

VOA Special English Word Book

The Parts of Speech

- n. **(noun)** - a name word
- v. **(verb)** - an action word
- ad. **(adjective/adverb)** - a describing word
- prep. **(preposition)** - a word used to show a relation
- pro. **(pronoun)** - a word used in place of a noun
- conj. **(conjunction)** - a joining word

A

- **a (an)** - ad. one; any; each
- **able** - v. having the power to do something
- **about** - ad. almost ("*about half*"); of or having a relation to ("*We talk about the weather.*")
- **above** - ad. at a higher place
- **abuse** - n. bad treatment causing harm or injury
- **accept** - v. to agree to receive
- **accident** - n. something that happens by chance or mistake; an unplanned event
- **accuse** - v. to say a person is responsible for an act or crime; to make a statement against someone
- **across** - ad. from side to side; to the other side
- **act** - v. to do something
- **activist** - n. one who seeks change through action
- **actor** - n. someone acting in a play or show
- **add** - v. to put (something) with another to make it larger; to say more
- **administration** - n. the executive part of a government, usually headed by a president or prime minister
- **admit** - v. to accept ("*admitted to the United Nations*"); to express one's guilt or responsibility ("*He admitted that what he did was wrong.*")
- **adult** - n. a grown person
- **advertise** - v. to show or present the qualities of a product to increase sales
- **advise** - v. to help with information, knowledge or ideas in making a decision
- **affect** - v. to produce an effect on; to influence ("*A lack of sleep affected the singer's performance.*")
- **afraid** - ad. feeling fear
- **after** - ad. later; behind
- **again** - ad. another time; as before
- **against** - ad. opposed to; not agreeing with something
- **age** - n. how old a person or thing is
- **agency** - n. an organization that is part of a larger group ("*an agency of the United Nations*")
- **aggression** - n. an attack against a person or country; the violation of a country's borders
- **ago** - ad. of time past; before now
- **agree** - v. to have the same belief as someone; to be willing to do something
- **agriculture** - n. farming
- **aid** - v. to help; to support; n. help, assistance
- **aim** - v. to point a gun at; n. a goal or purpose

- **air** - n. the mixture of gases around the earth, mostly nitrogen and oxygen, that we breathe
- **air force** - n. a military organization using airplanes
- **airplane** - n. a vehicle with wings that flies
- **airport** - n. a place where airplanes take off and land
- **album** - n. a collection of recorded music
- **alcohol** - n. a strong, colorless liquid, usually made from grain, used as a drug or in industrial products
- **alive** - ad. having life; not dead
- **all** - ad. everything; everyone; the complete amount
- **ally** - n. a nation or person joined with another for a special purpose
- **almost** - ad. a little less than completely
- **alone** - ad. separated from others
- **along** - ad. near or on ("*along the road*")
- **already** - ad. before now; even now
- **also** - ad. added to; too
- **although** - conj. even if it is true that
- **always** - ad. at all times; every time
- **ambassador** - n. a nation's highest diplomatic representative (to another government)
- **amend** - v. to add to or to change (a proposal or law)
- **ammunition** - n. the bullets or shells fired from guns
- **among** - ad. in or part of (a group)
- **amount** - n. the number, size or weight of anything
- **anarchy** - n. a lack of order; lawlessness
- **ancestor** - n. a family member from the past
- **ancient** - ad. very old; long ago
- **and** - conj. also; in addition to; with
- **anger** - n. a strong emotion against someone or something
- **animal** - n. a living creature that moves, such as a dog or cat
- **anniversary** - n. a yearly celebration or observance of an event that happened in the past
- **announce** - v. to make known publicly; to declare officially
- **another** - ad. one more; a different one
- **answer** - n. a statement produced by a question; v. to make a statement after being asked a question
- **any** - ad. one or more of no special kind
- **apologize** - v. to express regret for a mistake or accident for which one accepts responsibility
- **appeal** - v. to take to a higher court, person or group for a decision; to call on somebody for help
- **appear** - v. to show oneself; to come into sight; to seem
- **appoint** - v. to name; to choose ("*appoint a judge*")
- **approve** - v. to agree with; to agree to support
- **archeology** - n. the scientific study of past human life and activities
- **area** - n. any place or part of it
- **argue** - v. to offer reasons for or against something; to dispute; to disagree
- **arms** - n. military equipment; weapons
- **army** - n. military ground forces
- **around** - ad. on every side (of)
- **arrest** - v. to seize a person for legal action; to take as a prisoner
- **arrive** - v. to come to a place, especially at the end of a trip
- **art** - n. expressions or creations by humans, such as paintings, music, writing or statues
- **artillery** - n. big guns

- **as** - conj. equally ("*as fast as*"); when; while
- **ash** - n. the part left after something burns
- **ask** - v. to question; to say something is wanted ("*We ask the teacher questions every day.*")
- **assist** - v. to help
- **astronaut** - n. a person who travels in space
- **astronomy** - n. the scientific study of stars and the universe
- **asylum** - n. political protection given by a government to a person from another country
- **at** - prep. in or near ("*at the edge*"); where ("*look at*"); when ("*at noon*")
- **atmosphere** - n. the gases surrounding any star or planet
- **attach** - v. to tie together; to connect
- **attack** - n. a violent attempt to damage, injure or kill; v. to start a fight
- **attempt** - v. to work toward something; to try; to make an effort
- **attend** - v. to be present at
- **attention** - n. close or careful observing of, or listening to, someone or something ("*The student paid attention to his teacher.*")
- **automobile** - n. a vehicle with wheels used to carry people; a car
- **autumn** - n. the time of the year between summer and winter
- **available** - ad. present and ready for use; willing to serve or help. ("*There was a list of available candidates.*")
- **average** - n. something (a number) representing the middle; ad. common; normal
- **avoid** - v. to stay away from
- **awake** - ad. not sleeping
- **award** - n. an honor or prize for an act or service
- **away** - ad. not near

B

- **baby** - n. a newly born creature
- **back** - n. the part behind the front; ad. the other way from forward
- **bad** - ad. wrong; acting against the law; not good
- **balance** - v. to make two sides or forces equal
- **ball** - n. something round
- **balloon** - n. a device of strong, light material that rises when filled with gas lighter than air
- **ballot** - n. a piece of paper used for voting
- **ban** - v. to not permit; to stop; n. an official restriction
- **bank** - n. an organization that keeps and lends money
- **bar** - v. to prevent or block
- **barrier** - n. anything that blocks or makes an action difficult
- **base** - n. a military center; v. to establish as a fact ("*Her research was based on experiments.*")
- **battle** - n. a fight between opposing armed forces
- **be** - v. to live; to happen; to exist
- **beat** - v. to hit again and again
- **beauty** - n. that which pleases the eye, ear or spirit
- **because** - prep. for the reason that ("*He left because he was sick.*")
- **become** - v. to come to be
- **bed** - n. a sleeping place
- **before** - prep. earlier
- **begin** - v. to do the first part of an action; to start
- **behavior** - n. the way in which a person or animal acts ("*The child's behavior was bad*")

because he fought with other children.")

- **behind** - ad. at the back of; in back of
- **believe** - v. to think; to feel sure of; to accept as true; to trust
- **belong** - v. to be owned by; to be a member of
- **below** - ad. lower than
- **best** - ad. the most good
- **betray** - v. to turn against; to be false to
- **better** - ad. more good than
- **between** - ad. in the space or time that separates; from one to the other (*"talks between two nations"*)
- **big** - ad. of great size; not small
- **bill** - n. a legislative proposal
- **biology** - n. the scientific study of life or living things in all their forms
- **bird** - n. a creature that flies
- **bite** - v. to cut with the teeth
- **black** - ad. dark; having the color like that of the night sky
- **blame** - v. to accuse; to hold responsible
- **bleed** - v. to lose blood
- **blind** - ad. not able to see
- **block** - v. to stop something from being done; to prevent movement
- **blood** - n. red fluid in the body
- **blow** - v. to move with force, as in air (*"The wind blows."*)
- **blue** - ad. having the color like that of a clear sky
- **boat** - n. something built to travel on water that carries people or goods
- **body** - n. all of a person or animal; the remains of a person or animal
- **boil** - v. to heat a liquid until it becomes very hot
- **bomb** - n. a device that explodes with great force; v. to attack or destroy with bombs
- **bone** - n. the hard material in the body
- **book** - n. a long written work for reading
- **border** - n. a dividing line between nations
- **born** - v. to come to life; to come into existence
- **borrow** - v. to take as a loan
- **both** - ad. not just one of two, but the two together
- **bottle** - n. a container, usually made of glass, to hold liquid
- **bottom** - ad. the lowest part of something
- **box** - n. something to put things into; a container, usually made of paper or wood
- **boy** - n. a young male person
- **boycott** - v. to refuse to take part in or deal with
- **brain** - n. the control center of thought, emotions and body activity of all creatures
- **brave** - ad. having no fear
- **bread** - n. a food made from grain
- **break** - v. to divide into parts by force; to destroy
- **breathe** - v. to take air into the body and let it out again
- **bridge** - n. a structure built over a waterway, valley or road so people and vehicles can cross from one side to the other
- **brief** - ad. short; not long
- **bright** - ad. giving much light; strong and clear in color
- **bring** - v. to come with something
- **broadcast** - v. to send information, stories or music by radio or television; n. a radio or television program
- **brother** - n. a male with the same father or mother as another person

- **brown** - ad. having the color like that of coffee
- **budget** - n. a spending plan
- **build** - v. to join materials together to make something
- **building** - n. anything built for use as a house, factory, office, school, store or place of entertainment
- **bullet** - n. a small piece of metal shot from a gun
- **burn** - v. to be on fire; to destroy or damage by fire
- **burst** - v. to break open suddenly
- **bury** - v. to put into the ground and cover with earth
- **bus** - n. a public vehicle to carry people
- **business** - n. one's work; buying and selling to earn money; trade
- **busy** - ad. doing something; very active
- **but** - conj. however; other than; yet
- **buy** - v. to get by paying something, usually money
- **by** - conj. near; at; next to ("*by the road*"); from ("*a play by William Shakespeare*"); not later than ("*by midnight*")

C

- **cabinet** - n. a group of ministers that helps lead a government
- **call** - v. to give a name to ("*I call myself John.*"); to ask for or request ("*They called for an end to the fighting.*")
- **calm** - ad. quiet; peaceful; opposite tense
- **camera** - n. a device for taking pictures
- **camp** - n. a place with temporary housing
- **campaign** - n. a competition by opposing political candidates seeking support from voters; a connected series of military actions during a war
- **can** - v. to be able to; to have the right to; n. a container used to hold liquid or food, usually made of metal
- **cancel** - v. to end; to stop
- **cancer** - n. a disease in which dangerous cells grow quickly and destroy parts of the body
- **candidate** - n. a person who seeks or is nominated for an office or an honor
- **capital** - n. the official center of a government; the city where a country's government is
- **capture** - v. to make a person or animal a prisoner; to seize or take by force; to get control of
- **car** - n. a vehicle with wheels used to carry people; an automobile; a part of a train
- **care** - v. to like; to protect; to feel worry or interest
- **career** - n. a chosen profession; a person's working life ("*The actor's career lasted for thirty years.*")
- **careful** - ad. acting safely; with much thought
- **carry** - v. to take something or someone from one place to another
- **case (court)** - n. a legal action
- **case (medical)** - n. an incident of disease ("*There was only one case of chicken pox at the school.*")
- **cat** - n. a small animal that often lives with humans
- **catch** - v. to seize after a chase; to stop and seize with the hands
- **cause** - v. to make happen; n. the thing or person that produces a result
- **ceasefire** - n. a halt in fighting, usually by agreement
- **celebrate** - v. to honor a person or event with special activities
- **center** - n. the middle of something; the place in the middle; a place that is the main point of an activity
- **century** - n. one hundred years

- **ceremony** - n. an act or series of acts done in a special way established by tradition
- **chairman** - n. a person leading a meeting or an organized group
- **champion** - n. the best; the winner
- **chance** - n. a possibility of winning or losing or that something will happen
- **change** - v. to make different; to become different
- **charge** - v. to accuse someone of something, usually a crime; n. a statement in which someone is accused of something
- **chase** - v. to run or go after someone or something
- **cheat** - v. to get by a trick; to steal from
- **cheer** - v. to shout approval or praise
- **chemicals** - n. elements found in nature or made by people; substances used in the science of chemistry
- **chemistry** - n. the scientific study of substances, what they are made of, how they act under different conditions, and how they form other substances
- **chief** - n. the head or leader of a group; ad. leading; most important
- **child** - n. a baby; a boy or girl
- **children** - n. more than one child
- **choose** - v. to decide between two or more
- **circle** - n. a closed shape that has all its points equally distant from the center, like an "O"
- **citizen** - n. a person who is a member of a country by birth or by law
- **city** - n. any important large town
- **civilian** - ad. not military
- **civil rights** - n. the political, economic and social rights given equally to all people of a nation
- **claim** - v. to say something as a fact
- **clash** - n. a battle; v. to fight or oppose
- **class** - n. a group of students who meet to study the same subject; also, a social or economic group. (*"They were members of the middle class."*)
- **clean** - v. to make pure; ad. free from dirt or harmful substances (*"clean water"*)
- **clear** - ad. easy to see or see through; easily understood
- **clergy** - n. a body of officials within a religious organization
- **climate** - n. the normal weather conditions of a place
- **climb** - v. to go up or down something by using the feet and sometimes the hands
- **clock** - n. a device that measures and shows time
- **close** - v. to make something not open; ad. near to
- **cloth** - n. a material made from plants, chemicals, animal hair and other substances
- **clothes** - n. what people wear
- **cloud** - n. a mass of fog high in the sky
- **coal** - n. a solid black substance used as fuel
- **coalition** - n. forces, groups or nations joined together
- **coast** - n. land on the edge of the ocean
- **coffee** - n. a drink made from the plant of the same name
- **cold** - ad. not warm; having or feeling great coolness or a low temperature
- **collapse** - v. to fall down or inward suddenly; to break down or fail suddenly in strength, health or power. (*"The building collapsed in the earthquake."* *"The government collapsed after a vote in parliament."*)
- **collect** - v. to bring or gather together in one place; to demand and receive (*"collect taxes"*)
- **college** - n. a small university
- **colony** - n. land controlled by another country or government
- **color** - n. the different effects of light on the eye, making blue, red, brown, black, yellow

and others

- **combine** - v. to mix or bring together
- **come** - v. to move toward; to arrive
- **command** - v. to order; to have power over something
- **comment** - v. to say something about; to express an opinion about something
- **committee** - n. a group of people given special work
- **common** - ad. usual; same for all ("*a common purpose*")
- **communicate** - v. to tell; to give or exchange information
- **community** - n. a group of people living together in one place or area
- **company** - n. a business organized for trade, industrial or other purposes
- **compare** - v. to examine what is different or similar
- **compete** - v. to try to do as well as, or better than, another or others
- **complete** - ad. having all parts; ended or finished
- **complex** - ad. of or having many parts that are difficult to understand; not simple
- **compromise** - n. the settlement of an argument where each side agrees to accept less than first demanded
- **computer** - n. an electronic machine for storing and organizing information, and for communicating with others
- **concern** - n. interest, worry ("*express concern about*"); v. to fear ("*to be concerned*")
- **condemn** - v. to say a person or action is wrong or bad
- **condition** - n. something declared necessary to complete an agreement; a person's health
- **conference** - n. a meeting
- **confirm** - v. to approve; to say that something is true
- **conflict** - n. a fight; a battle, especially a long one
- **congratulate** - v. to praise a person or to express pleasure for success or good luck
- **Congress** - n. the organization of people elected to make the laws of the United States (the House of Representatives and the Senate); a similar organization in other countries
- **connect** - v. to join one thing to another; to unite; to link
- **conservative** - n. one who usually supports tradition and opposes great change
- **consider** - v. to give thought to; to think about carefully
- **constitution** - n. the written general laws and ideas that form a nation's system of government
- **contact** - n. the act of touching or being close to a person or thing ("*He was in contact with animals that had the disease.*") v. to meet or communicate with ("*He wanted to contact his local official.*")
- **contain** - v. to hold; to include
- **container** - n. a box, bottle or can used to hold something
- **continent** - n. any of the seven great land areas of the world
- **continue** - v. to go on doing or being
- **control** - v. to direct; to have power over
- **convention** - n. a large meeting for a special purpose
- **cook** - v. to heat food before eating it
- **cool** - ad. almost cold
- **cooperate** - v. to act or work together
- **copy** - v. to make something exactly like another; n. something made to look exactly like another
- **corn** - n. a food grain
- **correct** - ad. true; free from mistakes; v. to change to what is right
- **corruption** - n. actions taken to gain money or power that are legally or morally wrong
- **cost** - n. the price or value of something ("*The cost of the book is five dollars.*"); v. to be valued at ("*The book costs five dollars.*")

- **cotton** - n. a material made from a plant of the same name
- **count** - v. to speak or add numbers
- **country** - n. a nation; the territory of a nation; land away from cities
- **court** - n. where trials take place; where judges make decisions about law
- **cover** - v. to put something over a person or thing; n. anything that is put over a person or thing
- **cow** - n. a farm animal used for its milk
- **crash** - v. to fall violently; to hit with great force
- **create** - v. to make; to give life or form to
- **creature** - n. any living being; any animal or human
- **credit** - n. an agreement that payments will be made at a later time
- **crew** - n. a group of people working together
- **crime** - n. an act that violates a law
- **criminal** - n. a person who is responsible for a crime
- **crisis** - n. an extremely important time when something may become much better or worse; a dangerous situation
- **criticize** - v. to say what is wrong with something or someone; to condemn; to judge
- **crops** - n. plants that are grown and gathered for food, such as grains, fruits and vegetables
- **cross** - v. to go from one side to another; to go across
- **crowd** - n. a large number of people gathered in one place
- **crush** - v. to damage or destroy by great weight; to defeat completely
- **cry** - v. to express or show sorrow or pain
- **culture** - n. all the beliefs, traditions and arts of a group or population
- **cure** - v. to improve health; to make well (*"The doctor can cure the disease."*); n. something that makes a sick person well (*"Antibiotics are a cure for infection."*)
- **curfew** - n. an order to people to stay off the streets or to close their businesses
- **current** - n. movement of air, water or electricity; ad. belonging to the present time (*"She found the report in a current publication."*)
- **custom** - n. a long-established belief or activity of a people
- **customs** - n. taxes on imports
- **cut** - v. to divide or injure with a sharp tool; to make less; to reduce

D

- **dam** - n. a wall built across a river to hold back flowing water
- **damage** - v. to cause injury or destruction; n. harm; hurt or injury, usually to things
- **dance** - v. to move the body and feet to music; n. a series of steps, usually to music
- **danger** - n. a strong chance of suffering injury, damage or loss
- **dark** - ad. having little or no light (*"The room was dark."*)
- **date** - n. an expression of time; a day, month and year
- **daughter** - n. a person's female child
- **day** - n. twenty-four hours; the hours of sunlight
- **dead** - ad. not living
- **deaf** - ad. not able to hear
- **deal** - v. to have to do with (*"The talks will deal with the problem of pollution."*); to buy or sell (*"Her company deals in plastic."*)
- **debate** - v. to argue for or against something; n. a public discussion or argument
- **debt** - n. something that is owed; the condition of owing
- **decide** - v. to choose; to settle; to judge
- **declare** - v. to say; to make a statement

- **decrease** - v. to make less in size or amount
- **deep** - ad. going far down; a long way from top to bottom
- **defeat** - v. to cause to lose in a battle or struggle; n. a loss; the condition of having lost
- **defend** - v. to guard or fight against attack; to protect
- **deficit** - n. a shortage that results when spending is greater than earnings, or imports are greater than exports
- **define** - v. to give the meaning of; to explain
- **degree** - n. a measure of temperature
- **delay** - v. to decide to do something at a later time; to postpone; to cause to be late
- **delegate** - n. one sent to act for another; one who represents another
- **demand** - v. to ask by ordering; to ask with force
- **democracy** - n. the system of government in which citizens vote to choose leaders or to make other important decisions
- **demonstrate** - v. to make a public show of opinions or feelings (*"The crowd demonstrated in support of human rights."*); to explain by using examples (*"The teacher demonstrated the idea with an experiment."*)
- **denounce** - v. to accuse of being wrong or evil; to criticize severely
- **deny** - v. to declare that something is not true; to refuse a request
- **depend** - v. to need help and support
- **deplore** - v. to regret strongly; to express sadness
- **deploy** - v. to move forces or weapons into positions for action
- **depression** - n. severe unhappiness; a period of reduced business and economic activity during which many people lose their jobs
- **describe** - v. to give a word picture of something; to give details of something
- **desert** - n. a dry area of land
- **design** - v. to plan or create plans for
- **desire** - v. to want very much; to wish for
- **destroy** - v. to break into pieces; to end the existence of
- **detail** - n. a small part of something; a small piece of information
- **detain** - v. to keep or hold (*"The police detained several suspects for questioning."*)
- **develop** - v. to grow; to create; to experience progress
- **device** - n. a piece of equipment made for a special purpose
- **dictator** - n. a ruler with complete power
- **die** - v. to become dead; to stop living; to end
- **diet** - n. usual daily food and drink
- **different** - ad. not the same
- **difficult** - ad. not easy; hard to do, make or carry out
- **dig** - v. to make a hole in the ground
- **dinner** - n. the main amount of food eaten at a usual time (*"The family had its dinner at noon."*); a special event that includes food (*"The official dinner took place at the White House."*)
- **diplomat** - n. a person who represents his or her government in dealing with another government
- **direct** - v. to lead; to aim or show the way (*"He directed me to the theater."*); ad. straight to something; not through some other person or thing (*"The path is direct."*)
- **direction** - n. the way (east, west, north, south); where someone or something came from or went to
- **dirt** - n. earth or soil
- **disappear** - v. to become unseen; to no longer exist
- **disarm** - v. to take away weapons; to no longer keep weapons; to make a bomb harmless by removing its exploding device

- **disaster** - n. an event causing widespread destruction or loss of life, such as an earthquake or plane crash
- **discover** - v. to find or learn something
- **discrimination** - n. unfair treatment or consideration based on opinions about a whole group instead of on the qualities of an individual. (*"He was accused of discrimination against people from other countries."*)
- **discuss** - v. to talk about; to exchange ideas
- **disease** - n. a sickness in living things, often caused by viruses, germs or bacteria
- **dismiss** - v. to send away; to refuse to consider
- **dispute** - v. to oppose strongly by argument; n. an angry debate
- **dissident** - n. a person who strongly disagrees with his or her government
- **distance** - n. the amount of space between two places or objects (*"The distance from my house to your house is two kilometers."*)
- **dive** - v. to jump into water head first
- **divide** - v. to separate into two or more parts
- **do** - v. to act; to make an effort
- **doctor** - n. a person trained in medicine to treat sick people
- **document** - n. an official piece of paper with facts written on it, used as proof or support of something
- **dog** - n. a small animal that often lives with humans
- **dollar** - n. United States money, one hundred cents
- **donate** - v. to present something as a gift to an organization, country or cause. (*"She donated money to the Red Cross to help survivors of the earthquake."*)
- **door** - n. an opening for entering or leaving a building or room
- **double** - v. to increase two times as much in size, strength or number
- **down** - ad. from higher to lower; in a low place
- **dream** - v. to have a picture or story in the mind during sleep; n. a picture or story in the mind during sleep; a happy idea about the future
- **drink** - v. to take liquid into the body through the mouth
- **drive** - v. to control a moving vehicle
- **drop** - v. to fall or let fall; to go lower
- **drown** - v. to die under water
- **drug** - n. anything used as a medicine or in making medicine; a chemical substance used to ease pain or to affect the mind
- **dry** - ad. not wet; without rain
- **during** - ad. through the whole time; while (something is happening)
- **dust** - n. pieces of matter so small that they can float in the air
- **duty** - n. one's job or responsibility; what one must do because it is right and just

E

- **each** - ad. every one by itself
- **early** - ad. at or near the beginning, especially the beginning of the day; opposite late
- **earn** - v. to be paid in return for work done
- **earth** - n. the planet we all live on; the ground or soil
- **earthquake** - n. a sudden, violent shaking of the earth's surface
- **ease** - v. to reduce; to make less difficult
- **east** - n. the direction from which the sun rises
- **easy** - ad. not difficult; not hard to do
- **eat** - v. to take food into the body through the mouth
- **ecology** - n. the scientific study of the environment and links among living and material things

- **economy** - n. the system by which money, industry and trade are organized
- **edge** - n. the line where something ends or begins
- **education** - n. the act of teaching
- **effect** - n. the result or change caused by something (*"The storm had a serious effect on the economy."*)
- **effort** - n. an attempt; the work necessary to do something
- **egg** - n. the rounded object containing unborn young produced by female birds, fish or reptiles; a single cell in a female person or animal that can develop into a baby
- **either** - ad. one of two, but not the other
- **elect** - v. to choose by voting
- **electricity** - n. a form of energy that flows through wires to provide heat and light, and power to machines
- **embassy** - n. the offices of an ambassador and his or her assistants
- **embryo** - n. a human or animal in the earliest stages of its development
- **emergency** - n. an unexpected and dangerous situation demanding quick action
- **emotion** - n. a strong feeling such as love, hate, fear or sadness
- **employ** - v. to give work in return for wages
- **empty** - ad. having nothing inside; v. to remove everything
- **end** - v. to stop; to finish; n. the part which comes last
- **enemy** - n. a person opposing or hating another; a person or people of the other side in a war
- **energy** - n. power used to do work, usually with machines; the ability and willingness to be active
- **enforce** - v. to make something be done
- **engine** - n. a machine that uses energy to cause movement or to do work
- **engineer** - n. a person who designs engines, machines, roads, bridges or railroads
- **enjoy** - v. to be pleased or satisfied by something
- **enough** - ad. as much as necessary; pro. the amount needed
- **enter** - v. to come or go into
- **environment** - n. all surrounding things, conditions and influences that affect life; the natural world of land, sea, air, plants and animals
- **equal** - ad. the same in amount, size, weight or value; having the same rights
- **equipment** - n. things, tools or machines needed for a purpose or activity
- **escape** - v. to get free; to get away from; to get out of
- **especially** - ad. more than others (*"We liked the food, especially the fish."*)
- **establish** - v. to bring into existence; to create
- **estimate** - v. to form an opinion about a value, size or amount using less than complete information
- **ethnic** - ad. of or concerning people belonging to a large group because of their race, religion, language, tribe or where their ancestors lived
- **evaporate** - v. to change from a liquid into a gas
- **even** - ad. in a way not thought possible (*"They survived, even though the building was destroyed."*)
- **event** - n. that which happens, especially something of importance
- **ever** - ad. at any time
- **every** - ad. each one; all
- **evidence** - n. material or facts that prove something; a reason for believing
- **evil** - ad. not good; extremely bad
- **exact** - ad. having no mistakes; correct in every detail
- **examine** - v. to study closely
- **example** - n. a part that shows what the rest of a thing or group is like

- **excellent** - ad. extremely good
- **except** - prep. but for
- **exchange** - v. to trade; to give or receive one thing for another
- **excuse** - v. to take away blame; to pardon; to forgive; n. a reason (sometimes false) for an action
- **execute** - v. to kill
- **exercise** - n. an activity or effort for the purpose of improving the body or to stay in good health
- **exile** - v. to force a person to leave his or her country; to expel; n. a person who is forced to leave his or her country
- **exist** - v. to be; to live
- **expand** - v. to make larger; to grow larger
- **expect** - v. to think or believe that something will happen; to wait for an event
- **expel** - v. to force out; to remove from; to send away
- **experience** - v. to live through an event, situation or condition (*"She experienced great pain."*); n. something that one has done or lived through (*"The experience caused her great pain."*)
- **experiment** - v. to test; n. a test or trial carried out to prove if an idea is true or false, or to discover something
- **expert** - n. a person with special knowledge or training
- **explain** - v. to give reasons for; to make clear; to tell about; to tell the meaning
- **explode** - v. to break apart violently with a loud noise, like a bomb
- **explore** - v. to travel in a place that is not well known to learn more about it; to make a careful search; to examine closely
- **export** - v. to send to another country; n. something sent to another country, usually for sale
- **express** - v. to say clearly
- **extend** - v. to stretch out in area or length; to continue for a longer time
- **extra** - ad. more than normal, expected or necessary
- **extraordinary** - ad. far greater or better than the usual or normal
- **extreme** - ad. more than the usual or accepted
- **extremist** - n. a person with strong religious or political beliefs who acts in an extreme or violent way

F

- **face** - n. the front of the head: eyes, nose, mouth; v. to look toward; to turn toward; to have before you, such as a problem or danger
- **fact** - n. something known or proved to be true
- **factory** - n. a building or group of buildings where goods are made
- **fail** - v. to not succeed; to not reach a goal
- **fair** - ad. just; honest; what is right
- **fall** - v. to go down quickly; to come down; to drop to the ground or a lower position
- **false** - ad. not true; not correct
- **family** - n. the group that includes children and their parents
- **famous** - ad. known very well to many people
- **fan** - n. a person who actively supports a sport, activity or performer (*"The baseball fan attended every game his team played."*)
- **far** - ad. at, to or from a great distance
- **farm** - n. land used to grow crops and animals for food
- **fast** - ad. moving or working at great speed; quick
- **fat** - n. tissue in the bodies of humans and animals used to store energy and to keep

- warm; ad. thick; heavy
- **father** - n. the male parent; a man who has a child or children
 - **favorite** - ad. liked more than others (*"Ice cream was her favorite food."*)
 - **fear** - v. to be afraid; to worry that something bad is near or may happen (*"He feared falling down."*); n. a strong emotion when there is danger or trouble (*"He had a fear that he would fall down."*)
 - **federal** - ad. of or having to do with a national or central government
 - **feed** - v. to give food to
 - **feel** - v. to have or experience an emotion; to know by touching
 - **female** - n. a woman or girl; the sex that gives birth; ad. of or about women
 - **fence** - n. something around an area of land to keep animals or people in or out
 - **fertile** - ad. rich in production of plants or animals; producing much
 - **few** - ad. not many; a small number of
 - **field** - n. an area of open land, usually used to grow crops or to raise animals
 - **fierce** - ad. extremely strong; violent; angry
 - **fight** - v. to use violence or force; to attempt to defeat or destroy an enemy; n. the use of force; a battle
 - **fill** - v. to put or pour something into a container until there is space for no more
 - **film** - v. to record something so it can be seen again; to make a motion picture or movie; n. a thin piece of material for making pictures with a camera; a movie
 - **final** - ad. at the end; last
 - **financial** - ad. of or about the system that includes the use of money, credit, investments and banks
 - **find** - v. to discover or learn something by searching or by accident; to decide a court case (*"The jury finds the man guilty of murder."*)
 - **fine** - n. a payment ordered by a court to punish someone for a crime; ad. very good; very small or thin
 - **finish** - v. to complete; to end
 - **fire** - v. to shoot a gun; n. the heat and light produced by something burning
 - **fireworks** - n. rockets producing bright fire in the sky, used in holiday celebrations
 - **firm** - ad. not easily moved or changed (*"She is firm in her opinion."*)
 - **first** - ad. coming before all others
 - **fish** - n. a creature that lives and can breathe in water
 - **fit** - v. to be of the correct size or shape (*"These shoes fit my feet."*)
 - **fix** - v. to make good or right again
 - **flag** - n. a piece of colored cloth used to represent a nation, government or organization
 - **flat** - ad. smooth; having no high places
 - **flee** - v. to run away from
 - **float** - v. to be on water without sinking; to move or be moved gently on water or through air
 - **flood** - v. to cover with water; n. the movement of water out of a river, lake or ocean onto land
 - **floor** - n. the bottom part of a room for walking on (*"The book fell to the floor."*); the level of a building (*"The fire was on the first floor."*)
 - **flow** - v. to move like a liquid
 - **flower** - n. the colored part of plants that carry seeds
 - **fluid** - n. any substance that can flow, such as a liquid
 - **fly** - v. to move through the air with wings, like a bird or airplane; to travel in an airplane or flying vehicle
 - **fog** - n. a mass of wet air that is difficult to see through; a cloud close to the ground
 - **follow** - v. to come or go after; to accept the rule or power of; to obey

- **food** - n. that which is taken in by all living things for energy, strength and growth
- **fool** - v. to make someone believe something that is not true; to trick; n. a person who is tricked easily
- **foot** - n. the bottom part of the leg; the part of the body that touches the ground when a person or animal walks
- **for** - prep. because of ("*He is famous for his work.*"); in exchange ("*Give me one dollar for the book.*"); through space or time ("*They travelled for one hour.*"); representative of ("*I speak for all people.*"); to be employed by ("*She works for a computer company.*")
- **force** - v. to make someone do something or make something happen by using power; n. power, strength; strength used against a person or object; military power of a nation; a military group
- **foreign** - ad. of, about or from another nation; not from one's own place or country
- **forest** - n. a place of many trees
- **forget** - v. to not remember
- **forgive** - v. to pardon; to excuse; to remove guilt
- **form** - v. to make; to start; to shape ("*They formed a swim team.*"); n. a kind ("*Swimming is a form of exercise.*")
- **former** - ad. earlier in time; not now
- **forward** - ad. the direction in front of; toward the front
- **free** - v. to release; ad. not controlled by another or by outside forces; not in prison; independent; not limited by rules; without cost
- **freedom** - n. the condition of being free
- **freeze** - v. to cause or to become very cold; to make or to become hard by cold
- **fresh** - ad. newly made or gathered; recent
- **friend** - n. a person one likes and trusts
- **frighten** - v. to cause great fear
- **from** - prep. having a person, place or thing as a beginning or cause ("*It is a message from the president.*"); at a place distant, not near ("*The school is five kilometers from my home.*"); because of ("*He is suffering from cancer.*")
- **front** - n. the forward part; the opposite of back; the beginning; the first part
- **fruit** - n. food from trees and plants
- **fuel** - n. any substance burned to create heat or power
- **full** - ad. containing as much as a person or thing can hold; complete
- **fun** - n. anything that is pleasing and causes happiness
- **funeral** - n. a ceremony held in connection with the burial or burning of the dead
- **future** - n. time after now ("*We can talk about it in the future.*"); ad. in the time to come ("*All future meetings will be held in this room.*")

G

- **gain** - v. to get possession of; to get more; to increase
- **game** - n. an activity with rules in which people or teams play or compete, usually sports
- **gas** - n. any substance that is not solid or liquid; any substance that burns to provide heat, light or power
- **gather** - v. to bring or come together into a group or place; to collect
- **general** - n. a high military leader; ad. without details; affecting or including all or almost all
- **generation** - n. a group of individuals born and living at about the same time. ("*The mother and daughter represented two generations.*")
- **genocide** - n. a plan of action to kill or destroy a national, religious, racial or ethnic group
- **gentle** - ad. soft; kind; not rough or violent
- **get** - v. to receive; to gain; to go and bring back; to become; to become the owner of

- **gift** - n. something given without cost
- **girl** - n. a young female person
- **give** - v. to present to another to keep without receiving payment
- **glass** - n. a hard, clear material that is easily broken, used most often for windows or for containers to hold liquids
- **go** - v. to move from one place to another; to leave
- **goal** - n. that toward which an effort is directed; that which is aimed at; the end of a trip or race
- **god** - n. the spirit that is honored as creator of all things ("*They believe in God.*"); a spirit or being believed in many religions to have special powers
- **gold** - n. a highly valued yellow metal
- **good** - ad. pleasing; helpful; kind; correct; not bad
- **goods** - n. things owned or made to be sold
- **govern** - v. to control; to rule by military or political power
- **government** - n. a system of governing; the organization of people that rules a country, city or area
- **grain** - n. the seed of grass plants used for food, such as wheat, rice and corn; those plants that produce the seeds
- **grass** - n. a plant with long, narrow, green leaves
- **gray** - ad. having the color like that made by mixing black and white
- **great** - ad. very large or more than usual in size or number; very good; important
- **green** - ad. having the color like that made by mixing yellow and blue; having the color like that of growing leaves and grass
- **grind** - v. to reduce to small pieces by crushing
- **ground** - n. land; the earth's surface; soil
- **group** - n. a number of people or things together; a gathering of people working for a common purpose
- **grow** - v. to develop or become bigger; to increase in size or amount
- **guarantee** - v. to promise a result; to promise that something will happen
- **guard** - v. to watch and protect a person, place or thing ("*He guards the president.*"); n. a person or thing that watches or protects ("*He is a prison guard.*")
- **guerrilla** - n. a person who fights as part of an unofficial army, usually against an official army or police
- **guide** - v. to lead to; to show the way; n. one who shows the way
- **guilty** - ad. having done something wrong or in violation of a law; responsible for a bad action
- **gun** - n. a weapon that shoots bullets

H

- **hair** - n. the fine material that grows from the skin, especially from the head
- **half** - n. one of two equal parts of something
- **halt** - v. to come or cause to come to a stop; to stop
- **hang** - v. to place something so the highest part is supported and the lower part is not; to kill by hanging
- **happen** - v. to become a fact or event; to take place
- **happy** - ad. pleased; satisfied; feeling good; not sad
- **hard** - ad. not easily cut or broken; solid; difficult to do or understand; needing much effort or force
- **harm** - v. to injure; to damage; n. damage; hurt
- **harvest** - v. to gather crops; n. the crop after it is gathered
- **hat** - n. a head cover

- **hate** - v. to have strong emotions against; to consider as an enemy; opposite love
- **have** - v. to possess; to own; to hold
- **he** - pro. the boy or man who is being spoken about
- **head** - v. to lead; to command; n. leader; chief; the top part of something; the highest position
- **headquarters** - n. the center from which orders are given; the main offices of a business or organization
- **heal** - v. to return to good health; to cure; to become well
- **health** - n. the general condition of the body and mind; the condition of being free from sickness or disease
- **hear** - v. to receive sound through the ears; to receive news about
- **heat** - v. to make hot or warm; n. great warmth; that which is produced by burning fuel; energy from the sun
- **heavy** - ad. having much weight; not easy to lift; of great amount or force
- **helicopter** - n. a machine without wings that can fly up or down or remain in one place above the ground
- **help** - v. to give support; to assist; to make easier; n. support; aid
- **here** - ad. in, to or at this place
- **hero** - n. a person honored for being brave or wise
- **hide** - v. to prevent from being seen or found; to make secret
- **high** - ad. tall; far up; far above the ground; important; above others
- **hijack** - v. to seize or take control of a vehicle by force
- **hill** - n. a small mountain
- **history** - n. the written record or description of past events; the study of the past
- **hit** - v. to strike; to touch with force
- **hold** - v. to carry or support, usually in the hands or arms; to keep in one position; to keep as a prisoner; to contain; to possess; to occupy; to organize and be involved in (*"The two sides hold talks this week."*)
- **hole** - n. an opening; a torn or broken place in something
- **holiday** - n. a day when one does not work; a day on which no work is done to honor or remember a person or event
- **holy** - ad. greatly honored in religion
- **home** - n. the building where a person lives, especially with family; the place where one was born or comes from; the area or country where one lives
- **honest** - ad. truthful; able to be trusted
- **honor** - v. to obey; to show strong, good feelings for (*"to honor one's parents"*); n. an award; an act of giving special recognition (*"He received many honors for his efforts to help others."*)
- **hope** - v. to expect; to believe there is a good chance that something will happen as wanted; to want something to happen
- **horrible** - ad. causing great fear; terrible
- **horse** - n. a large animal often used for racing, riding or farm work
- **hospital** - n. a place where sick or injured people are given medical care
- **hostage** - n. a person captured and held as a guarantee that a demand or promise will be honored
- **hostile** - ad. ready to fight; ready for war
- **hot** - ad. having or feeling great heat or a high temperature
- **hotel** - n. a building with rooms, and often food, for travellers
- **hour** - n. a measure of time; sixty minutes
- **house** - n. a building in which people live; a country's parliament or lawmaking group (*"House of Representatives"*)
- **how** - ad. in what way; to what amount

- **however** - conj. yet; but
- **huge** - ad. very big; of great size
- **human** - ad. of or about people
- **humor** - n. the ability to understand, enjoy or express what makes people laugh
- **hunger** - n. the need for food
- **hunt** - v. to search for animals to capture or kill them; to seek; to try to find
- **hurry** - v. to do or go fast
- **hurt** - v. to cause pain, injury or damage
- **husband** - n. a man who is married

I

- **I** - pro. the person speaking
- **ice** - n. frozen water
- **idea** - n. a thought or picture in the mind; a belief
- **identify** - v. to recognize someone or something and to say who or what they are
- **if** - conj. on condition; provided that (*"I will go if you go."*)
- **ignore** - v. to pay no attention to or refuse to consider (*"The president ignored the protesters outside his office."*)
- **illegal** - ad. not legal; in violation of a law
- **imagine** - v. to make a picture in the mind; to form an idea
- **immediate** - ad. without delay; very near in time or place
- **immigrant** - n. a person who arrives in a country to live there
- **import** - v. to bring from another country; n. something brought from another country, usually for sale
- **important** - ad. having great meaning, value or power
- **improve** - v. to make better; to become better
- **in** - prep. inside; held by; contained by; surrounded by; during
- **incident** - n. an event or something that happens
- **incite** - v. to urge or cause an action or emotion, usually something bad or violent
- **include** - v. to have; to make a part of
- **increase** - v. to make more in size or amount
- **independent** - ad. not influenced by or controlled by another or others; free; separate
- **individual** - n. one person
- **industry** - n. any business that produces goods or provides services; the work and related activity in factories and offices; all organizations involved in manufacturing
- **infect** - v. to make sick with something that causes disease
- **inflation** - n. a continuing rise in prices while the value of money goes down
- **influence** - v. to have an effect on someone or something; to cause change
- **inform** - v. to tell; to give knowledge to
- **information** - n. knowledge; facts
- **inject** - v. to force a fluid into, such as putting medicine or drugs into the body through the skin
- **injure** - v. to cause harm or damage to a person or animal
- **innocent** - ad. not guilty of a crime; not responsible for a bad action
- **insane** - ad. mentally sick
- **insect** - n. a very small creature, usually with many legs and sometimes with wings
- **inspect** - v. to look at something carefully; to examine, especially by an expert
- **instead** - ad. in the place of; taking the place of
- **instrument** - n. a tool or device designed to do something or to make something
- **insult** - v. to say something or to do something that makes another person angry or

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- **intelligence** - n. the ability to think or learn; information gathered by spying
- **intelligent** - ad. quick to understand or learn
- **intense** - ad. very strong; extremely serious
- **interest** - n. what is important to someone (*"He acted to protect his interests."* *"She had a great interest in painting."*); a share in owning a business; money paid for the use of money borrowed
- **interfere** - v. to get in the way of; to work against; to take part in the activities of others, especially when not asked to do so
- **international** - ad. of or about more than one nation or many nations; of the whole world
- **Internet** - n. the extensive communications system that connects computers around the world
- **intervene** - v. to come between; to come between in order to settle or solve
- **invade** - v. to enter an area or country by force with an army
- **invent** - v. to plan and make something never made before; to create a new thing or way of doing something
- **invest** - v. to give money to a business or organization with the hope of making more money
- **investigate** - v. to study or examine all information about an event, situation or charge; to search for the truth
- **invite** - v. to ask someone to take part in or join an event, organization or gathering
- **involve** - v. to take part in; to become a part of; to include
- **iron** - n. a strong, hard metal used to make machines and tools
- **island** - n. a land area with water all around it
- **issue** - n. an important problem or subject that people are discussing or arguing about
- **it** - pro. a thing, place, event or idea that is being spoken about (*"The sky is blue, but it also has a few white clouds."*)

J

- **jail** - n. a prison for those waiting to be tried for a crime or for those serving sentences for crimes that are not serious
- **jewel** - n. a valuable stone, such as a diamond or emerald
- **job** - n. the work that one does to earn money
- **join** - v. to put together or come together; to become part of or a member of
- **joint** - ad. shared by two or more
- **joke** - n. something done or said to cause others to laugh
- **judge** - v. to form an opinion about; to decide a question, especially a legal one; n. a public official who decides problems of law in a court
- **jump** - v. to push down on the feet and move up quickly into the air
- **jury** - n. a group of people chosen to decide what is true in a trial
- **just** - ad. only (*"Help me for just a minute."*); very shortly before or after the present (*"He just left."*); at the same time (*"He left just as I came in."*); what is right or fair (*"The law is just, in my opinion."*)
- **justice** - n. the quality of being right, fair or lawful

K

- **keep** - v. to possess; to have for oneself
- **kick** - v. to hit with the foot
- **kidnap** - v. to seize and take away by force
- **kill** - v. to make dead; to cause to die

- **kind** - n. sort ("*What kind of dog is that?*"); ad. gentle; caring; helpful
- **kiss** - v. to touch with the mouth to show love or honor
- **knife** - n. a tool or weapon used to cut
- **know** - v. to understand something as correct; to have the facts about; to recognize someone because you have met and talked together before
- **knowledge** - n. that which is known; learning or understanding

L

- **labor** - n. work; workers as a group
- **laboratory** - n. a room or place where experiments in science are done
- **lack** - v. to be without; n. the condition of needing, wanting or not having
- **lake** - n. a large area of fresh water surrounded by land
- **land** - v. to come to the earth from the air ("*Airplanes land at airports.*"); n. the part of the earth not covered by water; the ground
- **language** - n. words and their use; what people speak in a country, nation or group
- **large** - ad. big; being of more than usual size, amount or number; opposite small
- **last** - v. to continue ("*The talks will last three days.*"); ad. after all others; the only one remaining ("*She is the last person in line.*")
- **late** - ad. after the correct time; near the end; opposite early
- **laugh** - v. to make sounds to express pleasure or happy feelings
- **launch** - v. to put into operation; to begin; to send into the air or space
- **law** - n. all or any rules made by a government
- **lead** - v. to show the way; to command; to control; to go first
- **leak** - v. to come out of or to escape through a small opening or hole (usually a gas or liquid)
- **learn** - v. to get knowledge about; to come to know a fact or facts
- **leave** - v. to go away from; to let something stay where it is
- **left** - ad. on the side that is toward the west when one is facing north; opposite right
- **legal** - ad. of or in agreement with the law
- **legislature** - n. a government lawmaking group
- **lend** - v. to permit someone to use a thing temporarily; to make a loan of money
- **less** - ad. smaller in amount; not as much
- **let** - v. to permit to do or to be; to make possible
- **letter** - n. a message written on paper; a communication in writing sent to another person
- **level** - n. the amount or height that something reaches or rises to; the position of something or someone
- **liberal** - ad. one who usually supports social progress or change
- **lie** - v. to have one's body on the ground or other surface; to say something that one knows is not true
- **life** - n. the time between being born and dying; opposite death; all living things
- **lift** - v. to take or bring up to a higher place or level
- **light** - n. a form of energy that affects the eyes so that one is able to see; anything that produces light; ad. bright; clear; not heavy
- **lightning** - n. light produced by electricity in the air, usually during a storm
- **like** - v. to be pleased with; to have good feelings for someone or something; ad. in the same way as; similar to
- **limit** - v. to restrict to a number or amount; n. the greatest amount or number permitted
- **line** - n. a long, thin mark on a surface; a number of people or things organized; one after another; the edge of an area protected by military forces
- **link** - v. to connect; to unite one thing or event with another; n. a relation between two or more things, situations or events

- **liquid** - n. a substance that is not a solid or gas, and can move freely, like water
- **list** - v. to put in writing a number of names of people or things; n. a written series of names or things
- **listen** - v. to try to hear
- **literature** - n. all the poems, stories and writings of a period of time or of a country
- **little** - ad. not tall or big; a small amount
- **live** - v. to have life; to exist; ad. having life; alive
- **load** - v. to put objects on or into a vehicle or container; n. that which is carried
- **loan** - n. money borrowed that usually must be returned with interest payments; something borrowed
- **local** - ad. about or having to do with one place
- **lonely** - ad. feeling alone and wanting friends; visited by few or no people ("*a lonely man*")
- **long** - ad. not short; measuring from beginning to end; measuring much; for much time
- **look** - v. to turn the eyes toward so as to see; to search or hunt for; to seem to be
- **lose** - v. to have no longer; to not find; to fail to keep; to be defeated
- **loud** - ad. having a strong sound; full of sound or noise
- **love** - v. to like very much; to feel a strong, kind emotion (sometimes involving sex); n. a strong, kind emotion for someone or something; opposite hate
- **low** - ad. not high or tall; below the normal height; close to the ground
- **loyal** - ad. showing strong friendship and support for someone or something
- **luck** - n. something that happens by chance

M

- **machine** - n. a device with moving parts used to do work
- **magazine** - n. a publication of news, stories, pictures or other information
- **mail** - n. letters, papers and other things sent through an official system, such as a post office
- **main** - ad. the most important or largest
- **major** - ad. great in size, importance or amount
- **majority** - n. the greater number; more than half
- **make** - v. to produce; to create; to build; to do something or to carry out an action; to cause to be or to become
- **male** - n. a man or boy; the sex that is the father of children; ad. of or about men
- **man** - n. an adult male human
- **manufacture** - v. to make goods in large amounts
- **many** - ad. a large number or amount of
- **map** - n. a picture of the earth's surface or a part of it
- **march** - v. to walk in a group like soldiers; to walk together in a large group to protest about something
- **mark** - v. to make a sign or cut on something
- **market** - n. a place or area where goods are sold, bought or traded; an economic system in which the prices of things are decided by how many there are and how much money people are willing to pay for them
- **marry** - v. to join a man and woman together as husband and wife; to become husband and wife (usually in a religious or civil ceremony)
- **mass** - n. an amount of matter having no special form and usually of a large size
- **mate** - v. to bring together a male and a female to create another creature
- **material** - n. the substance, substances or matter of which something is made or from which something can be made, such as wood, cloth or stone; anything that can be made into something else
- **mathematics** - n. the science dealing with amounts, sizes and shapes, as explained by

numbers and signs

- **matter** - n. anything that can be seen or felt; what things are made of
- **may** - v. a word used with an action word to mean permit or possible ("*May I go?*" "*They may leave tomorrow.*")
- **mayor** - n. the chief official of a city or town government
- **meal** - n. food eaten to satisfy hunger, such as dinner
- **mean** - v. to want to; to give the idea of; to have the idea of
- **measure** - v. to learn the amount, size or distance of something; n. an action taken; a legislative proposal
- **meat** - n. the part of a dead animal used for food
- **media** - n. all public information organizations, including newspapers, television and radio
- **medicine** - n. a substance or drug used to treat disease or pain; the science or study of treating and curing disease or improving health
- **meet** - v. to come together with someone or something at the same time and place
- **melt** - v. to make a solid into a liquid by heating it
- **member** - n. one of a group
- **memorial** - n. something done or made to honor the memory of a person or event
- **memory** - n. a picture in the mind of past events; the ability to remember; a thing remembered
- **mental** - ad. about or having to do with the mind
- **message** - n. written or spoken news or information; a note from one person to another person or group
- **metal** - n. a hard substance such as iron, steel or gold
- **method** - n. the way something is done
- **microscope** - n. a device used to make very small things look larger so they can be studied
- **middle** - n. the center; a place or time of equal distance from both sides or ends; ad. in the center
- **militant** - n. someone active in trying to cause political change, often by the use of force or violence
- **military** - n. the armed forces of a nation or group; ad. of or about the armed forces
- **militia** - n. an army of citizens instead of professional soldiers; an armed force or private army
- **milk** - n. the white liquid produced by female animals to feed their young
- **mind** - n. the thinking, feeling part of a person
- **mine** - v. to dig useful or valuable substances out of the earth; n. a place in the earth where such substances are found; a bomb placed under the ground or under water so it cannot be seen
- **mineral** - n. a substance found in nature that is not an animal or a plant, such as coal or salt
- **minister** - n. a member of a cabinet; a high government official ("*prime minister*," "*foreign minister*")
- **minor** - ad. small in size; of little importance
- **minority** - n. the smaller number; opposite majority
- **minute** - n. a measure of time; one of the sixty equal parts of an hour; sixty seconds
- **miss** - v. to fail to hit, see, reach or meet
- **missile** - n. any weapon that can be thrown or fired through the air and explodes when it reaches its target
- **missing** - ad. lost; not found
- **mistake** - n. a wrong action or decision; an action done without the knowledge that it was wrong
- **mix** - v. to put different things together to make one thing

- **mob** - n. a large group of wild or angry people
- **model** - n. an example; something, usually small, made to show how something will look or work
- **moderate** - ad. not extreme
- **modern** - ad. of the present or very recent time; the most improved
- **money** - n. pieces of metal or paper used to pay for things
- **month** - n. one of the twelve periods of time into which a year is divided
- **moon** - n. the bright object often seen in the night sky that orbits the earth about every twenty-nine days
- **moral** - ad. concerning what is right or wrong in someone's actions
- **more** - ad. greater in size or amount
- **morning** - n. the early part of the day, from sunrise until noon
- **most** - ad. greatest in size or amount
- **mother** - n. the female parent; a woman who has a child or children
- **motion** - n. a movement; a continuing change of position or place
- **mountain** - n. a part of the earth's surface that rises high above the area around it
- **mourn** - v. to express or feel sadness
- **move** - v. to change position; to put or keep in motion; to go
- **movement** - n. the act of moving or a way of moving; a series of acts or efforts to reach a goal
- **movie** - n. a motion picture; a film
- **much** - ad. great in amount
- **murder** - v. to kill another person illegally; n. the crime of killing another person
- **music** - n. the making of sounds by singing or using a musical instrument
- **must** - v. a word used with an action word to mean necessary ("*You must go to school.*")
- **mystery** - n. something that is not or cannot be explained or understood; a secret

N

- **name** - v. to appoint; to nominate; to give a name to; n. a word by which a person, animal or thing is known or called
- **narrow** - ad. limited in size or amount; not wide; having a short distance from one side to the other
- **nation** - n. a country, together with its social and political systems
- **native** - n. someone who was born in a place, not one who moved there
- **natural** - ad. of or about nature; normal; common to its kind
- **nature** - n. all the plants, animals and other things on earth not created by humans; events or processes not caused by humans
- **navy** - n. the part of a country's military force trained to fight at sea
- **near** - ad. not far; close to
- **necessary** - ad. needed to get a result or effect; required
- **need** - v. to require; to want; to be necessary to have or to do
- **negotiate** - v. to talk about a problem or situation to find a common solution
- **neighbor** - n. a person or country that is next to or near another
- **neither** - ad. not one or the other of two
- **neutral** - ad. not supporting one side or the other in a dispute
- **never** - ad. at no time; not ever
- **new** - ad. not existing before; not known before; recently made, built, bought or grown; another; different
- **news** - n. information about any recent events, especially as reported by the media
- **next** - ad. coming immediately after; nearest
- **nice** - ad. pleasing; good; kind

- **night** - n. the time between when the sun goes down and when it rises, when there is little or no light
- **no** - ad. used to reject or to refuse; not any; not at all
- **noise** - n. sound, especially when loud
- **nominate** - v. to name someone as a candidate for an election; to propose a person for an office or position
- **noon** - n. the middle of the day; twelve o'clock in the daytime
- **normal** - n. the usual condition, amount or form; ad. usual; what is expected
- **north** - n. the direction to the left of a person facing the rising sun
- **not** - ad. a word showing that something is denied or untrue ("*She is not going.*")
- **note** - v. to talk about something already known; n. a word or words written to help a person remember; a short letter
- **nothing** - n. not anything; no thing
- **now** - ad. at this time; immediately
- **nowhere** - ad. not in, to or at any place
- **nuclear** - ad. of or about the energy produced by splitting atoms or bringing them together; of or about weapons that explode by using energy from atoms
- **number** - n. a word or sign used to show the order or amount of things

O

- **obey** - v. to act as one is ordered to act
- **object** - v. to show that one does not like or approve; to protest; n. something not alive that can be seen or touched
- **observe** - v. to watch; to look at carefully; to celebrate or honor something ("*They will observe the anniversary of the day she was born.*")
- **occupy** - v. to take and hold or to control by force
- **ocean** - n. the area of salt water that covers almost seventy-five percent of the earth's surface; any of the five main divisions of this water
- **of** - prep. made from; belonging to; about; connected to; included among
- **off** - ad. away; at a distance; condition when something is no longer operating or continuing; not on; not connected
- **offensive** - n. a military campaign of attack; ad. having to do with attacking
- **offer** - v. to present or propose; n. the act of presenting or proposing; that which is presented or proposed
- **office** - n. a room or building where business or work is done; a public position to which one is elected or appointed
- **officer** - n. a person in the military who commands others; any person who is a member of a police force
- **official** - n. a person with power in an organization; a representative of an organization or government; ad. of or about an office; approved by the government or someone in power
- **often** - ad. many times
- **oil** - n. a thick liquid that does not mix with water and that burns easily; a black liquid taken from the ground and used as fuel
- **old** - ad. not young or new; having lived or existed for many years
- **on** - prep. above and held up by; touching the upper surface of ("*The book is on the table.*"); supported by ("*He is on his feet.*"); about ("*The report on the meeting is ready.*"); at the time of ("*He left on Wednesday.*")
- **once** - ad. one time only
- **only** - ad. being the single one or ones; no more than ("*We have only two dollars.*")
- **open** - v. to start ("*They opened talks.*"); ad. not closed; not secret
- **operate** - v. to do work or a job; to cut into the body for medical reasons

- **opinion** - n. a belief based on one's own ideas and thinking
- **oppose** - v. to be against; to fight against
- **opposite** - ad. different as possible; completely different from; exactly the other way (*"North is the opposite direction from south."*)
- **oppress** - v. to make others suffer; to control by the use of unjust and cruel force or power
- **or** - conj. giving another of two choices; giving the last of several choices
- **orbit** - v. to travel in space around a planet or other object; n. the path or way an object travels in space around another object or planet
- **order** - v. to give a command; to tell someone what to do; n. a command; the correct or normal way things are organized; a peaceful situation in which people obey laws
- **organize** - v. to put in order; to put together into a system
- **other** - ad. different; of another kind; the remaining one or ones of two or more (*"That man is short; the other is tall."*)
- **our** - ad. of or belonging to us
- **oust** - v. to force to leave; to remove by force
- **out** - ad. away from the inside; opposite of in
- **over** - conj. above; covering; across, in or on every part of (*"all over the world"*)
- **overthrow** - v. to remove from power; to defeat or end by force
- **owe** - v. to pay or have to repay (usually money) in return for something received
- **own** - v. to have or possess for oneself

P

- **pain** - n. a hurt or suffering somewhere in the body
- **paint** - v. to cover with a liquid color; to make a picture with liquid colors; n. a colored liquid used to cover or protect a surface
- **paper** - n. a thin, flat material made from plants or cloth often used for writing
- **parachute** - n. a device that permits a person or thing to fall slowly from an airplane or helicopter to the ground
- **parade** - n. a group of people and vehicles moving together to celebrate a special event or anniversary
- **pardon** - v. to forgive for a crime and release from punishment
- **parent** - n. a father or mother
- **parliament** - n. a government lawmaking group
- **part** - n. something less than the whole; not all of something
- **partner** - n. a person who takes part in some activity in common with another or others. (*"The two men were business partners."*)
- **party** - n. a group of people working together for a political purpose; a group of people or friends gathered together for enjoyment
- **pass** - v. to go by or move around something; to move along; to cause or permit to go
- **passenger** - n. a person travelling by airplane, train, boat or car who is not the pilot or driver
- **passport** - n. a document permitting a person to travel to another country
- **past** - n. the time gone by; the time before; ad. recent; immediately before; former
- **path** - n. a narrow way for walking; a way along which something moves
- **patient** - n. a person being treated by a doctor for a health problem
- **pay** - v. to give money for work done or for something bought
- **peace** - n. the condition of freedom from war, fighting or noise; rest; quiet
- **people** - n. any group of persons; all the persons of a group, race, religion or nation (*"the American people"*)
- **percent** - n. a part of every hundred (*"Ten is ten percent of one hundred."*)
- **perfect** - ad. complete or correct in every way; completely right or good; without mistakes

- **perform** - v. to speak, dance or sing in front of others
- **period** - n. an amount of time within events, restrictions or conditions
- **permanent** - ad. never changing; lasting for a very long time or for all time
- **permit** - v. to let; to make possible
- **person** - n. a man, woman or child
- **persuade** - v. to cause someone to do something by explaining or urging. (*"The police persuaded the criminal to surrender his weapon."*)
- **physical** - ad. of the body
- **physics** - n. the study of motion, matter and energy
- **picture** - n. something that shows what another thing looks like; an idea or representation of something as seen by the eye; a painting; what is made with a camera
- **piece** - n. a part of something larger
- **pig** - n. a farm animal used for its meat
- **pilot** - n. one who guides or flies an airplane or helicopter
- **pipe** - n. a long, round piece of material used to move liquid or gas
- **place** - v. to put something somewhere; n. an area or a part of an area; space where a person or thing is; any room, building, town or country
- **plan** - v. to organize or develop an idea or method of acting or doing something (*"They plan to have a party."*); n. an organized or developed idea or method (*"The plan will not work."*)
- **planet** - n. a large object in space that orbits the sun (*"Earth is a planet."*)
- **plant** - v. to put into the ground to grow; n. a living growth from the ground which gets its food from air, water and earth
- **plastic** - n. a material made from chemicals that can be formed and made into things
- **play** - v. to have fun; to not work; to take part in a sport; to make music on an instrument; n. a story acted in a theater
- **please** - v. to make one happy; to give enjoyment
- **plenty** - n. all that is needed; a large enough amount
- **plot** - v. to make secret plans; n. a secret plan to do something wrong or illegal
- **poem** - n. words and their sounds organized in a special way to express emotions
- **point** - v. to aim one's finger toward; to aim; n. the sharp end of something
- **poison** - n. a substance that can destroy life or damage health
- **police** - n. a government agency responsible for guarding the public, keeping order, and making sure people obey the law; members of that agency
- **policy** - n. an established set of plans or goals used to develop and make decisions in politics, economics or business
- **politics** - n. the activities of government and of those who are in public office
- **pollute** - v. to release dangerous or unpleasant substances into the air, soil or water
- **poor** - n. people with little or no money; ad. lacking money or goods; of bad quality
- **popular** - ad. liked by many people; generally approved by the public
- **population** - n. all the people in a place, city or country
- **port** - n. a city where ships load or unload goods; a place on a coast where ships can be safe from a storm
- **position** - n. a place; the way of holding the body; the way a thing is set or placed; a job (or level of a job) in an organization
- **possess** - v. to have; to own; to control or be controlled by
- **possible** - ad. able to be done; can happen or is expected to happen
- **postpone** - v. to delay action until a later time
- **pour** - v. to flow; to cause to flow
- **poverty** - n. the condition of being poor
- **power** - n. the ability to control or direct others; control; strength; ruling force; force or

energy used to do work (*"Water power turns the wheel."*)

- **praise** - v. to say good things about; to approve
- **pray** - v. to make a request to a god or spirit; to praise a god or spirit
- **predict** - v. to say what one believes will happen in the future. (*"The weather scientist predicted a cold winter."*)
- **pregnant** - ad. carrying a child within the body before it is born; expecting to give birth to a baby
- **present** - v. to offer for consideration (*"We will present our idea to the committee."*); n. a gift (*"I gave them a present for their anniversary."*); now (*"The present time is a good time."*); ad. to be at a place (*"I was present at school yesterday."*)
- **president** - n. the chief official of a country that is a republic; the leader of an organization
- **press** - v. to urge strongly; n. newspapers, magazines and other publications
- **pressure** - n. the force produced when something is pushed down or against something else
- **prevent** - v. to keep or stop from going or happening
- **price** - n. the amount of money for which anything is bought, sold or offered for sale
- **prison** - n. a place where a person is kept as punishment for a crime
- **private** - ad. of or about a person or group that is secret; opposite public
- **prize** - n. something offered or won in a competition; something of value that one must work hard for to get
- **probably** - ad. a good chance of taking place; a little more than possible
- **problem** - n. a difficult question or situation with an unknown or unclear answer
- **process** - n. an operation or series of changes leading to a desired result
- **produce** - v. to make; to create; to cause something to be; to manufacture
- **profession** - n. a job that requires special training
- **professor** - n. a teacher at a college or university
- **profit** - n. money gained from a business activity after paying all costs of that activity
- **program** - n. a plan of action; the different events or parts of a meeting or show
- **progress** - n. movement forward or toward improvement or a goal
- **project** - n. a planned effort to do something
- **promise** - v. to say one will do something; n. a spoken or written agreement to do something
- **propaganda** - n. ideas or information used to influence opinions
- **property** - n. anything owned by someone such as land, buildings or goods
- **propose** - v. to present or offer for consideration
- **protect** - v. to guard; to defend; to prevent from being harmed or damaged
- **protest** - v. to speak against; to object
- **prove** - v. to show to be true
- **provide** - v. to give something needed or wanted
- **public** - ad. of or about all the people in a community or country; opposite private
- **publication** - n. something that is published such as a book, newspaper or magazine
- **publish** - v. to make public something that is written; to include something in a book, newspaper or magazine
- **pull** - v. to use force to move something toward the person or thing using the force; opposite push
- **pump** - v. to force a gas or liquid up, into or through
- **punish** - v. to cause pain, suffering or loss for doing something bad or illegal
- **purchase** - v. to buy with money or with something of equal value; n. that which is bought
- **pure** - ad. free from anything that is different or that reduces value; clean
- **purpose** - n. the reason or desired effect for doing something; goal
- **push** - v. to use force to move something away from the person or thing using the force;

opposite pull

- **put** - v. to place; to set in position

Q

- **quality** - n. that which something is known to have or be (*"An important quality of steel is its strength."*); amount of value or excellence (*"Their goods are of the highest quality."*)
- **question** - v. to ask; to express wonder or disbelief; n. a sentence or word used in asking for information; a problem; an issue to be discussed
- **quick** - ad. fast
- **quiet** - ad. with little or no noise; having little or no movement; calm

R

- **race** - v. to run; to take part in a competition to decide who or what can move fastest; to take part in a campaign for political office; n. one of the major groups that humans can be divided into because of a common physical similarity, such as skin color
- **radar** - n. a device that uses radio signals to learn the position or speed of objects that may be too far away to be seen
- **radiation** - n. waves of energy from something that produces heat or light; energy from a nuclear substance, which can be dangerous
- **radio** - n. the system of sending and receiving signals or sounds through the air without wires
- **raid** - v. to make a sudden attack; n. a sudden attack carried out as an act of war, or for the purpose of seizing or stealing something
- **railroad** - n. a road for trains; a company that operates such a road and its stations and equipment
- **rain** - n. water falling from the sky
- **raise** - v. to lift up; to move to a higher position; to cause to grow; to increase
- **rape** - v. to carry out a sexual attack by force against a person
- **rare** - ad. not common; not usual; not often
- **rate** - n. speed; a measure of how quickly or how often something happens; the price of any thing or service that is bought or sold
- **reach** - v. to put a hand toward; to arrive at; to come to
- **react** - v. to act as a result of or in answer to
- **read** - v. to look at and understand the meaning of written words or numbers
- **ready** - ad. prepared; completed; organized; willing
- **real** - ad. true; truly existing; not false
- **realistic** - ad. in agreement with the way things are
- **reason** - n. the cause for a belief or act; purpose; something that explains
- **reasonable** - ad. ready to listen to reasons or ideas; not extreme; ready or willing to compromise
- **rebel** - v. to act against a government or power, often with force; to refuse to obey; n. one who opposes or fights against the government of his or her country
- **receive** - v. to get or accept something given, offered or sent
- **recent** - ad. a short time ago
- **recession** - n. a temporary reduction in economic activity, when industries produce less and many workers lose their jobs
- **recognize** - v. to know or remember something or someone that was known, known about or seen before; to accept another nation as independent and establish diplomatic ties with its government
- **record** - v. to write something in order to have it for future use; to put sound or pictures in

- a form that can be kept and heard or seen again; n. a writing that shows proof or facts about something
- **recover** - v. to get again something that was lost, stolen or taken away (*"The police recovered the stolen money."*); to return to normal health or normal conditions She is expected to recover from the operation.")
 - **red** - ad. having the color like that of blood
 - **reduce** - v. to make less or smaller in number, size or amount; to cut
 - **reform** - v. to make better by changing; to improve; n. a change to a better condition
 - **refugee** - n. a person who has been forced to flee because of unjust treatment, danger or war
 - **refuse** - v. to reject; to not accept, give or do something
 - **register** - v. to have one's name officially placed on a list of people permitted to vote in an election or take part in an educational program
 - **regret** - n. a feeling of sadness or sorrow about something that is done or that happens
 - **reject** - v. to refuse to accept, use or believe
 - **relations** - n. understandings or ties between nations; members of the same family; people connected by marriage or family ties
 - **release** - v. to free; to permit to go; to permit to be known or made public
 - **religion** - n. a belief in, or the honoring of, a god or gods
 - **remain** - v. to stay in a place after others leave; to stay the same
 - **remains** - n. a dead body
 - **remember** - v. to think about the past; opposite forget
 - **remove** - v. to take away or take off; to put an end to; to take out of a position or office
 - **repair** - n. work done to fix something
 - **repeat** - v. to say or do again
 - **report** - v. to tell about; to give the results of a study or investigation; n. the story about an event; the results of a study or investigation; a statement in which the facts may not be confirmed
 - **represent** - v. to act in the place of someone else; to substitute for; to serve as an example
 - **repress** - v. to control or to restrict freedoms by force
 - **request** - v. to ask for; n. the act of asking for
 - **require** - v. to need or demand as necessary
 - **rescue** - v. to free from danger or evil
 - **research** - n. a careful study to discover correct information
 - **resign** - v. to leave a position, job or office
 - **resist** - v. to oppose; to fight to prevent
 - **resolution** - n. an official statement of agreement by a group of people, usually reached by voting
 - **resource** - n. anything of value that can be used or sold
 - **respect** - v. to feel or show honor to a person or thing (*"All citizens should respect the law."*)
 - **responsible** - ad. having a duty or job to do (*"He is responsible for preparing the report."*); being the cause of (*"They were responsible for the accident."*)
 - **rest** - v. to sit, lie down or sleep to regain strength; n. that which remains; the others
 - **restaurant** - n. a place where people can buy and eat meals
 - **restrain** - v. to keep controlled; to limit action by a person or group
 - **restrict** - v. to limit; to prevent from increasing or becoming larger
 - **result** - v. to happen from a cause; n. that which follows or is produced by a cause; effect
 - **retire** - v. to leave a job or position because one is old or in poor health
 - **return** - v. to go or come back; to bring, give, take or send back
 - **revolt** - v. to protest violently; to fight for a change, especially of government
 - **rice** - n. a food grain

- **rich** - ad. having much money or goods; having plenty of something
- **ride** - v. to sit on or in and be carried along; to travel by animal, wheeled vehicle, airplane or boat
- **right** - n. what a person legally and morally should be able to do or have ("*It is their right to vote.*"); ad. agreeing with the facts; good; correct; opposite wrong; on the side that is toward the east when one is facing north; opposite left
- **riot** - v. to act with many others in a violent way in a public place; n. a violent action by a large group of people
- **rise** - v. to go up; to go higher; to increase; to go from a position of sitting or lying to a position of standing
- **risk** - n. the chance of loss, damage or injury
- **river** - n. a large amount of water that flows across land into another river, a lake or an ocean
- **road** - n. a long piece of hard ground built between two places so people can walk, drive or ride easily from one place to the other
- **rob** - v. to take money or property secretly or by force; to steal
- **rock** - n. a hard piece of mineral matter
- **rocket** - n. a device shaped like a tube that moves through air or space by burning gases and letting them escape from the back or bottom, sometimes used as a weapon
- **roll** - v. to turn over and over; to move like a ball
- **room** - n. a separate area within a building with its own walls
- **root** - n. the part of a plant that is under the ground and takes nutrients from the soil
- **rope** - n. a long, thick piece of material made from thinner pieces of material, used for tying
- **rough** - ad. not flat or smooth; having an uneven surface; violent; not made well
- **round** - ad. having the shape of a ball or circle
- **rub** - v. to move something over the surface of another thing
- **rubber** - n. a substance made from the liquid of trees with the same name, or a similar substance made from chemicals
- **ruin** - v. to damage severely; to destroy
- **rule** - v. to govern or control; to decide; n. a statement or an order that says how something must be done
- **run** - v. to move quickly by steps faster than those used for walking
- **rural** - ad. describing areas away from cities which may include farms, small towns and unpopulated areas

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- **sabotage** - v. to damage or destroy as an act against an organization or nation ("*The rebels sabotaged the railroad.*")
- **sacrifice** - v. to do without something or to suffer a loss for a belief, idea, goal or another person
- **sad** - ad. not happy
- **safe** - ad. away from harm or danger
- **sail** - v. to travel by boat or ship
- **sailor** - n. a person involved in sailing a boat or ship
- **salt** - n. a white substance found in sea water and in the ground, used to affect the taste of food
- **same** - ad. not different; not changed; like another or others
- **sand** - n. extremely small pieces of crushed rock found in large amounts in deserts and on coasts
- **satellite** - n. a small object in space that moves around a larger object; an object placed in

orbit around the earth

- **satisfy** - v. to give or provide what is desired, needed or demanded
- **save** - v. to make safe; to remove from harm; to keep for future use
- **say** - v. to speak; to express in words
- **school** - n. a place for education; a place where people go to learn
- **science** - n. the study of nature and the actions of natural things, and the knowledge gained about them
- **sea** - n. a large area of salt water, usually part of an ocean
- **search** - v. to look for carefully
- **season** - n. one of the four periods of the year that is based on the earth's position toward the sun (spring, summer, autumn, winter); a period of time based on different weather conditions ("*dry season*", "*rainy season*"); a period during the year when something usually happens ("*baseball season*")
- **seat** - n. a thing to sit on; a place to sit or the right to sit there ("*a seat in parliament*")
- **second** - ad. the one that comes after the first
- **secret** - n. something known only to a few and kept from general knowledge; ad. hidden from others; known only to a few
- **security** - n. freedom from danger or harm; protection; measures necessary to protect a person or place ("*Security was increased in the city.*")
- **see** - v. to know or sense through the eyes; to understand or know
- **seed** - n. the part of a plant from which new plants grow
- **seek(ing)** - v. to search for ("*They are seeking a cure for cancer.*"); to try to get ("*She is seeking election to public office.*"); to plan to do ("*Electric power companies are seeking to reduce their use of coal.*")
- **seem** - v. to appear to be ("*She seems to be in good health.*")
- **seize** - v. to take quickly by force; to take control of quickly; to arrest
- **self** - n. all that which makes one person different from others
- **sell** - v. to give something in exchange for money
- **Senate** - n. the smaller of the two groups in the governments of some countries, such as in the United States Congress
- **send** - v. to cause to go; to permit to go; to cause to be carried, taken or directed to or away from a place
- **sense** - v. to come to know about by feeling, believing or understanding; n. any of the abilities to see, hear, taste, smell or feel
- **sentence** - v. to declare the punishment for a crime; n. the punishment for a crime
- **separate** - v. to set or keep people, things or ideas away from or independent from others; ad. not together or connected; different
- **series** - n. a number of similar things or events that follow one after another in time, position or order
- **serious** - ad. important; needing careful consideration; dangerous
- **serve** - v. to work as an official; to be employed by the government; to assist or help
- **service** - n. an organization or system that provides something for the public ("*Schools and roads are services paid for by taxes.*"); a job that an organization or business can do for money; military organizations such as an army, navy or air force; a religious ceremony
- **set** - v. to put in place or position; to establish a time, price or limit
- **settle** - v. to end (a dispute); to agree about (a problem); to make a home in a new place
- **several** - ad. three or more, but not many
- **severe** - ad. not gentle; causing much pain, sadness or damage
- **sex** - n. either the male or female group into which all people and animals are divided because of their actions in producing young; the physical activity by which humans and animals can produce young
- **shake** - v. to move or cause to move in short, quick movements

- **shape** - v. to give form to; n. the form of something, especially how it looks
- **share** - v. to give part of something to another or others; n. a part belonging to, given to or owned by a single person or a group; any one of the equal parts of ownership of a business or company
- **sharp** - ad. having a thin edge or small point that can cut or hurt; causing hurt or pain
- **she** - pro. the girl or woman who is being spoken about
- **sheep** - n. a farm animal used for its meat and hair
- **shell** - v. to fire artillery; n. a metal container that is fired from a large gun and explodes when it reaches its target; a hard outside cover
- **shelter** - v. to protect or give protection to; n. something that gives protection; a place of safety
- **shine** - v. to aim a light; to give bright light; to be bright; to clean to make bright
- **ship** - v. to transport; n. a large boat
- **shock** - v. to cause to feel sudden surprise or fear; n. something that greatly affects the mind or emotions; a powerful shake, as from an earthquake
- **shoe** - n. a covering for the foot
- **shoot** - v. to cause a gun or other weapon to send out an object designed to kill; to use a gun
- **short** - ad. lasting only for a small period of time; not long; opposite tall
- **should** - v. used with another verb (action word) to show responsibility ("*We should study.*"), probability ("*The talks should begin soon.*"), or that something is believed to be a good idea ("*Criminals should be punished.*")
- **shout** - v. to speak very loudly
- **show** - v. to make something be seen; to make known; n. a play or story presented in a theater, or broadcast on radio or television, for enjoyment or education; something organized to be seen by the public
- **shrink** - v. to make or become less in size, weight or value
- **sick** - ad. suffering physically or mentally with a disease or other problem; not in good health
- **sickness** - n. the condition of being in bad health
- **side** - n. the outer surfaces of an object that are not the top or bottom; parts away from the middle; either the right or left half of the body
- **sign** - v. to write one's name; n. a mark or shape used to mean something; evidence that something exists or will happen; a flat piece of material with writing that gives information
- **signal** - v. to send a message by signs; n. an action or movement that sends a message
- **silence** - v. to make quiet; to stop from speaking or making noise; n. a lack of noise or sound
- **silver** - n. a valued white metal
- **similar** - ad. like something else but not exactly the same
- **simple** - ad. easy to understand or do; not difficult or complex
- **since** - prep. from a time in the past until now ("*I have known her since we went to school together.*")
- **sing** - v. to make music sounds with the voice
- **single** - ad. one only
- **sink** - v. to go down into water or other liquid
- **sister** - n. a female with the same father or mother as another person
- **sit** - v. to rest on the lower part of the body without the support of the legs; to become seated
- **situation** - n. the way things are during a period of time
- **size** - n. the space occupied by something; how long, wide or high something is
- **skeleton** - n. all the bones of a human or other animal together in their normal positions
- **skill** - n. the ability gained from training or experience

- **skin** - n. the outer covering of humans and most animals
- **sky** - n. the space above the earth
- **slave** - n. a person owned or controlled by another
- **sleep** - v. to rest the body and mind with the eyes closed
- **slide** - v. to move smoothly over a surface
- **slow** - v. to reduce the speed of; ad. not fast in moving, talking or other activities
- **small** - ad. little in size or amount; few in number; not important; opposite large
- **smash** - v. to break or be broken into small pieces by force; to hit or move with force
- **smell** - v. to sense through the nose; n. something sensed by the nose (*"the smell of food cooking"*)
- **smoke** - v. to use cigarettes or other tobacco products by burning them and breathing in the smoke; n. that which can be seen rising into the air like a cloud from something burning
- **smooth** - ad. having a level surface; opposite rough
- **snow** - n. soft, white pieces of frozen water that fall from the sky, usually in winter or when the air temperature is very cold
- **so** - ad. in such a way that (*"He held the flag so all could see it."*); also; too (*"She left early, and so did we."*); very (*"I am so sick."*); as a result (*"They were sick, so they could not come."*); conj. in order that; for the purpose of (*"Come early so we can discuss the plans."*)
- **social** - ad. of or about people or a group
- **soft** - ad. not hard; easily shaped; pleasing to touch; not loud
- **soil** - n. earth in which plants grow
- **soldier** - n. a person in the army
- **solid** - ad. having a hard shape with no empty spaces inside; strong; not in the form of a liquid or gas
- **solve** - v. to find an answer; to settle
- **some** - ad. of an amount or number or part not stated; not all
- **son** - n. a person's male child
- **soon** - ad. not long after the present time; quickly
- **sort** - n. any group of people or things that are the same or are similar in some way; a kind of something
- **sound** - n. fast-moving waves of energy that affect the ear and result in hearing; that which is heard
- **south** - n. the direction to the right of a person facing the rising sun
- **space** - n. the area outside the earth's atmosphere where the sun, moon, planets and stars are; the area between or inside things
- **speak** - v. to talk; to say words with the mouth; to express one's thoughts to others and exchange ideas; to give a speech to a group
- **special** - ad. of a different or unusual kind; not for general use; better or more important than others of the same kind
- **speech** - n. a talk given to a group of people
- **speed** - v. to make something go or move faster; n. the rate at which something moves or travels; the rate at which something happens or is done
- **spend** - v. to give as payment; to use (*"He spends much time studying."*)
- **spill** - v. to cause or permit liquid to flow out, usually by accident
- **spirit** - n. the part of a human that is not physical and is connected to thoughts and emotions; the part of a person that is believed to remain alive after death
- **split** - v. to separate into two or more parts; to divide or break into parts
- **sport** - n. any game or activity of competition involving physical effort or skill
- **spread** - v. to become longer or wider; to make or become widely known
- **spring** - n. the time of the year between winter and summer
- **spy** - v. to steal or get information secretly; n. one who watches others secretly; a person

- employed by a government to get secret information about another country
- **square** - n. a flat shape having four equal sides
 - **stab** - v. to cut or push into or through with a pointed weapon
 - **stand** - v. to move into or be in a position in which only the feet are on a surface; to be in one position or place
 - **star** - n. a mass of gas that usually appears as a small light in the sky at night, but is not a planet; a famous person, usually an actor or singer
 - **start** - v. to begin; to make something begin
 - **starve** - v. to suffer or die from a lack of food
 - **state** - v. to say; to declare; n. a political part of a nation
 - **station** - n. a place of special work or purpose ("*a police station*"); a place where passengers get on or off trains or buses; a place for radio or television broadcasts
 - **statue** - n. a form of a human, animal or other creature usually made of stone, wood or metal
 - **stay** - v. to continue to be where one is; to remain; to not leave; to live for a time ("*They stayed in New York for two years.*")
 - **steal** - v. to take without permission or paying
 - **steam** - n. the gas that comes from hot water
 - **steel** - n. iron made harder and stronger by mixing it with other substances
 - **step** - v. to move by lifting one foot and placing it in a new position; n. the act of stepping; one of a series of actions designed to reach a goal
 - **stick** - v. to attach something to another thing using a substance that will hold them together; to become fixed in one position so that movement is difficult ("*Something is making the door stick.*"); n. a thin piece of wood
 - **still** - ad. not moving ("*The man was standing still.*"); until the present or a stated time ("*Was he still there?*"); even so; although ("*The job was difficult, but she still wanted to do it.*")
 - **stone** - n. a small piece of rock
 - **stop** - v. to prevent any more movement or action; to come or bring to an end
 - **store** - v. to keep or put away for future use; n. a place where people buy things
 - **storm** - n. violent weather, including strong winds and rain or snow
 - **story** - n. the telling or writing of an event, either real or imagined
 - **stove** - n. a heating device used for cooking
 - **straight** - ad. continuing in one direction without turns
 - **strange** - ad. unusual; not normal; not known
 - **street** - n. a road in a city, town or village
 - **stretch** - v. to extend for a distance; to pull on to make longer or wider
 - **strike** - v. to hit with force; to stop work as a way to seek better conditions, more pay or to make other demands
 - **strong** - ad. having much power; not easily broken, damaged or destroyed
 - **structure** - n. the way something is built, made or organized; a system that is formed or organized in a special way; a building
 - **struggle** - v. to try with much effort; to fight with; n. a great effort; a fight
 - **study** - v. to make an effort to gain knowledge by using the mind; to examine carefully
 - **stupid** - ad. not able to learn much; not intelligent
 - **subject** - n. the person or thing being discussed, studied or written about
 - **submarine** - n. an underwater ship
 - **substance** - n. the material of which something is made (a solid, liquid or gas)
 - **substitute** - v. to put or use in place of another; n. a person or thing put or used in place of another
 - **subversion** - n. an attempt to weaken or destroy a political system or government, usually secretly

- **succeed** - v. to reach a goal or thing desired; to produce a planned result
- **such** - ad. of this or that kind; of the same kind as; similar to
- **sudden** - ad. not expected; without warning; done or carried out quickly or without preparation
- **suffer** - v. to feel pain in the body or mind; to receive or experience hurt or sadness
- **sugar** - n. a sweet substance made from liquids taken from plants
- **suggest** - v. to offer or propose something to think about or consider
- **suicide** - n. the act of killing oneself
- **summer** - n. the warmest time of the year, between spring and autumn
- **sun** - n. the huge star in the sky that provides heat and light to earth
- **supervise** - v. to direct and observe the work of others
- **supply** - v. to give; to provide; n. the amount of something that can be given or sold to others
- **support** - v. to carry the weight of; to hold up or in position; to agree with others and help them reach a goal; to approve
- **suppose** - v. to believe, think or imagine (*"I suppose you are right."*); to expect (*"It is supposed to rain tonight."*)
- **suppress** - v. to put down or to keep down by force; to prevent information from being known publicly
- **sure** - ad. very probable; with good reason to believe; true without question
- **surface** - n. the outer side or top of something (*"The rocket landed on the surface of the moon."*)
- **surplus** - n. an amount that is more than is needed; extra; (*"That country has a trade surplus. It exports more than it imports."*)
- **surprise** - v. to cause a feeling of wonder because something is not expected; n. something not expected; the feeling caused by something not expected
- **surrender** - v. to give control of oneself or one's property to another or others; to stop fighting and admit defeat
- **surround** - v. to form a circle around; to be in positions all around someone or something
- **survive** - v. to remain alive during or after a dangerous situation
- **suspect** - v. to imagine or believe that a person is guilty of something bad or illegal; n. a person believed to be guilty
- **suspend** - v. to cause to stop for a period of time
- **swallow** - v. to take into the stomach through the mouth
- **swear in** - v. to put an official into office by having him or her promise to carry out the duties of that office (*"The chief justice will swear in the president."*)
- **sweet** - ad. tasting pleasant, like sugar
- **swim** - v. to move through water by making motions with the arms and legs
- **sympathy** - n. a sharing of feelings or emotions with another person, usually feelings of sadness
- **system** - n. a method of organizing or doing something by following rules or a plan; a group of connected things or parts working together for a common purpose or goal

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- **take** - v. to put a hand or hands around something and hold it, often to move it to another place; to carry something ; to seize; to capture; to begin to be in control (*"The president takes office tomorrow."*)
- **talk** - v. to express thoughts in spoken words; n. a meeting for discussion
- **tall** - ad. higher than others; opposite short
- **tank** - n. a large container for holding liquids; a heavy military vehicle with guns
- **target** - n. any person or object aimed at or fired at

- **taste** - v. to sense through the mouth (*"The fruit tastes sweet."*)
- **tax** - n. the money a person or business must pay to the government so the government can provide services
- **tea** - n. a drink made from the plant of the same name
- **teach** - v. to show how to do something; to provide knowledge; to cause to understand
- **team** - n. a group organized for some purpose, often for sports
- **tear** - v. to pull apart, often by force
- **technical** - ad. involving machines, processes and materials in industry, transportation and communications; of or about a very special kind of subject or thing (*"You need technical knowledge to understand how this system works."*)
- **technology** - n. the use of scientific knowledge and methods to produce goods and services
- **telephone** - n. a device or system for sending sounds, especially the voice, over distances
- **telescope** - n. a device for making objects that are far away appear closer and larger
- **television** - n. a device that receives electronic signals and makes them into pictures and sounds; the system of sending pictures and sounds by electronic signals over a distance so others can see and hear them on a receiver
- **tell** - v. to give information; to make known by speaking; to order; to command
- **temperature** - n. the measurement of heat and cold
- **temporary** - ad. lasting only a short time
- **tense** - ad. having fear or concern; dangerous; opposite calm
- **term** - n. a limited period of time during which someone does a job or carries out a responsibility (*"He served two terms in Congress."*); the conditions of an agreement that have been accepted by those involved in it
- **terrible** - ad. very bad; causing terror or fear
- **territory** - n. a large area of land
- **terror** - n. extreme fear; that which causes great fear
- **terrorist** - n. a person who carries out acts of extreme violence as a protest or a way to influence a government
- **test** - v. to attempt to learn or prove what something is like or how it will act by studying or doing (*"The scientists will test the new engine soon."*); n. an attempt to learn or prove what something is like or how it will act by studying or doing (*"The test of the new engine takes place today."*); a group of questions or problems used to find out a person's knowledge (*"The students did well on the language test."*)
- **than** - conj. connecting word used to link things that may be similar, but are not equal (*"My sister is taller than I am."*)
- **thank** - v. to say that one has a good feeling toward another because that person did something kind (*"I want to thank you for helping me."*)
- **that** - ad. showing the person, place or thing being spoken about (*"That man is a soldier."*); pro. the person, place or thing being spoken about (*"The building that I saw was very large."*)
- **the** - pro. used in front of a name word to show that it is a person or thing that is known about or is being spoken about
- **theater** - n. a place where movies are shown or plays are performed
- **them** - pro. other people being spoken about
- **then** - ad. at that time; existing; and so
- **theory** - n. a possible explanation of why something exists or how something happens using experiments or ideas, but which is not yet proven (*"Other scientists are debating his theory about the disappearance of dinosaurs."*)
- **there** - ad. in that place or position; to or toward that place
- **these** - pro. of or about the people, places or things nearby that have been spoken about already

- **they** - pro. those ones being spoken about
- **thick** - ad. having a large distance between two opposite surfaces (*"The wall is two meters thick."*); having many parts close together (*"The forest is very thick."*); almost solid, such as a liquid that does not flow easily; opposite thin
- **thin** - ad. having a small distance between two opposite surfaces; not fat; not wide; opposite thick
- **thing** - n. any object
- **think** - v. to produce thoughts; to form ideas in the mind; to consider; to believe
- **third** - ad. coming after two others
- **this** - pro. of or about the person, place or thing nearby that has been spoken about already
- **threaten** - v. to warn that one will do harm or cause damage
- **through** - prep. in at one end and out at the other; from front to back; from top to bottom; with the help of; by
- **throw** - v. to cause to go through the air by a movement of the arm
- **tie** - v. to join or hold together with some material; n. anything that joins or unites; links or connections (*"The two nations have strong trade ties."*)
- **time** - n. that which is measured in minutes, hours, days and years; a period that can be identified in hours and minutes and is shown on a clock; a period when an event should or will take place
- **tired** - ad. having less strength because of work or exercise; needing sleep or rest
- **to** - prep. showing the direction of an action; showing the person or place toward which an action is directed; showing a goal or purpose
- **today** - n. this day
- **together** - ad. in one group; at the same time or place; in cooperation
- **tomorrow** - n. the day after today
- **tonight** - n. this night
- **too** - ad. also; as well as; more than is necessary
- **tool** - n. any instrument or device designed to help one do work
- **top** - n. the upper edge or surface; the highest part; the cover of something
- **torture** - v. to cause severe pain; n. the act of causing severe pain in order to harm, to punish or to get information from
- **total** - n. the complete amount
- **touch** - v. to put the hand or fingers on
- **toward** - prep. in the direction of; leading to
- **town** - n. a center where people live, larger than a village but not as large as a city
- **trade** - v. to buy and sell or exchange products or services; n. the activity of buying, selling or exchanging products or services
- **tradition** - n. a ceremony, activity or belief that has existed for a long time
- **traffic** - n. the movement of people, vehicles or ships along a street, road or waterway
- **tragic** - ad. extremely sad; terrible
- **train** - v. to teach or learn how to do something; to prepare for an activity; n. an engine and the cars connected to it that move along a railroad
- **transport** - v. to move goods or people from one place to another
- **transportation** - n. the act or business of moving goods or people
- **trap** - v. to catch or be caught by being tricked; to be unable to move or escape; n. a device used to catch animals
- **travel** - v. to go from one place to another, usually for a long distance
- **treason** - n. the act of fighting against one's own country or of helping its enemies
- **treasure** - n. a large collection of money, jewels or other things of great value
- **treat** - v. to deal with; to act toward in a special way; to try to cure
- **treatment** - n. the act of treating; the use of medicine to try to cure or make better

- **treaty** - n. a written agreement between two or more nations
- **tree** - n. a very tall plant that is mostly wood, except for its leaves
- **trial** - n. an examination in a court of a question or dispute to decide if a charge is true
- **tribe** - n. a group of families ruled by a common chief or leader
- **trick** - v. to cheat; to fool a person so as to get something or make him or her do something
- **trip** - n. a movement from one place to another, usually a long distance
- **troops** - n. a number of soldiers in a large controlled group
- **trouble** - n. that which causes concern, fear, difficulty or problems
- **truce** - n. a temporary halt in fighting agreed to by all sides involved
- **truck** - n. a heavy vehicle used to carry goods
- **true** - ad. correct; not false
- **trust** - v. to believe that someone is honest and will not cause harm
- **try** - v. to make an effort; to take court action against a person to decide if he or she is guilty or innocent of a crime
- **tube** - n. a long, round structure through which liquids or gases can flow; a long, thin container in which they can be kept
- **turn** - v. to change direction; to move into a different position; to change color, form or shape

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- **under** - prep. below; below the surface of; less than; as called for by a law, agreement or system (*"The river flows under the bridge." "Such action is not permitted under the law."*)
- **understand** - v. to know what is meant; to have knowledge of
- **unite** - v. to join together
- **universe** - n. all of space, including planets and stars
- **university** - n. a place of education that usually includes several colleges and research organizations
- **unless** - conj. except if it happens; on condition that (*"I will not go, unless the rain stops."*)
- **until** - conj. up to a time; before
- **up** - ad. to, in or at a higher position or value
- **urge** - v. to advise strongly; to make a great effort to get someone to do something
- **urgent** - ad. needing an immediate decision or action
- **us** - pro. the form of the word "we" used after a preposition (*"He said he would write to us."*) or used as an object of a verb (*"They saw us yesterday."*)
- **use** - v. to employ for a purpose; to put into action
- **usual** - ad. as is normal or common; as is most often done, seen or heard

V

- **vacation** - n. a holiday; a period of time for travel, pleasure or rest, especially one with pay given to an employee
- **vaccine** - n. a substance containing killed or weakened organisms given to a person or animal to produce protection against a disease
- **valley** - n. a long area of land between higher areas of land
- **value** - n. the quality of being useful, important or desired; the amount of money that could be received if something is sold
- **vegetable** - n. a plant grown for food
- **vehicle** - n. anything on or in which a person or thing can travel or be transported, especially anything on wheels; a car or truck
- **version** - n. the form of something with different details than earlier or later forms

- **very** - ad. extremely (*"He was very late."*)
- **veto** - v. to reject or refuse to approve
- **victim** - n. someone or something that is injured, killed or made to suffer; someone who is tricked
- **victory** - n. a success in a fight or competition
- **video** - n. a method of recording images and sound without a traditional film camera to be shown on a television, computer or other device
- **village** - n. a very small town
- **violate** - v. to fail to obey or honor; to break (an agreement)
- **violence** - n. the use of force to cause injury, death or damage
- **visa** - n. the official permission given to a person to enter a country where he or she is not a citizen
- **visit** - v. to go to or come to a place for a short time for friendly or business reasons
- **voice** - n. the sound made by creatures, especially humans, for speaking
- **volcano** - n. a hill or mountain around a hole in the earth's surface that can explode, sending hot, melted rock and ash into the air
- **volunteer** - n. a person who chooses to do something without being asked, usually without being paid
- **vote** - v. to choose a candidate in an election; n. a choice or decision expressed by the voice, by hand or by writing

W

- **wages** - n. money received for work done
- **wait** - v. to delay acting; to postpone
- **walk** - v. to move by putting one foot in front of the other
- **wall** - n. the side of a room or building formed by wood, stone or other material; a structure sometimes used to separate areas of land
- **want** - v. to desire; to wish for; to need
- **war** - n. fighting between nations, or groups in a nation, using weapons
- **warm** - ad. almost hot; having or feeling some heat
- **warn** - v. to tell of possible danger; to advise or inform about something bad that may happen
- **wash** - v. to make clean, usually with water
- **waste** - v. to spend or use without need or care; to make bad use of; n. a spending of money, time or effort with no value gained or returned; something thrown away as having no value; the liquid and solid substances that result from body processes and are passed out of the body
- **watch** - v. to look at; to observe closely; to look and wait for
- **water** - n. the liquid that falls from the sky as rain or is found in lakes, rivers and oceans
- **wave** - v. to move or cause to move one way and the other, as a flag in the wind; to signal by moving the hand one way and the other; n. a large mass of water that forms and moves on the surface of a lake or ocean
- **way** - n. a path on land or sea or in the air; how something is done; method
- **we** - pro. two or more people, including the speaker or writer (*"He and I will go together, and we will return together."*)
- **weak** - ad. having little power; easily broken, damaged or destroyed; opposite strong
- **wealth** - n. a large amount of possessions, money or other things of value
- **weapon** - n. anything used to cause injury or to kill during an attack, fight or war
- **wear** - v. to have on the body, as clothes
- **weather** - n. the condition of the atmosphere resulting from sun, wind, rain, heat or cold
- **Web site** - n. a collection of information prepared by a person or organization on the World

Wide Web of the Internet

- **week** - n. a period of time equal to seven days
- **weigh** - v. to measure how heavy someone or something is
- **welcome** - v. to express happiness or pleasure when someone arrives or something develops
- **well** - ad. in a way that is good or pleasing; in good health; n. a hole in the ground where water, gas or oil can be found
- **west** - n. the direction in which the sun goes down
- **wet** - ad. covered with water or other liquid; not dry
- **what** - pro. used to ask about something or to ask for information about something (*"What is this?"*); ad. which or which kind (*"He wants to know what you would like to drink."*)
- **wheat** - n. a grain used to make bread; the plant that produces the grain
- **wheel** - n. a round structure that turns around a center
- **when** - ad. at what time; at any time (*"When will she come home?"*); conj. during or at the time (*"I studied hard when I was in school."*)
- **where** - ad., conj. at, to or in what place (*"Where is his house?" "The house where he lives is in the old part of the city."*)
- **whether** - conj. if it be the case or fact that (*"He did not know whether he was right or wrong."*)
- **which** - pro. used to ask about what one or what ones of a group of things or people (*"Which program do you like best?" "Which students will take the test?"*)
- **while** - n. a space of time (*"Please come to my house for a while."*); conj. at or during the same time (*"It may not be a good idea to eat while you are running."*)
- **white** - ad. having the color like that of milk or snow
- **who** - pro. what or which person or persons that (*"Who wants to go?"*); the person or persons (*"They are the ones who want to go."*)
- **whole** - ad. the complete amount; all together; not divided; not cut into pieces
- **why** - ad. for what cause or reason (*"Why did she do it?"*); conj. the reason for which (*"I do not know why she did it."*)
- **wide** - ad. having a great distance from one side to the other; not limited
- **wife** - n. a woman who is married
- **wild** - ad. living and growing in natural conditions and not organized or supervised by humans; angry; uncontrolled
- **will** - v. a word used with action words to show future action (*"They will hold talks tomorrow."*)
- **willing** - ad. being ready or having a desire to (*"They are willing to talk about the problem."*)
- **win** - v. to gain a victory; to defeat another or others in a competition, election or battle
- **wind** - n. a strong movement of air
- **window** - n. an opening in a wall to let in light and air, usually filled with glass
- **winter** - n. the coldest time of year, between autumn and spring
- **wire** - n. a long, thin piece of metal used to hang objects or to carry electricity or electronic communications from one place to another
- **wise** - ad. having much knowledge and understanding; able to use knowledge and understanding to make good or correct decisions
- **wish** - v. to want; to express a desire for
- **with** - prep. along or by the side of; together; using (*"He fixed it with a tool."*); having (*"the house with the red door"*)
- **withdraw** - v. to take or move out, away or back; to remove
- **without** - prep. with no; not having or using; free from; not doing
- **witness** - n. a person who saw and can tell about an action or event, sometimes in a court of law

- **woman** - n. an adult female human
- **wonder** - v. to ask oneself; to question (*"She wonders if it is true."*); n. a feeling of surprise
- **wonderful** - ad. causing wonder; especially good
- **wood** - n. the solid material of which trees are made
- **word** - n. one or more connected sounds that form a single part of a language
- **work** - v. to use physical or mental effort to make or do something; n. the effort used to make or to do something; that which needs effort; the job one does to earn money
- **world** - n. the earth; the people who live on the earth
- **worry** - v. to be concerned; to continue thinking that something, possibly bad, can happen
- **worse** - ad. more bad than
- **worth** - n. value measured in money
- **wound** - v. to injure; to hurt; to cause physical damage to a person or animal; n. an injury to the body of a human or animal in which the skin is usually cut or broken
- **wreck** - v. to damage greatly; to destroy; n. anything that has been badly damaged or broken
- **wreckage** - n. what remains of something severely damaged or destroyed
- **write** - v. to use an instrument to make words appear on a surface, such as paper
- **wrong** - ad. not correct; bad; not legal; opposite right

Y

- **year** - n. a period of time equal to twelve months
- **yellow** - ad. having the color like that of gold or the sun
- **yes** - ad. used to express agreement or to permit
- **yesterday** - n. the day before today
- **yet** - ad. at some time before now (*"Have they arrived yet?"*); now; at this time (*"I cannot tell you about it yet."*); conj. however (*"The sun was shining, yet it was cold."*)
- **you** - pro. the person or persons being spoken to
- **young** - ad. in the early years of life; not old

Z

- **zero** - n. the number meaning none or nothing
- **zoo** - n. a place where animals are kept for the public to look at and study