, illness, theft, or death, in return for the continuing payment of regular sums of money. *Drivers should have accident insurance.*

inter- a prefix that means "between" or "among": *interlocking.*

in•ter•act /ɪn' tər ʌkt'/ *v.* to act on or influence each other. *After-school activities allow students to interact with each other.*

in•ter•change¹ /ɪn' tər chānj'/ *v.* (**in•ter•chang•es**, **in•ter•changed**, **in•ter•chang•ing**) to switch the places of. *The parts of a jigsaw puzzle cannot be interchanged.*

in•ter•change² /ɪn' tər chānj'/ *n.* **a.** a mutual exchange: *an interchange of ideas.* **b.** an intersection: *a highway interchange.*

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

in•ter•face /ɪn' tər fās'/ *v.* (**in•ter•fac•es**, **in•ter•faced**, **in•ter•fac•ing**) to join or connect at a common point or surface. *The parts of an electrical system must interface smoothly.* [Latin *inter*, between + *faciēs*, face.]

in•ter•ject /ɪn' tər jəkt'/ *v.* to throw in between or among other things. *As Don told the story, Denise would interject details he forgot to mention.*

in•ter•mis•sion /ɪn' tər mɪʃ' ən/ *n.* **a.** a respite or recess. **b.** the period between the acts of a theatrical performance.

in•ter•nal /ɪn tūr' 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•ter•sect /ɪn' tər sɛkt'/ *v.* to cross; to meet at a common point. *I'll meet you where Eighth Street intersects Main.*

in•ter•state /ɪn' tər stāt/ *adj.* connecting two or more states: *an interstate highway.*

in•ter•val /ɪn' tər vəl/ *n.* **a.** a period of time between now and then. **b.** a section, space, or period of time in a series of increments. **c.** a section or distance along a set route or path, as in a race. *She rested from jogging at every five-minute interval.*

in•ter•view¹ /ɪn' tər vyoo'/ *n.* a meeting of two people to discuss something. *The graduate had a job interview with an employer.*

in•ter•view² /ɪn' tər vyoo'/ *v.* to meet and talk with in the hope of getting information. *The reporter interviewed the committee members.*

intra- a prefix that means “within”: *intravenous.*

in•tra•mu•ral /ɪn' trə myoor' əl/ *adj.* consisting of participants from the same school: *intramural sports.*

in•tra•state /ɪn' trə stāt/ *adj.* existing within the boundaries of a state. *Intrastate telephone rates may be higher than those for out-of-state calls.*

in•tri•cate /ɪn' trī kīt/ *adj.* having a complicated pattern; not simple. *The painting's intricate pattern was hard to replicate.*

in•tro•duce /ɪn' trə dōos'/ or /-dyōos'/ *v.* (**in•tro•duc•es**, **in•tro•duced**, **in•tro•duc•ing**) **a.** to present; to bring into contact with. *Mrs. Rogers, may I introduce my mother?* **b.** to bring in. *New inventions introduce different ways of doing things.*

in•tro•duc•tion /ɪn' trə dūk' shən/ *n.* **a.** being brought in or acquainted with. *The school board meeting was an introduction to politics.* **b.** the first part, as of a book. *Read the chapter introduction carefully.* **c.** a basic explanation: *an introduction to first aid.*

in•trude /ɪn' trōod'/ *v.* (**in•trudes**, **in•trud•ed**, **in•trud•ing**) to interrupt; to break in without being asked. *It's not polite to intrude on a private conversation.*

in•va•lid¹ /ɪn' və līd/ *n.* an ill or injured person who needs care. *After he recovered from his injury, he was no longer an invalid.*

in•val•id² /ɪn' vāl' īd/ *adj.* not authentic; questionable. *If your pass isn't signed by the teacher or the principal, it is invalid.*

in•ven•tion /ɪn' vən' shən/ *n.* a device, method, or process that is developed or created. *The electric light bulb and the phonograph are two inventions of Thomas A. Edison.*

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

Pronunciation Key

ă pat	ö 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	oo took	item,
ĩ pit	oo boot	pencil,
ī pie	ũ cut	gallop,
îr pier	ûr urge	circus

in•ward¹ /ɪn' wərd/ *adv.* toward the inside or center. *The door opened inward.*

in•ward² /ɪn' wərd/ *adj.* inside a thing or a person; inner: *inward doubts.*

-ion a suffix, used to form nouns, that means “the result of an action or process”: *introduction.*

ir- a prefix that means “not”: *irreversible.* **Ir-** replaces **in-** before words that begin with **r**.

ir•ra•tion•al /ĩ rāsh' ə nəl/ *adj.* without reason or clear thought. *Many fears are irrational.*

ir•reg•u•lar /ĩ rēg' yə lər/ *adj.* not conforming to the usual rule or practice; different. *The coin is valuable because of its irregular markings.*

ir•ri•tate /ĩr' ī tāt'/ *v.* (**ir•ri•tates**, **ir•ri•tat•ed**, **ir•ri•tat•ing**) to annoy; to bother. *This scratchy material may irritate your skin.*

isle /īl/ *n.* an island, especially a small one. *Take a ferry to get to the isle.*

➤ **Isle** sounds like **aisle**.



isle

is•sue /'ɪʃh' ʊ/ *v.* (is•sues, is•sued, is•su•ing) to circulate or distribute in an official capacity; to send out. *The principal issued a memo explaining the new fire drill procedure.*

i•tem /ɪ' təm/ *n.* **a.** a separate article. *Which item shall we buy first?* **b.** a piece of news: *an item in a newspaper.*



jeal•ous /jēl' əs/ *adj.* worried about losing someone's affection to another person; resentful of another person's good fortune. *The toddler is jealous of the attention his new brother is getting.*

jeop•ard•ize /jēp' ə r dīz'/ *v.* (jeop•ard•iz•es, jeop•ard•ized, jeop•ard•iz•ing) to expose to danger or risk. *Wear a seat belt so you don't jeopardize your safety.*

jew•el•ry /jū' ə l rē/ *n.* jewels; ornaments of gold, silver, gems, etc. *The children enjoy dressing up in their grandmother's costume jewelry.*

jo•vi•al /jō' vē ə l/ *adj.* good-hearted and full of fun. *The jovial clown made balloon animals for all the guests.*

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

judg•ment /jūj' 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.*

ju•ve•nile /jū' və nīl'/ or /jū' və nəl/ *adj.* childish; young; not fully developed. *Teenagers are sometimes mature and other times juvenile in their actions.*



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.** the essential part, the core. *Despite her imagined details, there was a kernel of truth in her story.*

► **Kernel** sounds like **colonel**.

kil•o•watt /kīl' ə wŏt'/ *n.* a unit of electric power equal to one thousand watts. *How many kilowatts does this generator produce?*

knack /nāk/ *n.* a special talent for doing something. *Philip has a knack for writing short stories.*

knap•sack /năp' sāk/ *n.* a canvas or leather bag worn or carried on the back and used to hold food, clothing, equipment, etc. *The hikers carried knapsacks and sleeping bags.* [German *knapsack*.]

kneel /nēl/ *v.* (kneels, knelt or kneeled, kneel•ing) to rest on bent knees. *Be careful not to kneel in the dirt.*

knob /nŏb/ *n.* a rounded handle on a door, television set, drawer, etc. *The knob on the right of the radio controls the sound.*

knoll /nŏl/ *n.* a small rounded hill or mound; hillock.

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



la•bel /lā' bəl/ *n.* a small piece of paper used for identification or instructions. *When you buy canned or packaged food, you can read the label to find out the contents.*

la•bor /lā' bər/ *n.* physical work. *Moving these stones is hard labor.*

league /lēg/ *n.* an association of sports teams or clubs that compete chiefly among themselves. *My sister and I play in the same softball league.*

leath•er /lēth' ə r/ *n.* the dressed or tanned hide of an animal. *Gloves and jackets made of leather are soft, warm, and durable.*

le•gal /lē' gəl/ *adj.* permitted by law. *A left turn at this corner is not legal.*

leg•end /lēj' ənd/ *n.* a popular story handed down from earlier times. *The story of King Arthur and his knights is an English legend.*

leg•i•ble /lēj' ə bəl/ *adj.* (leg•i•bly, *adv.*) able to be read. *Check to be sure that your handwriting is legible.*

leg•is•late /lēj' ĭ slāt'/ *v.* (leg•is•lates, leg•is•lat•ed, leg•is•lat•ing) to pass laws. *Congress legislated a new tax bill.*

lei•sure /lē' zhər/ *adj.* free; not busy. *Our leisure time was spent reading and listening to music.*

-less a suffix, used to form adjectives, that means “without”: *endless*.

lev•er•age /lěv' ə rīj/ or /lē' vēr ij/ *n.* **a.** the action of a lever or the mechanical advantage gained by it. *Use this crowbar as leverage to open the door.* **b.** power or effectiveness. *Our lawyer used the taped phone calls as leverage in the case.*

lex•i•cog•ra•pher /lěk' sī kōg' rə fər/ *n.* an author or editor of a dictionary. *Noah Webster was a lexicographer.*

li•brar•i•an /lī' brâr' ē ən/ *n.* a person who specializes in library work. *The librarian can help you find the materials you need for your report.*

li•cense /lī' səns/ *n.* a document giving official permission; a permit. *Ms. Soto obtained a pilot's license after she took the flying test.*

lieu•ten•ant /lōō tēn' ənt/ *n.* an officer usually ranking next below a captain. *The army officer was promoted from second to first lieutenant.*

lim•it /līm' ít/ *n.* the greatest amount permitted. *The speed limit on this street is thirty miles an hour.*

loaf /lōv/ *n.* (*loaves pl.*) a unit of bread baked as a single piece. *We ordered a loaf of bread from the bakery.*



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.*

lo•ca•tion /lō kâ' shən/ *n.* a place; a position. *This field is a good location for our campsite.*

log•ic /lōj' ik/ *n.* sound reasoning; the study of the rules for reasoning and proving things. *Mike used logic to solve the puzzle.*

lone•some /lōn' səm/ *adj.* lonely; sad from being alone. *My little sister kept my puppy from getting lonesome while I was at school.*

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

lunch•eon /lūn' chən/ *n.* a formal midday meal as part of a meeting or celebration. *After the wedding ceremony, we were invited to a luncheon.*

-ly a suffix, used to form adverbs, that means “in a way that is” or “in the manner of”: *quietly*.

Pronunciation Key

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



mag•a•zine /măg' a zēn'/ or /măg' ə zēn'/ *n.* a periodical publication that may contain articles, stories, or poems. *We receive two monthly magazines.*

main•te•nance /mān' tə nəns/ *n.* **a.1.** the action of maintaining. **a.2.** the state of being maintained. **b.** the work of keeping something in proper condition.

make•be•lieve /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.*

man•age•ment /măn' ij mənt/ *n.* **a.** the act, manner, or practice of managing, supervising, or controlling. **b.** the person or persons who manage a business establishment, organization, or institution.

man•i•fest /măn' ə fēst'/ *adj.* obvious; apparent. *His error in giving directions became manifest when everybody got lost.*

man•ner /măn' ər/ *n.* way; fashion. *The students left the bus in an orderly manner.*

mar•riage /măr' ij/ *n.* the state of being married; life as husband and wife. *The couple celebrated fifty years of marriage.*

ma•te•ri•al /mə tīr' ē əl/ *n.* the parts or substances from which a thing is made. *The material for the roof was delivered before the workers arrived.*

may•on•naise /mā ə nāz'/ or /mā' ə nāz'/ *n.* a dressing made of egg yolks, vegetable oils, and vinegar or lemon juice. *Dad likes mayonnaise on his turkey sandwiches.*

mead•ow /mēd' ō/ *n.* a field in which grass or hay grows naturally. *The cows grazed in the meadow.*



meadow

meas•ure /mězh' ər/ *v.* (**meas•ures**, **meas•ured**, **meas•ur•ing**) *find the length, size, amount, etc., of something. They will measure the floor for the new rug.*

meas•ure•ment /mězh' ər mənt/ *n.* **a.** the act of measuring or the process of being measured. *A gallon is a unit of liquid measurement.* **b.** the length, size, or amount of something. *Her waist measurement is twenty-five inches.*

me•lo•di•ous /mə lō' dē əs/ *adj.* having a pleasant, musical sound. *We could hear Mrs. Lee playing a melodious selection on her harp.*

mel•o•dy /mēl' ə dē/ *n.* (**mel•o•dies** *pl.*) a series of musical tones making up a tune. *He whistled the melody of a popular song.*

mem•o•ry /měm' 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 “the result of an action or process”: *advancement.*

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

mer•chant /mûr' chənt/ *n.* a person who buys and sells goods. *The three fabric stores in this area are owned by the same merchant.* [Latin *mercari*, to trade.]

meth•od /meth' əd'/ *n.* a system; a way of doing something. *Broiling is one method of preparing fish.*

mid- a prefix that means “a middle part, time, or location”: *midway.*

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

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

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

mid•point /mīd' point'/ *n.* **a.** the point of a line segment or curvilinear arc that divides it into two parts of the same length. **b.** a position midway between two extremes.

mid•sum•mer /mīd' sūm' ər/ *n.* the middle of the summer. *We had our family reunion at the beach in midsummer.*

mid•way¹ /mīd' wā'/ *adv.* in the middle of the way or distance; halfway. *The equator circles Earth midway between the poles.*

mid•way² /mīd' wā'/ *adj.* in the middle of a way, distance, period of time, or succession of events: *at the midway point in the baseball season.*

mid•year /mīd' yîr'/ *adj.* of or related to the middle of a calendar year or a school year. *We always have midyear exams to test the skills we have been learning.*

mile•age /mīl' ij/ *n.* the number of miles covered. *What was the total mileage of the trip?*

min•ute¹ /mīn' ít/ *n.* **a.** one of the sixty equal parts into which an hour is divided; sixty seconds. *We were given ten minutes to do each part of the test.* **b.** the exact moment. *I recognized him the minute I saw him.*

min•ute² /mī nōōt'/ or /-nyōōt'/ *adj.* tiny; very small. *Minute bits of dust floated through the ray of sunlight.*

mir•ror¹ /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 modern society.*

mir•ror² /mīr' ər/ *v.* to reflect. *The setting sun was mirrored on the surface of the lake.*

mis- a prefix that means: **a.** bad; badly; wrong; wrongly: *misconduct.* **b.** failure; lack: *misfire.*

mis•be•have /mīs' bī hāv'/ *v.* (**mis•be•haves**, **mis•be•haved**, **mis•be•hav•ing**) to act badly or improperly. *Puppies sometimes misbehave by chewing on shoes.*

mis•chief /mɪs' χɪf/ *n.* **a.** conduct or actions that cause or could cause harm, injury, or damage. *Mother asked me to stay out of mischief.*
b. harmless and merry teasing or pranks. *My kitten is full of mischief.*

mis•chie•vous /mɪs' χə vəs/ *adj.* **a.** playful; teasing. **b.** causing harm, injury, or damage: *mischievous falsehoods.*

mis•for•tune /mɪs fôr' χən/ *n.* bad luck. *It was his misfortune to lose his wallet.*

mis•in•form /mɪs' ɪn fôr'm/ *v.* to give wrong or false information. *We were misinformed about the day of the party; it was Thursday, not Tuesday.*

mis•judge /mɪs χʏj/ *v.* (**mis•judg•es**, **mis•judged**, **mis•judg•ing**) to get or to have a wrong idea about someone or something. *Because he had not yet seen the movie, he didn't want to misjudge the abilities of the actors.*

mis•lead /mɪs lēd'/ *v.* (**mis•leads**, **mis•led**, **mis•lead•ing**) to guide in the wrong direction; to confuse. *A misspelled word may mislead the reader.*

mis•place /mɪs plās'/ *v.* (**mis•plac•es**, **mis•placed**, **mis•plac•ing**) to put in a wrong place; to mislay. *Megan searched for the notebook she had misplaced.*

mis•pro•nounce /mɪs' prə nouns'/ *v.* (**mis•pro•nounc•es**, **mis•pro•nounced**, **mis•pro•nounc•ing**) to say, or pronounce, incorrectly. *I heard the teacher mispronounce the new boy's name.*

mis•read /mɪs rēd'/ *v.* (**mis•reads**, **mis•read**, **mis•read•ing**) to read or understand incorrectly. *Because he misread the instructions, he couldn't assemble the kite.*

mis•take /mɪ stāk'/ *n.* **a.** an error or fault. **b.** a misconception or misunderstanding.

mis•tak•en /mɪ stāk' ən/ *v. p. part.* (**mis•take**, **mis•takes**, **mis•took**, **mis•tak•ing**) made a mistake; erred. *I had ruined my sandwich when I had mistaken the sugar for the salt.*

mis•trust¹ /mɪs trʌst'/ *n.* lack of trust. *Her mistrust showed in her expression.*

mis•trust² /mɪs trʌst'/ *v.* to view without confidence. *Don't mistrust your ability; I think you'll do a great job.*

mis•un•der•stand /mɪs' ũn dər stānd'/ *v.* (**mis•un•der•stands**, **mis•un•der•stood**, **mis•un•der•stand•ing**) to interpret a meaning the wrong way; to understand incorrectly. *Could you repeat the question so I don't misunderstand it?*

Pronunciation Key

ă	pat	ō	pot	th	thin
ā	pay	ō	toe	th	this
âr	care	ô	paw, for	hw	which
ă	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

mis•un•der•stand•ing /mɪs' ũn dər stān' dɪŋ/ *n.* a failure to understand correctly. *Because of a misunderstanding, she did the wrong page for homework.*

mis•use¹ /mɪs yōōs'/ *n.* incorrect or improper use. *The misuse of a word can cause confusion.*

mis•use² /mɪs yōōz'/ *v.* (**mis•us•es**, **mis•used**, **mis•us•ing**) to use wrongly or incorrectly. *Don't misuse the piano by banging on the keys.*

mod•er•ate /mōd' ə ɪt/ *adj.* within reasonable limits; not extreme: *a moderate price.*

mo•men•tar•y /mō' mən tēr' ē/ *adj.* (**mo•men•tar•i•ly**, *adv.*) brief; lasting a short time. *There was a momentary lull in the storm.*

mon•o•tone /mōn' ə tōn'/ *n.* **a.** a succession of sounds or words uttered in a single tone of voice.
b. sameness or dull repetition in sound, style, manner, or color.

mon•strous /mōn' strəs/ *adj.* **a.** like a monster. *The wolf let out a monstrous growl.* **b.** huge. *The Titanic collided with a monstrous iceberg.*

mon•u•ment /mōn' yə mənt/ *n.* a memorial stone or building erected in remembrance of a person or event. *The Lincoln Memorial monument is located in Washington, D.C.*

mor•tar /môr' tər/ *n.* **a.** a mixture of cement or lime with sand and water. *The construction worker laid bricks with mortar.* **b.** a bowl in which substances are crushed or ground. *The pharmacist uses a mortar and pestle to grind the medicines.*

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

mul•ti•ple ¹/mŭl' tə pəl/ *adj.* having many parts. *His multiple interests include sports, music, and movies.*

mul•ti•ple ²/mŭl' tə pəl/ *n.* a quantity that can be evenly divided by another quantity. *Four is a multiple of two.*

mu•ral /myŭr' əl/ *n.* a picture painted directly on a wall. *The artist designed a mural for the lobby of the auditorium.*

mur•mur /mŭr' mər/ *v.* to make a soft noise. *Please do not murmur so softly.*

mus•cle /mŭs' əl/ *n.* body tissue composed of fibers that tighten or loosen to move parts of the body. *The athlete was careful to stretch his muscles before the race.*

mu•si•cian /myŭō zīsh' ən/ *n.* a person who composes or performs music. *The players in an orchestra are expert musicians.*

mu•tu•al /myŭō' chōō əl/ *adj.* **a.** having the same relationship to the other: *mutual friends.* **b.** directed and received in equal amount: *mutual respect.* **c.** possessed in common: *mutual interests.*

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

my•thol•o•gy /mī thŏl' ə jē/ *n.* a collection of stories handed down from a society that tells about how some things came to be. *Our class will be studying Greek mythology this year.*

N

na•ive /nī ēv'/ or /nä ēv'/ *adj.* lacking in worldly wisdom; childlike. *The naïve child thought the cartoon animals were real.*

naph•tha /näf' thə/ or /näp' thə/ *n.* a liquid made from coal used as fuel or as a spot remover. *The dry cleaner may use naphtha to clean stains from the clothing.*

nat•u•ral /näch' ə əl/ *adj.* **a.** produced by nature; not artificial. *Wood is a natural substance.* **b.** having a particular character by nature. *Eileen has a natural love for art.* **c.** normal; usual; to be expected. *It is natural for winters in Florida to be warm.*

nec•es•sar•y /nēs' ĭ sēr' ē/ *adj.* (**nec•es•sar•i•ly**, *adv.*) needed; required. *A balanced diet is necessary for proper nutrition.*

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•hood ¹/nä' bər hŏd'/ *n.* a distinctive part of a town or city in which people live. *In a big city, some neighborhoods have apartment buildings and others have houses.*

neigh•bor•hood ²/nä' bər hŏd'/ *adj.* relating to the neighborhood: *a neighborhood park.*

ner•vous /nŭr' vəs/ *adj.* **a.** of the nerves. *All the nerves in the body make up the nervous system.* **b.** excited; not calm. *The kitten became nervous when everyone crowded around.*

neu•tral /nŏō' trəl/ or /nyŭō'-/ *adj.* **a.** not favoring either side. *During two world wars, Switzerland remained a neutral country.* **b.** neither acidic nor alkaline: *a neutral solution.*

news•reel /nŏōz' rēl', nyŭōz'-/ *n.* a short motion picture dealing with recent news events.

news•stand /nŏōz' ständ', nyŭōz'-/ *n.* a shop or open booth at which newspapers and periodicals are sold.

niece /nēs/ *n.* the daughter of one's brother or sister or of one's spouse's brother or sister. *Your parents' nieces are your cousins.*

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

non•cha•lant /nŏn' shə länt'/ *adj.* having a manner of unconcern; casual; uncaring. *His nonchalant attitude about failing his test concerned his parents.*

non•de•script /nɒn' dī skript'/ *adj.* appearing to belong to no particular class or kind. *Our car isn't special; it's very nondescript.*

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

non•fic•tion /nɒn' fɪk' 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 /nɒn' prə dūk' tɪv/ *adj.* failing to produce or yield. *The factory closed because it was nonproductive.*

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

non•re•turn•a•ble /nɒn' rɪ tʊr' nə bəl/ *adj.* not able to be returned: *nonreturnable bottles.*

non•tox•ic /nɒn' tɒk' sɪk/ *adj.* not poisonous. *When they got a new puppy, they made sure that all of the houseplants were nontoxic.*

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

no•ta•ble /nɒ' tə bəl/ *adj.* **a.** worthy of notice; remarkable. *Writing a book is a notable accomplishment.* **b.** prominent; distinguished. *He is a notable physicist.*

no•tice¹ /nɒ' tɪs/ *n.* an announcement. *The notice on the bulletin board gives the dates of the field hockey games.*

no•tice² /nɒ' tɪs/ *v.* (**no•tic•es**, **no•ticed**, **no•tic•ing**) to pay attention to; to take notice of; to see. *Joan noticed Barbara's new dress right away.*

no•tice•a•ble /nɒ' tɪ sə bəl/ *adj.* (**no•tice•a•bly** *adv.*) readily observed; evident.

nuis•ance /nɒ' sɒns/ or /nyɒ' sɒns/ *n.* something that bothers or annoys. *The boy never considered his little brother to be a nuisance.*

numb /nʊm/ *adj.* without sensation or movement. *If you don't wear warm gloves, your fingers may become numb with cold.*

nurs•er•y /nʊr' sə rē/ or /nʊrs' rē/ *n.* (**nurs•er•ies** *pl.*) **a.** a child's bedroom. *The baby napped in her crib in the nursery.* **b.** an area for growing plants. *We bought several orchids from the nursery.*

nu•tri•tious /nɒ' trɪʃh' əs/ or /nyɒ' -/ *adj.* providing nourishment. *Apples are a nutritious snack.*

Pronunciation Key

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ē be	oo took	item,
ĩ pit	oo boot	pencil,
ī pie	ũ cut	gallop,
îr pier	ûr urge	circus



o•be•di•ence /ō bē' dē əns/ *n.* the act of obeying rules or laws. *Crossing the street safely requires obedience to traffic laws.*

o•blig•ing /ə blɪj' ɪŋ/ *adj.* accommodating; very willing to do favors for others. *His mother and father were polite and very obliging to each other.*

ob•ject¹ /əb jekt'/ *v.* to make objection; to protest. *They objected that the weather was too cold to play outside.*

ob•ject² /əb jɪkt/ *n.* **a.** a thing that can be seen or touched. *The little shop had many objects made of china.* **b.** a purpose; a goal: *the object of the game.*

ob•tain /əb tɪn'/ *v.* (**ob•tained**, **ob•tain•ing**) to get. *He obtained a ticket to the play.*

ob•vi•ous /əb' vē əs/ *adj.* easy to see or figure out; clear; plain. *It is obvious that the movie is popular, since the theater is so crowded.*

oc•ca•sion /ə kə' zhən/ *n.* **a.** a particular happening or event. *Holidays are special occasions.* **b.** an opportunity; a good chance. *I hope you find an occasion to call us while you are traveling.*

o•cean•og•ra•pher /ō' shə nɒg' rə fər/ *n.* a scientist whose specialty is the study and exploration of the ocean. *The oceanographer told us about the Gulf Stream.* [Greek Ōkeanos, a great river encircling the earth + graphein, to write.]

of•fense /ə fəns'/ or /ɒf' əns'/ *n.* a breaking of the law. *The suspect apologized to the judge for her offense.*

of•fer /ô' fər/ or /ôf' ər/ *v.* **a.** to say that one is willing. *We offered to help Mr. Patel start his car.* **b.** to present as a suggestion. *The President offered a plan for peace.*

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 Oak Street?*



officer

O•hi•o /ō hī' ō/ *n.* a state in the north central United States known for farm products and manufacturing.

o•mis•sion /ō mīsh' ən/ *n.* something left out. *Because of an omission on the list, his name was left out of the program.*

o•mit /ō mīt'/ *v.* (**o•mits**, **o•mit•ted**, **o•mit•ting**) fail to include; to leave out. *Did you omit some details in the last paragraph of your story?*

op•er•ate /ôp' ə rāt/ *v.* (**op•er•ates**, **op•er•at•ed**, **op•er•at•ing**) **a.** to work on the body with instruments to restore it to health. *The doctor will operate to remove the boy's tonsils.* **b.** to run; to manage.

op•er•a•tion /ôp' ə rā' shən/ *n.* **a.** the way in which something works. *Finally I understand the operation of an airplane.* **b.** a surgical treatment. *The patient recovered quickly after the operation.*

op•po•nent /ə pō' nənt/ *n.* a person or group that competes against another. *Our school's opponent for the game is Deerfield School.*

op•por•tu•ni•ty /ôp' 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•pose /ə pōz'/ *v.* (**op•pos•es**, **op•posed**, **op•pos•ing**) to be against; to act against. *The mayor opposed the building of a new highway.* [Latin *ob-*, against + *pos-*, perfect stem of *pōnere*, to put.]

op•po•site¹ /ôp' ə zīt/ *adj.* contrary; completely different; exactly reverse: *opposite opinions.*

op•po•site² /ôp' ə zīt/ *n.* the reverse of something else. *"Up" is the opposite of "down."*

op•po•site³ /ôp' ə zīt/ *prep.* across from. *The library is opposite the school.*

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

or•di•nal /ôr' dn əl/ *adj.* being of a specified position in a numbered series: *an ordinal rank of seventh.*

or•di•nance /ôr' dn əns/ *n.* a rule; a law. *City council passed an ordinance that requires all dogs to be on leashes in the park.*

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•phan /ôr' fən/ *n.* a child whose parents are absent or dead. *Oliver Twist is a story about an orphan.* [Greek *orphanos*, without parents.]

-ous a suffix, used to form adjectives, that means "possessing" or "characterized by": *joyous.*

out•ward¹ /out' wərd/ *adv.* toward the outside. *Fire laws state that the doors of a public building must open outward.*

out•ward² /out' wərd/ *adj.* of or toward the outside; exterior: *outward calm.*

o•val /ō' vəl/ *adj.* **a.** resembling an egg in shape. **b.** resembling an ellipse in shape.

o•ver•cast /ō' vər kăst'/ *adj.* covered with clouds or mist. *The weather report called for an overcast day with a chance of rain.*

o•ver•lapped /ō' vər lăpt'/ *v. p. tense* (**o•ver•laps**, **o•ver•lap•ping**) extended over; partly covered. *We arranged the pictures so one overlapped the other.*

o•ver•lap•ping /ō' vər lăp' ŋg/ *v. prog. tense* (**o•ver•laps**, **o•ver•lapped**) extending over; partly covering. *Our vacation is overlapping the holiday weekend.*

o•ver•view /ō' vər vyōō'/ *n.* a summary. *The manager gave the crew an overview of their daily duties.*



palm¹ /pām/ *n.* the inside of a person's hand between the wrist and the fingers. *The child held her nickel tightly in her palm.*

palm² /pām/ *n.* a tree that grows in very warm places. *Coconuts grow on coconut palms.*

par•a•graph /pār' ə grāf'/ *n.* a clearly indicated part of a written work; a sentence or a group of sentences that develops one main idea or topic. *The first word of a paragraph is usually indented from the left margin.*

par•tial /pār' shəl/ *adj.* **a.** not complete. *We saw a partial eclipse of the moon.* **b.** inclined to favor one side. *An umpire should never be partial when he makes a decision.*

par•tic•i•pant /pār' tīs' ə pənt/ *n.* a person who joins in and takes part in something. *The teachers agreed to be participants in a discussion with students.* [Latin *participare*, to take part.]

part•ner /pärt' nər/ *n.* a person who shares something or joins with another. *The boys were partners on the camping trip.*

pas•sage /pās' ij/ *n.* **a.** a way used for passing. *The passage leads to the back staircase.* **b.** part of a writing or a speech. *The passage about whales is fascinating.*

pas•ser•by /pās' ə bī/ *n.* (**pas•sers•by** *pl.*) a person who passes by. *The reporter interviewed passers-by about the election.*

pa•tience /pā' shəns/ *n.* the calm endurance of a trying situation. *Our driver showed great patience during the traffic delay.*

pa•tient¹ /pā' shənt/ *adj.* able to put up with pain, trouble, delay, etc., without complaint. *The passenger was patient despite the heavy traffic.*

pa•tient² /pā' shənt/ *n.* a person under the care of a doctor. *The patients gave their nurse a birthday gift.*

pat•tern /pāt' ərn/ *n.* a design or figure. *The vase has a flowered pattern.*

pause¹ /pôz/ *n.* a short stop or rest. *There was a dramatic pause in the music.*

pause² /pôz/ *v.* (**paus•es**, **paused**, **paus•ing**) to stop for a short time. *He paused to get a glass of water.*

pea•nut but•ter /pē' nūt bŭt' ər/ *n.* a food made from roasted peanuts ground into a spreadable paste. *I like peanut butter on bananas.*

Pronunciation Key

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ī pie	ũ cut	gallop,
îr pier	ûr urge	circus

pe•di•a•tri•cian /pē' dē ə trīsh' ən/ *n.* one who specializes in the branch of medicine dealing with children and their diseases. *The pediatrician weighed the baby.*

per•cep•ti•ble /pər sĕp' tə bəl/ *adj.* able to be seen; visible. *The perceptible change in her expression indicated she was surprised.*

per•fect•ly /pŭr' fikt lē/ *adv.* in a perfect manner; ideally; in an error-free way. *He won the race because he swam the laps perfectly.*

per•form•ance /pər fôr' məns/ *n.* **a.** the way in which someone or something functions. *Your performance on the test was very good.* **b.** the giving of a public show. *On Saturday there is a matinee performance.*

pe•rim•e•ter /pə rīm' ī tər/ *n.* the distance around an area; the sum of the lengths of all sides of a figure. *The perimeter of a square with one-inch sides is four inches.*

per•mis•sion /pər mīsh' ən/ *n.* consent, especially formal consent. *With the permission of the principal, our class visited the zoo.*

per•mit¹ /pər mīt'/ *v.* (**per•mits**, **per•mit•ted**, **per•mit•ting**) to let; to allow; to give consent to. *Please permit me to read your magazine.*

per•mit² /pŭr' mīt/ *n.* a written or printed statement that gives one permission; a license. *Most cities require permits for parades.*

per•se•cute /pŭr' sī kyoo't'/ *v.* (**per•se•cutes**, **per•se•cut•ed**, **per•se•cut•ing**) to cause to suffer. *The bully was wrong to persecute the younger student.*

per•son•al /pûr' sən əl/ *adj.* **a.1.** done, made, or performed in person. *The famous singer made a personal appearance.* **a.2.** done to or for or directed toward a particular person. *He invited me along as a personal favor.* **b.** concerning a particular individual and his or her intimate affairs, interests, or activities; intimate. *Do not disclose personal information such as your address or phone number.* **c.** of or pertaining to the body or physical being. *Personal cleanliness is important for good health.*

per•son•nel /pûr sən ɛl'/ *n.* **a.** the body of persons employed by or active in an organization, business, or service. **b.** an administrative division of an organization concerned with people employed there. *Personnel will give you a job application and arrange an interview.*

per•spire /pər spīr'/ *v.* (**per•spires, per•spired, per•spiring**) to sweat. *As she worked she began to perspire.*

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.*

phase /fāz/ *n.* **a.** a stage in development. *The first phase of our campaign to elect Andrew will be distributing posters.* **b.** a change in the shape of the moon when viewed from Earth. *The moon was in its crescent phase.*

pho•bi•a /fō' bē ə/ *n.* a deep, unreasonable fear of something. *Max barks every time he sees someone because he has a phobia of strangers.*

phone¹ /fōn/ *n.* a telephone. *Please answer the phone.*

phone² /fōn/ *v.* (**phones, phoned, phon•ing**) to telephone. *Mei-Lyn's friends sometimes phone her just to chat.*



phone

phon•ics /fōn' īks/ *n.* (used with a sing. verb) **a.** the study or science of sound; acoustics. **b.** the use of phonetics in the teaching of reading.

phos•pho•rus /fōs' fər əs/ *n.* a nonmetallic element that burns easily and may glow in the dark. *Phosphorus is used to make matches.*

pho•to /fō' tō/ *n.* a photograph. *Nancy brought in the photos of her vacation.*

pho•tog•ra•phy /fə tōg' rə fē/ *n.* the art or process of taking and printing photographs. *In our class in photography, we learned how to develop our own film.*

phrase¹ /frāz/ *n.* **a.** a group of words that gives a single idea. *In "He swam during the summer," "during the summer" is a phrase.* **b.** a short expression: *a scientific phrase.*

phrase² /frāz/ *v.* (**phras•es, phrased, phras•ing**) to express in words. *Phrase your thoughts carefully.*

phy•si•cian /fī zīsh' ən/ *n.* a medical doctor. *When you are ill, you should see a physician.*

phys•i•ol•o•gy /fīz ē ōl' ə jē/ *n.* the biological science of essential and characteristic life processes, activities, and functions.

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.*

pierc•ing /pīrs' īng/ *adj.* loud; shrill. *The bird's piercing call made me jump.*

pi•geon /pīj' ən/ *n.* a bird with a small head, stout body, and short legs. *Some pigeons are trained to carry messages.*

pit•i•ful /pīt' ī fəl/ *adj.* causing emotions of sorrow and compassion. *The injured dog was a pitiful sight.*

pleas•ant /plēz' ənt/ *adj.* **a.** delightful; pleasing: *a pleasant vacation.* **b.** fair and warm: *a pleasant day.* **c.** agreeable; friendly: *pleasant teachers.*

pleas•ur•a•ble /plēzh' ə r ə bəl/ *adj.* pleasing or gratifying; enjoyable. *Our vacation to the beach was very pleasurable.*

plumb•er /plūm' ər/ *n.* a person whose job is putting in and fixing sinks, pipes, and other plumbing fixtures. *We called a plumber when the basement pipes started leaking.*

plum•met /plūm' īt/ *v.* (**plum•met•ed, plum•met•ing**) drop or fall sharply. *The toy airplane began to plummet to the ground.*

po•lite /pə lit'/ *adj.* having good manners; courteous; thoughtful. *It is polite to shake hands when you meet someone.*

po•lite•ly /pə līt' lē/ *adv.* in a nice or polite manner; courteously. *The flight attendant politely greeted the passengers.*

pol•lu•tant /pə lōōt' nt/ *n.* a waste material that contaminates air, soil, or water.

pol•lu•tion /pə lōō' shən/ *n.* a harmful impurity. *Water pollution causes many fish to die.*

pop•u•late /pöp' yə lāt'/ *v.* (**pop•u•lates**, **pop•u•lat•ed**, **pop•u•lat•ing**) **a.** to live or reside in; to inhabit. *When the apartment building was finished, it was quickly populated by new residents.* **b.** to supply with people or animals.

pop•u•la•tion /pöp' yə lā' shən/ *n.* the number of people living in an area. *The town's population has greatly increased in the past five years.*

por•ce•lain /pôr' sə līn/, /pôr' sə līn/, /pôrs' līn/, or /pôrs' līn/ *n.* a type of hard, fine pottery. *Our china plates are made of porcelain.*

pose /pōz/ *v.* (**pos•es**, **posed**, **pos•ing**) **a.** to hold an expression or a position. *The parents posed with their children for a family portrait.* **b.** to present; to put forward: *pose a question.* [Latin *pausāre*, to rest, influenced by *pos-*, perfect stem of *pōnere*, to put, to place.]

po•si•tion /pə zīsh' ən/ *n.* **a.** place; location. *The navigator marked the ship's position on a chart.* **b.** a job; employment. *My brother has a new position with another company.*

pos•i•live /pōz' ĭ tiv/ *adj.* **a.** confident; certain; without doubt. *Gus is positive that his team will win.* **b.** approving; showing agreement: *a positive answer.* **c.** not negative: *a positive number.* [Latin *pos-*, perfect stem of *pōnere*, to put, to place.]

pos•i•live•ly /pōz' ĭ tiv lē/ *adv.* (**pos•i•tive adj.**) confidently; certainly; absolutely. *He identified the criminal positively.*

pos•sess /pə zēs'/ *v.* (**pos•sess•es**, **pos•sessed**, **pos•sess•ing**) to have; to own. *Heather's family possesses a sailboat.*

pos•ses•sion /pə zēsh' ən/ *n.* **a.** the act or condition of owning or holding something. *I will keep this prize money in my possession.* **b.** something owned. *My grandmother's mirror is my most prized possession.*

pos•si•ble /pös' ə bəl/ *adj.* capable of being true or happening without interfering with existing circumstances. *She wanted to book the first possible flight out before the storm arrived.*

pos•si•bly /pös' ə blē/ *adv.* perhaps; maybe. *Possibly we'll finish before noon.*

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post•age /pō' stīj/ *n.* the cost of stamps needed to send a letter or package by mail. *The postage was calculated by weight.*



postage

post of•fice /pōst' ô' fīs/ or /-ôf' ĭs/ *n.* **a.** an office or a building where people can buy stamps and mail letters or packages. *Mail these cards at the post office.* **b.** the public department in charge of mail. *The post office employs thousands of workers.*

po•ta•toes /pə tā' tōz/ *n.* (**po•ta•to sing.**) plants native to South America and widely cultivated for their starchy, edible tubers. *My favorite food is mashed potatoes.*

prac•ti•cal /prāk' tī kəl/ *adj.* **a.** able to be done, used, or carried out. *Her practical solution took care of the problem.* **b.** dealing with facts rather than theory; concrete. *Her practical approach to children is a great help.*

prac•ti•cal•ly /prāk' tīk lē/ *adv.* almost; nearly. *It is practically time for the bus to arrive.*

pre•cau•tion•ar•y /prī kô' shə nēr' ē/ *adj.* guarding against something in advance, especially illness. *I took precautionary measures to stay healthy by getting a flu shot.*

pre•ci•ous /prësh' əs/ *adj.* **a.** having a high price; costing a great deal. *Diamonds are precious jewels.* **b.** much loved; dear. *Their precious child brought happiness to the parents.* [Latin *pretium*, price.]

pre•fer /prī fûr'/ *v.* (**pre•fers**, **pre•ferred**, **pre•fer•ring**) choose as more desirable; like better. *The teenager prefers broccoli to French fries.*

pre•pack•age /prē' pāk' ĭj/ *v.* (**pre•pack•ag•es**, **pre•pack•aged**, **pre•pack•ag•ing**) to wrap up, bundle, or collect ahead of time. *I wish someone would prepackage school supplies.*

pres•ent¹ /prēz' ənt/ *adj.* **a.** of the time between past and future; current: *the present moment.* **b.** at hand; not absent. *All the committee members were present for the final vote.*

pre•sent² /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?*

pres•ent³ /prēz' ənt/ *n.* a gift. *The present was colorfully wrapped.*



present

pre•vent /prī vēnt'/ *v.* **a.** to keep something from happening. *Washing your hands will help prevent the spread of germs.* **b.** to keep someone from doing something. *Wearing this cast will prevent me from running in the race.*

price•less /prīs' līs/ *adj.* very worthy; invaluable. *The art collection is priceless.*

prim•er¹ /prīm' ər/ *n.* a textbook for early grades. *The children took out their primers and began the lesson.*

prim•er² /prī' mər/ *n.* an undercoat of paint to prepare a surface for further painting. *The painter applied a primer first.*

priv•i•lege /prīv' ə lij/ *n.* a special advantage, immunity, permission, right, or benefit granted to or enjoyed by an individual, class, or caste.

prob•a•ble /prōb' ə bəl/ *adj.* (**prob•a•bly**, *adv.*) likely to happen. *The dark clouds and lightning mean that rain is probable.*

proc•ess /prōs' əs'/ or /prō' sēs'/ *n.* (**proc•ess•es** *pl.*) **a.** a system of operations in the production of something: *the process of canning fresh fruit.* **b.** a series of actions with an expected end: *the growth process.*

prof•it¹ /prōf' ĭt/ *n.* (**prof•it•ed**, **prof•it•ing**) **a.** the amount of money made after all expenses have been subtracted. *The profits in some businesses are small.* **b.** a benefit; an advantage. *Woo found both profit and enjoyment in his music lessons.*

prof•it² /prōf' ĭt/ *v.* to benefit. *I can profit from your experience.*

prof•it•a•ble /prōf' ĭ tə bəl/ *adj.* (**prof•it•a•bly**, *adv.*) bringing profit or benefit. *The store had a profitable year.*

prog•ress¹ /prōg' rēs'/ or /prō' grēs'/ *n.* **a.** a movement forward. *The train made steady progress.* **b.** development; improvement: *the progress of science.*

prog•ress² /prə grēs'/ *v.* to advance; to improve. *Sarah will progress in her ability to spell.*

proj•ect¹ /prōj' ēkt'/ *n.* a plan; a scheme. *The girls' next project is to build a radio.*

proj•ect² /prə jēkt'/ *v.* **a.** to throw or shoot forward. *An arrow is projected from a bow.* **b.** to cause to fall on a surface. *Movies are projected on a white screen.*

prom•ise /prōm' ĭs/ *n.* a sign of something good to happen; an expectation. *Some people think that a rainbow is a promise of wealth.*

pron•to /prɒn' tō/ *adv. Informal.* without delay; quickly. *Please finish this task pronto.*

proof /prūf/ *n.* anything that shows that something is correct or true. *Do you have proof of your theory?*

pro•pel•ler /prə pēl' ər/ *n.* a fanlike device used to move a vehicle such as a ship or an airplane. *He will repair the helicopter's propeller today.*

pros•e•cute /prɒs' ɪ kyōt/ *v.* (**pros•e•cutes**, **pros•e•cut•ed**, **pros•e•cut•ing**) to begin and continue a legal suit against someone. *The job of some attorneys is to prosecute persons accused of breaking the law.*

pro•tein /prō' tēn/ *n.* a substance containing nitrogen that is a necessary part of all living tissue and a requirement for a balanced diet. *Meat and beans are high in protein.*

proud•ly /praud' lē/ *adv.* in a satisfied and pleasant way. *Darren looked proudly at the blue ribbon he had won.*

pub•lic school /pʌb' lɪk skool/ *n.* a free school that is supported by the community's taxes. *I am in the fifth grade at the public school down the street.*

pub•lish /pʌb' lɪʃ/ *v.* **a.** to prepare books, magazines, etc., for sale. *That company publishes a book we use in school.* **b.** to make known. *The newspaper published an account of the hearing.* [Latin *pūblicāre*, to make public.]

pun•ish /pʌn' ɪʃ/ *v.* to administer a penalty for a crime or misbehavior. *I will not punish you if you tell the truth.*

pun•ish•ment /pʌn' ɪʃ mənt/ *n.* **a.** an act of punishing. *The punishment of wrongdoing is the court's responsibility.* **b.** a penalty for a crime. *His punishment for littering was community service for a month.*

pur•chase /pʌr' chɪs/ *v.* (**pur•chas•es**, **pur•chased**, **pur•chas•ing**) to buy. *We purchased folding chairs for the porch.*

pur•chase² /pʌr' chɪs/ *n.* a thing that is bought. *My purchases will be delivered by the store.*

pur•suit /pər sūt/ *n.* **a.** the act or an instance of chasing or pursuing. **b.** the act of striving. **c.** a vocation, hobby, or other activity regularly engaged in.

puz•zle•ment /pʌz' əl mənt/ *n.* the state of being confused. *Her puzzlement was clear by the look of confusion on her face.*

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îr	pier	ûr	urge		circus

Q

quiz•zi•cal /kwɪz' ɪ kəl/ *adj.* puzzled; perplexed. *The confused child gave her mother a quizzical look.*

R

rap•id /răp' ɪd/ *adj.* fast; quick. *The rapid current carried the canoe down the river.*

rap•port /ră pōr' /, /ră pōr' /, or /rə pōr' / *n.* a friendly, trusting relationship. *My cousin and I have a wonderful rapport.*

ra•tion•al /răsh' ən əl/ *adj.* based on reason; logical. *After thinking it over calmly, Jeff made a rational decision to sell his car.*

re•bel /rī bēl' / *v.* (**re•bels**, **re•belled**, **re•bel•ling**) to resist or oppose authority. *The workers rebelled against the unfair demands of their employer.*

reb•el² /rēb' əl/ *n.* a person who reacts against authority. *Rebels challenge tradition.*

re•ceipt /rī sēt' / *n.* **a.** a written statement showing that money or goods have been received. *I signed the receipt when the package was delivered.* **b.** the act of receiving. *On receipt of the good news, we felt happy.*

re•ceive /rī sēv' / *v.* (**re•ceives**, **re•ceived**, **re•ceiv•ing**) to get. *You should receive the letter in two days.*

re•ceiv•er /rĭ sē' vət/ *n.* **a.** a person or a thing that receives something. *The sender of a letter puts the address of the receiver on the envelope.* **b.** the part in a radio, telephone, or TV that picks up the signals. *I held the receiver to my ear.*

re•cess /rē' sēs'/ *n.* (**re•cess•es** *pl.*) a brief rest from work. *During the morning we have a fifteen-minute recess.*

re•ces•sion /rĭ sēsh' ən/ *n.* a period of reduced economic activity. *Because so many people were out of jobs, the country was in a recession.*

re•cog•ni•tion /rĕk' əg nĭsh' ən/ *n.* an acknowledgement; attention; a favorable notice. *The teachers gave recognition to all the students who worked to make the play a success.*

re•cur /rĭ kûr'/ *v.* (**re•curs**, **re•curred**, **re•cur•ing**) show up or happen repeatedly. *The problem with the leaky faucet happens to recur weekly.*

re•fer /rĭ fûr'/ *v.* (**re•fers**, **re•ferred**, **re•fer•ring**) (**re•fer•ral** *n.*) **a.** to direct to a source for help or information. **b.** to pertain; concern: *questions referring to yesterday's lecture.* **c.** to turn to, as for information or authority. *Refer to the handbook for the company's rules.*

re•fuse¹ /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•fuse² /rĕf' yōōs/ *n.* useless matter; rubbish; garbage. *Please put your refuse in the wastebasket.*

re•gard•less /rĭ gärd' lĭs/ *adj.* heedless; unmindful.

reg•u•lar /rĕg' yə lər/ *adj.* **a.** usual; normal; ordinary. *Our regular practice on Sunday is to have dinner in the afternoon.* **b.** frequent: *regular customers.* **c.** occurring at fixed intervals. *We make regular visits to the dentist.*

reign¹ /rān/ *n.* the time during which a leader rules. *During the queen's reign, the people enjoyed many improvements.*

reign² /rān/ *v.* to rule. *The king reigned for thirty years.*

re•lease¹ /rĭ lēs'/ *v.* to let loose; to set free. *If you release the door, it will close.*

re•lease² /rĭ lēs'/ *n.* **a.** the act of letting go or setting free. *The rangers planned the release of the bear cubs they had raised.* **b.** freedom; relief. *After the test was over, I felt a sense of release.*

re•lief /rĭ lĕf'/ *n.* the removal or ease of worry, pain, etc. *Imagine my relief when I remembered the right answer.*

re•luc•tance /rĭ lŭk' təns/ *n.* an unwillingness. *My reluctance to lend you my book is that you often forget to return things.*

re•main /rĭ măn'/ *v.* (**re•mained**, **re•main•ing**) **a.** to stay. *We remained at home because of the rain.* **b.** to continue; to last without changing. *The weather remained warm until the last week of October.* **c.** to be left. *All that remains of the old house is the foundation.*

re•mark•a•ble /rĭ mār' kə bəl/ *adj.* (**re•mark•a•bly** *adv.*) **a.** worthy of notice. **b.** extraordinary; uncommon.

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**) take away; take off. *He planned to remove everything from his desk before he left.*

re•new•al /rĭ nōō' əl/ or /rĭ nyōō' əl/ *n.* an extension of something. *My membership renewal is due today.*

re•quire /rĭ kwĭr'/ *v.* (**re•quires**, **re•quired**, **re•quir•ing**) **a.** to need. *Humans require food and water to live.* **b.** to demand; to command. *Good manners require that you use a knife and a fork when you eat.*

res•i•dence /rĕz' ĭ dəns/ *n.* **a.** the place where one lives; home. *His residence is on Spruce Street.* **b.** the act or fact of living in a place. *His family took up residence in Spain while he was working there.*

res•i•dent /rĕz' ĭ dənt/ *n.* **a.** a person who lives in a particular area. *When our family moved to Idaho we became residents of that state.* **b.** a doctor who is doing clinical training. *Ms. Barin is a third-year resident at the hospital.*

re•sign /rĭ zĭn'/ *v.* **a.** to submit (oneself) passively; accept as inevitable. **b.** to give up (a position), especially by formal notification; quit.

re•spond /rĭ spōnd'/ *v.* **a.** to answer; to reply. *Susan did not respond when I asked her a question.* **b.** to react. *The patient responded well to the medicine.*

re•spon•si•ble /rĭ spōn' sə bəl/ *adj.* (**re•spon•si•bly**, *adv.*) **a.** trustworthy; reliable. *A responsible student was chosen to collect the money for the field trip.* **b.** required to answer for something. *Who is responsible for turning off the lights when we leave the room?* **c.** deserving credit or blame for something. *The cold weather was responsible for the small crowd at the picnic.*

res•tau•rant /rēs' tər ənt/ or /-tə rānt'/ *n.* a place where meals are sold and served. *We ate dinner in a restaurant downtown.*

re•sult¹ /rī zŭlt'/ *n.* outcome; effect. *He was late to work as a result of a delay in traffic.*

re•sult² /rī zŭlt'/ *v.* (**re•sult•ed**, **re•sult•ing**) to happen as an effect. *The cold, damp weather resulted in icy roads.*

re•vers•i•ble /rī vŭr' sə bəl/ *adj.* capable of being turned backward or inside out; able to be reversed. *Jo wore her reversible coat.*

rhi•noc•er•os /rī nŏs' ər əs/ *n.* (**rhi•noc•er•os** or **rhi•noc•er•os•es** *pl.*) a large thick-skinned mammal with horns. *While we were at the zoo, we saw a rhinoceros.*

rhu•barb /rŭo' bərb'/ *n.* a plant whose stalks are used for making sauces or pies. *Aunt Freda makes delicious rhubarb pies.*

rhythm /rith' əm/ *n.* a regular, repeated movement in which a beat or accent rises and falls or occurs steadily. *The rhythm in music is often provided by the drums.*

ri•val¹ /rī' vəl/ *n.* one who is trying to do better than another; one who competes. *The two friends were rivals for the same part in the school play.*

ri•val² /rī' vəl/ *adj.* competing; being rivals. *The rival stores lowered their prices to attract more customers.*

ro•dent /rŏd' nt/ *n.* any one of a group of small mammals with large front teeth for gnawing. *Mice and squirrels are rodents.*



rodent

rou•tine¹ /rŭo tēn'/ *n.* a standard set of activities performed regularly. *Each morning Ann goes through her exercise routine.*

rou•tine² /rŭo tēn'/ *adj.* ordinary; not special: *a routine day.*

Pronunciation Key

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



salm•on /sām' ən/ *n.* (**salm•on** or **salm•ons** *pl.*) a large fish with silver scales and pink flesh. *Salmon swim upstream from salt water to fresh water to lay their eggs.*

sat•is•fac•tion /săt' ɪs fāk' shən/ *n.* a feeling of being satisfied or contented. *Dan gets satisfaction from doing his job well.*

sat•is•fy /săt' ɪs fī'/ *v.* (**sat•is•fies**, **sat•is•fied**, **sat•is•fy•ing**) *a.* to please; to fill a need or desire. *You can satisfy the baby by giving her a toy. b.* to put an end to. *Water will satisfy my thirst.*

sat•is•fy•ing /săt' ɪs fī' ɪŋ/ *v. prog. tense* (**sat•is•fy**, **sat•is•fies**, **sat•is•fied**) fulfilling; convincing; gratifying. *Eating the pizza is satisfying my hunger.*

sauce /sôs/ *n.* a liquid that is served with food. *The chicken dish had a delicious sauce.*

scarce•ly /skârs' lē/ *adv.* hardly; barely. *There are scarcely any people awake at five o'clock in the morning.*

sched•ule /skěj' ōol, -əl/ *n.* *a.* a printed or often written list of items in tabular form. *b.1.* a program of forthcoming events or appointments. *b.2.* a student's program of classes. *c.* a timetable of departures and arrivals.

scheme /skēm/ *n.* *a.* a plan of action; a project. *We thought of a scheme for preventing graffiti. b.* a secret plot. *The scheme to give Mother a surprise party failed when she discovered the birthday cake.*

scis•sors /sīz' ərz/ *n. pl.* a cutting tool consisting of two handles and two sharp blades fastened together. *Scissors can cut through paper or fabric.*

sculp•ture /skŭlp' chər/ *n. a.* the act of carving, welding, or modeling material into works of art. *Sculpture is taught at the art school. b.* a work produced by sculpture. *Michelangelo's famous sculpture David is located in Florence, Italy.*

sec•ond•ary /sĕk' ən dĕr' ē/ *adj. a.* not ranking first. *Her primary concern is content, and her secondary concern is style. b.* of or relating to the schooling one receives after elementary school: *secondary education.*

seize /sēz/ *v. (seiz•es, seized, seiz•ing)* to take hold of suddenly; to grasp; to grab. *He seized her hand and shook it eagerly.*

self-ad•dressed /sĕlf' ə drĕst'/ *adj.* addressed to oneself. *If you would like a reply, please send a self-addressed envelope.*

sense•less /sĕns' līs/ *adj.* without meaning; pointless: *a senseless waste of time.*

sen•si•ble /sĕn' sə bəl/ *adj. (sen•si•bly, adv.)* full of good sense; reasonable; wise. *She is too sensible to accept a ride from strangers.*

sen•sor /sĕn' sər/ or /sĕn' sôt/ *n.* a special device for detecting something, such as light, heat, or smoke. *If the battery in the smoke detector is dead, the sensor won't work.*

sep•a•rate /sĕp' ər ĭt/ or /sĕp' rīt/ *adj.* not connected; set apart. *They work for the same factory but in separate buildings.*

se•quence /sē' kwəns/ *n. a.* the coming of one thing after another; a succession. *Follow the sequence of steps to complete the model. b.* the order in which things follow one another. *The books are listed in alphabetical sequence.*

ser•geant /sär' jənt/ *n.* a military or police rank; a person with this rank. *My brother is a sergeant in the Army.*

ser•vant /sŭr' vənt/ *n. a.* a person whose job is to work for another person. *Cooks, maids, and butlers are servants. b.* a person who works for a government or the public. *Firefighters are important public servants. [Old French servir, to serve.]*

ser•vice /sŭr' vīs/ *n. a.* a help; an aid. *As a service to the passengers, the bus now stops at Oak Street. b.* work done for others. *He received an award for his service to the city.*

shelf /shĕlf/ *n. (shelves pl.)* a flat piece of wood, glass, or metal that is used to hold things. *The clock is on a closet shelf.*

sher•bet /shŭr' bīt/ or /shŭr' bŭrt'/ *n.* a frozen, fruit-flavored dessert. *Nothing is better than sherbet on a hot summer day.*

sher•iff /shĕr' ĭf/ *n.* the chief law-enforcement official of a county. *Our sheriff gave a speech on the importance of seat belts.*

shield /shĕld/ *n. a.* a piece of armor once carried on the arm by soldiers for protection in battle. *The knight's family emblem was on his shield. b.* anything that protects. *Good nutrition is a shield against disease.*

should•'ve should have.

shriek /shrĕk/ *n.* a loud, sharp, high-pitched sound; a screech. *We heard the shrieks of the gulls before we saw the ocean.*

shriek² /shrĕk/ *v.* to make a loud, sharp, high-pitched sound. *The children were shrieking with laughter.*

siege /sēj/ *n.* the surrounding of a place for a long time in order to capture it. *The city was under siege for three weeks.*

sign /sīn/ *n. (signs pl.)* a board used for advertising or information. *The driver stopped at the traffic sign.*



sign

si•lence /sī' ləns/ *n.* the absence of noise or sound; stillness. *There was silence while the principal spoke.*

sim•i•lar /sīm' ə lər/ *adj.* almost but not quite the same; alike but not identical. *The two girls wore similar clothes.*

sim•pli•fy /sīm' plə fī/ *v.* (**sim•pli•fies**, **sim•pli•fied**, **sim•pli•fy•ing**) **a.** to make something clearer or easier. *Mr. Golden simplified the story for the younger children.* **b.** to reduce to lowest terms. *You can simplify a fraction by taking out common factors.*

sis•ter-in-law /sīs' tər ɪn lô/ *n.* (**sis•ters-in-law**, *pl.*) the sister of one's husband or wife or the wife of one's brother. *When my brother marries Donna, she'll be my sister-in-law.*

sky•scrap•er /skī' skrā' pər/ *n.* a very tall building. *The Empire State Building is one of New York's famous skyscrapers.*

sky•ward /skī' wərd/ *adv.* in the direction of the sky. *As the plane ascended, its nose was facing skyward.*

sleet /slēt/ *n.* rain that freezes into drops of ice as it falls; a mixture of rain and snow or hail. *The sleet made the fields sparkle in the moonlight.*

sleigh /slā/ *n.* a carriage mounted on runners, used for traveling on ice or snow. *A sleigh is usually pulled by horses.*

slope /slōp/ *n.* land that slants up and down. *We skied down a long slope.*

smudge¹ /smūj/ *v.* (**smudg•es**, **smudged**, **smudg•ing**) to make dirty; to smear or to blotch. *Don't smudge the photographs with fingerprints!*

smudge² /smūj/ *n.* a smear or blotch. *Maria got a smudge on her white shoes.*

sol•emn /söl' əm/ *adj.* serious; earnest; grave: a solemn promise.

sol•i•tar•y /söl' ī tēr' ē/ *adj.* **a.** existing, living, or going alone. *A solitary traveler was on the road that night.* **b.** remote, secluded: a solitary place.

so•lu•tion /sə lōō' shən/ *n.* the answer; the explanation. *The solution to the puzzle in the magazine is given on page 20.*

-some a suffix, used to form adjectives, that means "having the quality, condition, or action of": *bothersome, troublesome.*

soph•o•more /sōf' ə mōr'/ or /-mōr'/ or /sōf' mōr'/ or /-mōr'/ *n.* a person in the second year of high school or college. *The sophomores took the freshmen on a tour of the high school.*

spa•cious /spā' shəs/ *adj.* **a.** providing or having much space or room; extensive. **b.** vast in range or scope: a spacious view.

speech•less /spēch' līs/ *adj.* temporarily unable to speak because of surprise, joy, or fear. *We were speechless while the magician was on stage.*

Pronunciation Key

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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

speed•om•e•ter /spī dōm' ī tər/ or /spē-/ *n.* an instrument that indicates speed. *Every car has a speedometer.* [speed + -meter, from Greek *metron*, measure.]

sta•tion•ar•y /stā' shə nēr' ē/ *adj.* **a.1.** not moving. *The mime remained stationary as people walked by.* **a.2.** not capable of being moved; fixed. *The cabinets are attached and stationary.* **b.** unchanging. *The status of the relief effort was stationary for the last week.*

sta•tion•er•y /stā' shə nēr' ē/ *n.* **a.** writing paper and envelopes. **b.** writing materials and office supplies. *Stores that sell stationery are busy at the beginning of the school year.*

ster•e•o /stēr' ē ō/ *adj.* using a sound system that has two or more separate channels. *Mick's dad got a state-of-the-art stereo system for the family room.*

stir•rups /stūr' əps/ or /stūr' əps/ *pl. n.* (**stir•rup** *sing.*) special rings or loops that hang from either side of a horse's saddle to support the rider's feet. *I adjusted the height of the stirrups before I set out on my morning ride.*

stren•u•ous /strēn' yōō əs/ *adj.* requiring a lot of energy or effort. *Digging ditches is strenuous work.*

strike /strīk/ *v.* (**strikes**, **struck**, **striking**) **a.** to hit. *A tennis player strikes the ball with a racket.* **b.** to sound. *The clock strikes every hour.* **c.** to stop work as a group. *The workers voted to strike to get better pay.*

stub•born /stüb' ərn/ *adj.* not easily persuaded; having one's own definite idea. *Lee was stubborn and refused to follow my suggestions.*

stu•di•ous /stōō' dē əs/ or /styōō'-/ *adj.* devoted to study; hardworking. *The class members usually become more studious as exam time nears.*

sub- a prefix that means: **a.** under or beneath: *submarine*. **b.** a subordinate or secondary part: *subdivision*. **c.** somewhat short of or less than: *subtropical*.

sub•head /süb' hēd'/ *n.* a less important heading or title. *Rosa's outline had three subheads under each of the two main headings.*

sub•ject /süb' jikt/ *n.* the person or topic talked or written about. *Our subject for today is the invention of the steam engine.*

sub•ma•rine¹ /süb' mə rēn'/ or /süb' mə rēn'/ *n.* a ship that can travel underwater. *Some submarines stay underwater for many weeks.*

sub•ma•rine² /süb' mə rēn'/ or /süb' mə rēn'/ *adj.* beneath the water surface; undersea. *Coral is a submarine organism.*

sub•poe•na /sə pē' nə/ *n.* a written summons to appear in a court of law. *The witness had to appear in court because she had received a subpoena.*

sub•stance /süb' stəns/ *n.* the important part of something; meaning. *The substance of his happiness was his family and close friends.*

sub•stan•dard /süb stān' dərd/ *adj.* below an acceptable level of quality. *The meal at the fancy restaurant was substandard, so we were disappointed.*

sub•ter•ra•ne•an /süb' tə rā' nē ən/ *adj.* situated or operating beneath the earth's surface; underground.

sub•to•tal /süb' tōt' l/ *n.* a partial or incomplete total. *The clerk added the amounts to get a subtotal, then he added the tax.*

sub•way /süb' wā'/ *n.* an electric railway beneath the ground. *In some large cities, subways are a vital part of the transportation system.*



subway

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.*

suc•cess•ful /sək sēs' fəl/ *adj.* having success or a favorable outcome; turning out well. *Gwen is successful as both a student and an athlete.*

suf•fer /süf' ər/ *v.* **a.** to feel pain or distress. *Our dog seems to suffer in the hot weather.* **b.** to endure; to put up with. *The pioneers suffered many hardships.*

suf•fi•cient /sə fīsh' ənt/ *adj.* as much as is needed; enough; adequate. *sufficient food for survival.*

suf•fix /süf' īks/ *n.* (**suf•fix•es pl.**) a group of letters added to the end of a word to change its meaning. *The suffix -ness changes the adjective sad to the noun sadness.*

sug•ges•tion /səg jēs' chən/ or /sə jēs'-/ *n.* something suggested; a recommendation. *Her suggestion that we take an early plane was very sensible.*

super- a prefix that means: **a.** above; over: *superimpose*. **b.** excessive in degree: *supersaturate*.

su•per•fi•cial /sōō' pər fīsh' əl/ *adj.* **a.** of, affecting, or being on or near the surface. **b.** concerned with only what is apparent or obvious. **c.1.** apparent rather than actual or substantial. **c.2.** trivial; insignificant.

su•per•flu•ous /sōō' pūr' flōō əs/ *adj.* extra; more than is needed. *Once he had made his point, any further comments were superfluous.*

su•per•in•tend•ent /sōō' pər ɪn tēn' dənt/ *n.* a person with the authority to supervise or direct; the person in charge. *The superintendent of schools directs the activities of all the schools in a district.*

su•per•mar•ket /sōō' pər mār' kīt/ *n.* a store from which to buy groceries. *Would you please get some bread and a flashlight from the supermarket?*

su•per•pow•er /sōō' pər pou' ər/ *n.* an excessive or superior power. *That team always wins; it is a superpower in the league.*

su•per•son•ic /sōō' pər sōn' īk/ *adj.* caused by or related to a speed greater than sound. *Some jets can fly at supersonic speeds.*

su•per•star /sōō' pər stār'/ *n.* a performer who has great popular appeal. *Elvis Presley became a superstar at an early age.*

su•per•vise /sōō' pər vīz'/ *v.* (**su•per•vis•es**, **su•per•vised**, **su•per•vis•ing**) to direct and inspect the work or performance of. *Mother supervised our cooking.*

sup•ply•ing /sə plī' ɪŋ/ *v. prog. tense* (**sup•ply**, **sup•plies**, **sup•plied**) providing; furnishing; giving. *Who is supplying the lemonade for the picnic?*

su•preme /sōō prēm'/ *adj.* highest in rank or authority. *The highest court in the United States is the Supreme Court.*

sure•ly /shōōr' lē/ *adv.* **a.** undoubtedly; certainly. *Surely we will find a parking spot in this large lot!*
b. with skill; in an expert way. *Slowly but surely, Bob carved a beautiful horse from the soft wood.*

sur•veil•lance /sər vā' ləns/ *n.* the close observation of a person or group. *The detective had the man under surveillance.*

sur•vey¹ /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.*

sur•vey² /sūr' vā'/ *n.* **a.** a study or poll: *an opinion survey.* **b.** a measuring of land: *a geographical survey.*

sus•pect¹ /sə spēkt'/ *v.* **a.** to surmise to be true or probable; imagine. **b.** to have doubts about; distrust: *suspected his motives.*

sus•pect² /sūs' pēkt'/ *n.* one who is thought to have committed a crime. *The suspect was questioned by the police.*

sweat•shirt /swēt' shîrt'/ *n.* a heavy cotton pullover with long sleeves, often worn for exercise. *Grandpa wears a sweatshirt when he goes jogging.*

symp•tom /sîm' təm/ or /sîmp' təm/ *n.* a change in the normal working of the body that shows sickness. *A fever can be a symptom of illness.*

sys•tem /sîs' təm/ *n.* **a.** a group of things or parts that work together. *The circulatory system consists of the heart, the blood vessels, and the blood.*
b. an orderly way of doing things. *Use the system of keeping score that is easiest for you.* **c.** an arrangement; an order: *a system of government.*

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ĩ pit	ōō boot	pencil,
ī pie	ũ cut	gallop,
îr pier	ûr urge	circus



ta•ble•spoon /tā' bəl spōōn'/ *n.* a large spoon used to serve food or to measure ingredients. *A tablespoon is equal to three teaspoons.*

tal•ent /tāl' ənt/ *n.* special ability; natural skill. *She has a great talent for writing.*

tar•iff /tār' ɪf/ *n.* a system of taxes on imports or exports. *The Boston Tea Party was a protest against an English tariff on tea.*

tease /tēz/ *v.* (**teas•es**, **teased**, **teas•ing**) to bother or irritate by making jokes, asking questions, nudging, etc. *The sign at the zoo asked the visitors not to tease the animals.*

tea•spoon /tē' spōōn'/ *n.* the common small spoon used especially with beverages or for measuring. *Use a teaspoon to measure the ingredients.*



teaspoon

te•di•ous /tē' dē əs/ *adj.* tiresome; boring. *The politician's speech became so tedious that a few listeners got up to leave. [Latin taedium, tedium.]*

tele- a prefix that means "distance": *telegraph.*

tel•e•cast /těl' ə kăst/ *n.* a television broadcast:
a sports telecast.

tel•e•graph /těl' ə grăf/ *n.* a device for sending and receiving signals over an electrical wire. *In the code used on a telegraph, dots and dashes represent letters of the alphabet.* [Greek *tēle*, far off + *graphein*, to write.]

tel•e•phone /těl' ə fōn/ *n.* an instrument that reproduces or receives sound, especially speech at a distance.

tel•e•pho•to /těl' ə fō' tō/ *adj.* of, related to, or being a camera lens designed to give a large image of a distant object. *Use the telephoto lens to get a good picture of the area's plants.*



telephoto

tel•e•vi•sion /těl' ə vīzh' ən/ *n.* a system of sending images and sound through the air by electricity or the set that receives and shows them; TV. *We watched a nature special on television.* [Greek *tēle*, far off + Latin *vis-*, perfect stem of *vidēre*, to see.]

tem•po•rar•y /tēm' pə rēr' ē/ *adj.* (**tem•po•rar•i•ly**, *adv.*) lasting for a brief time; not permanent. *While our teacher was ill, we had a temporary teacher.*

ten•ant /tēn' ənt/ *n.* a person who pays rent for the use of a house, apartment, or other property. *In that tall apartment building there are several hundred tenants.* [Old French *tenir*, to hold.]

ten•sion /tēn' shən/ *n.* **a.** the process of stretching. *The heavy snow put tension on the electrical wires.* **b.** mental strain or stress. *There was a feeling of tension in the classroom before the test.*

ter•ri•ble /tēr' ə bəl/ *adj.* (**ter•ri•bly**, *adv.*)

a. causing terror or awe; alarming. *The monster in the movie was a terrible sight.* **b.** severe; intense; extreme. *The cold at the North Pole is terrible.*

ter•ri•to•ry /tēr' ī tōr' ē/ or /-tōr' ē/ *n.* (**ter•ri•to•ries** *pl.*) an area of land; a region. *Much of the territory in the central United States is used for farming.*

text /tĕkst/ *n.* **a.** written or printed words. *See the text under the map on page 73.* **b.** the words written by an author. *The novelist revised the text of the first chapter.*

their /thâr/ *adj.* the possessive form of **they**, used to show ownership. *They planned their vacation to the seashore months ago.*

theme /thēm/ *n.* **a.** a subject; a topic. *We selected school spirit as the theme of our discussion.* **b.** a short essay. *We write one theme a week in school.*

there¹ /thâr/ *adv.* at or in that place. *Let's walk over there and sit on the bench.*

there² /thâr/ *pron.* used to introduce a thought. *There were no mistakes.*

there•fore /thâr' fôr' / or /-fôr' *adv.* for that reason; consequently. *It turned the litmus paper blue; therefore, it must be a base.*

ther•mal /thûr' məl/ *adj.* producing or caused by heat. *Skiers wear thermal clothing to protect themselves from the cold.* [Greek *thermē*, heat.]

ther•mom•e•ter /thər mōm' ī tər/ *n.* an instrument that measures and indicates temperatures. *The liquid in a thermometer expands and rises in the tube as the temperature rises.* [Greek *thermē*, heat + *metron*, measure.]

ther•mo•stat /thûr' mə stăt'/ *n.* a device that automatically controls heating or cooling equipment. *The thermostat in our house keeps the temperature at 68 degrees.* [Greek *thermē*, heat + *-statēs*, one that causes to stand.]

they're /thâr/ contraction of **they are**. *They're going on the field trip.*

thief /thĕf/ *n.* (**thieves** *pl.*) one who steals. *Our neighbor's dog was the thief that took our newspaper from the porch.*

thought•less /thôt' līs/ *adj.* careless; inconsiderate. *It was thoughtless of you to invite only some of your friends.*

thoughtlessness /thôt' lĕs nĕs/ *n.* **a.** the quality of being careless or unthinking. **b.** the quality of being inconsiderate or inattentive. *She did not realize that her thoughtlessness hurt the young man's feelings.*

through /thrōō/ *prep.* **a.** in one side and out the opposite side. *Aleesha walked through the park to the library.* **b.** from the beginning to the end: *through the night.*

➤ **Through** sounds like **threw**.

through•out /thrōō out/ *prep.* **a.** during the entire time of. *Some states have warm weather throughout the year.* **b.** in every part of. *We looked for you throughout the building.*

thun•der•storm /thūn' dər stōrm/ *n.* a heavy rainstorm with lightning and thunder. *That tree was struck by lightning during the thunderstorm.*

-tion a suffix, used to form nouns, that means "an action or process": *absorption.*

fire•less /tīr' līs/ *adj.* not easily tired or fatigued. *Mother was tireless with her sewing project, spending hours on it until she finished.*

fire•some /tīr' sēm/ *adj.* tedious; boring. *Filing was the most tiresome part of the library job.*

tis•sue /tīsh' ōō/ *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.*

tomb /tōōm/ *n.* a burial place for the dead. *Egyptian pyramids are tombs.*

to•pog•ra•phy /tə pōg' rə fē, tō-/ *n.* (**-phies pl.**) detailed and precise description representing the exact physical features of a place or region on a map.

tox•ic /tōk' sīk/ *adj.* **a.** of or caused by a toxin or poison. **b.** harmful, destructive, or deadly.

traf•fic /trāf' ik/ *n.* the movement of people and vehicles. *There was very little traffic on the turnpike.*

trait /trāt/ *n.* a feature or characteristic. *We all inherit physical traits from our parents.*

treach•er•ous /trēch' ər əs/ *adj.* **a.** disloyal. *The spy was sentenced to jail for his treacherous behavior.* **b.** dangerous. *These steep walking paths are treacherous!*

tremen•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.*

trimmed /trīmd/ *v. p. tense (trim, trims, trim•ming)* made neat by cutting some away. *I trimmed the grass along the sidewalk.*

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

tri•umph¹ /trī' əmf/ *n.* a great victory. *Eliminating smallpox was a triumph of medicine.*

tri•umph² /trī' əmf/ *v.* to win; to achieve a victory; to succeed. *With practice, the team was able to triumph and win the tournament.*



triumph

tro•phy /trō' fē/ *n.* (**-phies pl.**) something received as a symbol of victory or achievement, often preserved as a memento.

trou•ble•some /trüb' əl səm/ *adj.* difficult; burdensome. *How can I get rid of these troublesome weeds in the garden?*

trou•sers /trou' zərz/ *n.* slacks or pants. *Many suits come with two pairs of trousers.*

tun•nel /tūn' əl/ *n.* a passage beneath the ground. *The mole dug a tunnel under the lawn.*

tur•bu•lent /tûr' byə lənt/ *adj.* disturbed or violently agitated. *The ocean became turbulent as the hurricane approached.*

tux•e•do /tûk sē' dō/ *n.* (-dos or -does *pl.*) **a.** a man's usually dark jacket with satin or grosgrain lapels worn for formal or semi-formal occasions. **b.** a complete outfit including a tuxedo jacket, black trousers with a stripe down the side, and a black bow tie. [After *Tuxedo Park*, New York.]

typ•i•cal /tîp' ī kəl/ *adj.* being a certain type; like others in its category. *Saturday was a typical rainy day.*



ul•ti•mate /ûl' tə mīt/ *adj.* **a.** farthest; last; final. *Being an outstanding teacher is my ultimate goal.* **b.** best; greatest. *Chess is the ultimate game of logic.*

under- a prefix that means "beneath" or "below in position": *underground.*

un•der•cov•er /ûn' dər kûv' ər/ *adj.* done in secret: *an undercover police investigation.*

un•der•es•ti•mate /ûn dər ɛs' tə māt'/ *v.* (-mates, -mat•ed, -mat•ing) to make too low an estimate of the quantity, degree, or worth of.

un•der•ground /ûn' dər ground'/ *adv.* below the surface of the earth. *The tunnel led to an underground cavern.*

un•der•line /ûn' dər lîn'/ *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•der•neath /ûn' dər nēth'/ *prep.* beneath; below; under. *Sean found the note that had been left underneath the doormat.*

un•der•pass /ûn' dər pās'/ *n.* a section of road that passes under another road or railroad. *The traffic noise echoed in the underpass.*

un•der•stand•a•ble /ûn' dər stānd' ə bəl/ *adj.* comprehensible. *Feeling sad when a pet runs away is understandable.*

un•der•stood¹ /ûn' dər stōod'/ *v.* *past tense of understand.* **a.** knew; comprehended. *Have you understood the explanation?* **b.** learned; heard. *I understood you were sick with the flu.*

un•der•stood² /ûn' dər stōod'/ *adj.* assumed; implied. *It is understood that all sales are final.*

un•for•tu•nate /ûn fôr' chə nīt/ *adj.* not fortunate; not lucky. *It is unfortunate that we missed the bus this morning.*

u•ni•form /yōō' nə fôr'm'/ *n.* the special clothes worn by persons of a particular order or service when they are on duty. *Police and firefighters wear uniforms so they will be recognized.* [Latin *ūnus*, one + *forma*, shape.]



uniform

un•ion /yōōn' yən/ *n.* **a.** a joining to make a single thing. *The nation called the United States was formed by the union of the original thirteen states.*

b. a group of workers formed to protect their interests with respect to wages and working conditions. *The union of postal employees accepted the new contract.* [Latin *ūnus*, one.]

u•ni•son /yōō' nī sən', -zən/ *n.* an instance of agreement; concord. —**idiom.** **in unison.** in complete agreement; harmonizing exactly.

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 /ûn nōn'/ *adj.* not known; strange; unfamiliar. *A stranger is an unknown person.*

un•pleas•ant /ûn plēz' ənt/ *adj.* not pleasant; disagreeable. *That medicine has an unpleasant taste.*

up•ward /ŭp' wərd/ *adv.* toward a higher place, level, or position. *The balloons floated upward when they were let go.*

u•su•al /yōō' zhōō əl/ *adj.* common; ordinary. *The usual tool for driving a nail is a hammer.*

u•su•al•ly /yōō' zhōō əl lē/ *adv.* (**u•su•al** *adj.*) frequently; commonly; customarily. *I usually do my homework as soon as I get home from school.*



va•ca•tion /vā kā' shən/ *n.* a period of time during which one is free from work or school. *My father gets a two-week vacation every year.*

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•ue /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.*

var•i•ous /vâr' ē əs/ or /vâr'-/ *adj.* of several different kinds; different. *I found shells of various sizes and shapes on the beach.*

veg•e•tar•i•an /vēj ĭ târ' ē ən/ *n.* **a.** a person who practices or advocates vegetarianism. **b.** consisting primarily of vegetables and vegetable products; containing little or no animal food: *a vegetarian diet.*

vel•vet /vēl' vīt/ *n.* a fabric with a soft, thick pile, often of silk, rayon, or wool. *I will wear my velvet dress to the dance.*

ver•sion /vûr' zhən, -shən/ *n.* a description, narration, or account related from a specific point of view. *Her version of the accident differed from his.* [OFr. < Med. Lat. *versio*, act of turning < Lat. *vertere*, to turn.]

vice pres•i•dent /vīs' prēz' ĭ dənt/ or /vīs' prēz' ĭ dēnt/ *n.* one who holds the second place in authority. *Alex ran for vice president of the student council.*

vic•to•ry /vīk' tərē/ *n.* (**vic•to•ries** *pl.*) the act of winning; the defeat of the opposite side; triumph in a battle or contest. *The home team scored its first victory last night.*

Pronunciation Key

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

vid•e•o /vīd' ē ō/ *adj.* of or used in the transmitting and receiving of television images. *Our local record store will soon carry a line of video equipment.*

vid•e•o /vīd' ē ō/ *n.* a videocassette tape; a recording on videotape. *Singers often create videos of their songs.*

vid•e•o•tape /vīd' ē ō tāp/ *n.* a recording made on a special kind of magnetic tape. *Did you make a videotape of your birthday party?*

vig•or•ous•ly /vīg' ər əs lē/ *adv.* in a forceful manner; strenuously. *She vigorously swam the last lap in the race.*

vil•lain /vīl' ən/ *n.* a wicked or evil character. *When the villain appeared onstage, the audience booed.*

vis•i•ble /vīz' ə bəl/ *adj.* able to be seen. *Because of the fog, the lights were no longer visible.*

vi•sion /vīzh' ən/ *n.* **a.** something that is or has been seen. *Jan was a vision of beauty in her costume.* **b.** the sense of sight. *He has perfect vision in both eyes.*

vis•i•tor /vīz' ĭ tər/ *n.* a person who visits. *The visitor brought flowers.*

vis•u•al /vīzh' yōō əl/ *adj.* capable of being seen; visible. *The laser light show was a visual treat for the audience.*

vi•va•cious /vī vā' shəs/ or /vī vā' shəs/ *adj.* animated; perky; lively; full of energy. *The vivacious little child ran from one toy to another in the playroom.*

vol•ley•ball /vōl' ē bōl/ *n.* a game played by hitting an inflated ball back and forth over a net. *Volleyball is an Olympic sport.*

vol•un•tar•y /vŏl' ən tēr' ē/ *adj.* (**vol•un•tar•i•ly**, *adv.*) done by choice or on purpose. *He made a voluntary decision to stay home and study.*

vol•un•teer /vŏl' 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.*

voy•age /voi' ij/ *n.* a journey by water or through air or space. *Christopher Columbus made a famous voyage to America.*



-ward a suffix, used to form adverbs or adjectives, that means "in a specified direction": *downward*.

wa•ter•proof /wŏt' tər prŏf'/ *adj.* unaffected by water. *The raincoat is made from waterproof material.*

weath•er•beat•en /wēth' ər-bēt' n/ *adj.* worn or damaged by exposure to weather. *Grandpa tore down the weather-beaten shed.*

weath•er•proof /wēth' ər prŏf'/ *adj.* able to be exposed to weather without damage. *Most houses need weatherproof paint.*

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.*

weird /wîrd/ *adj.* strange; odd. *The large group in costumes was a weird sight.*

well-known /wēl' nŏn'/ *adj.* widely known; familiar or famous.

west•ward /wēst' wŏrd/ *adv.* toward the west; in a westerly direction. *The wagon train rumbled slowly westward.*

whole•some /hŏl' səm/ *adj.* healthful. *The doctor gave us advice on the importance of exercise and wholesome meals.*

won•der•ful /wŭn' dər fəl/ *adj.* excellent; remarkable; marvelous. *What a wonderful sight the sunset is today!*

won•drous /wŭn' drəs/ *adj.* wonderful. *The meteor shower is a wondrous event.*

word pro•ces•sing /wŭrd' prŏ' sēs' ñg/ *n.* a system of producing typewritten documents by use of automated typewriters and electronic text-editing equipment.

wor•ri•some /wŭr' ē səm/ or /wŭr'-/ *adj.* causing concern or worry. *His jammed locker was a worrisome problem all day.*

worth•less /wŭrth' līs/ *adj.* without worth or value. *The photographs were worthless to everyone but the family members.*

would•'ve would have.

wound¹ /wŏond/ *n.* an injury to the body. *The doctor put a bandage on the wound.*

wound² /wound/ *v.* past tense and past participle of *wind*. **a.** wrapped or coiled around. *He wound the thread around the spool.* **b.** turned or cranked. *Grandma wound her alarm clock to set the time.*

wrist•watch /rĭst' wŏch'/ *n.* a watch worn on a band that fastens around the wrist. *The child was excited to get her first wristwatch.*



wristwatch

writ•er /rĭ' tər/ *n.* **a.** a person who writes. *She is the best writer in our class.* **b.** a person whose profession is writing. *The author has been a writer for twenty years.*



xy•lo•phone /zĭ' lə fŏn'/ *n.* a musical instrument with a series of metal or wooden plates arranged in rows and struck with one or two small hammers. *The xylophone had a pleasant sound.*



yield /yēld/ *v.* to surrender; to give up. *A traffic sign that says "yield" warns drivers to surrender the right of way.*