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Guide to the dictionary

headword	sandwich /ˈsænwɪdʒ/ <i>n</i> [C] two slices	pronunciation
meaning	of bread with meat, salad, etc. between them: <i>a cheese ~</i> -are true - - - - - [.] put sb/sth between	example
differences between British and American spelling	sceptre (US -er) /ˈseptə(r)/ <i>n</i> [C] decorated rod carried by a king or queen as a symbol of power 0 → schedule -----, US ----- ■ Secretary of State <i>n</i> [C] 1 (GB) head of an important government department 2 (US) head of the department that deals with foreign affairs	differences in meaning between British and American English
words with the same spelling but different meanings, parts of speech and sometimes different pronunciation	0 → separate ¹ /ˈseprət/ <i>adj</i> 1 ~ (from) forming a unit by itself; not joined to sth else: ~ rooms 2 different: <i>on three ~ occasions</i> ▶ separately <i>adv</i> 0 → separate ² /ˈseperet/ <i>v</i> 1 [I,T] (cause people or things to) move apart; divide into different parts or -groups 2 [.] stop living together as a	
Oxford 3000™ keyword	0 → shake ¹ /ʃeɪk/ <i>v</i> (pt shook /ʃʊk/ pp ~n /ˈʃeɪkən/) 1 [I,T] (cause sb/sth to) move quickly from side to side or up and down 2 [I] ~ (with) make short quick movements that you cannot control, eg because you are afraid 3 [I] (of sb's voice) sound unsteady, usu because you are afraid, etc 4 [T] shock or upset sb very much: <i>We were ~n by his death.</i> (IDM) shake hands (with sb) shake sb's hand take sb's hand and move it up and down as a greeting shake your head move your head from side to side to indicate 'no' or to show doubt, etc (PV) shake sb/sth off free yourself of sb/sth shake sth up make important changes in an organization, etc to make it more efficient ■ 'shake-up <i>n</i> [C] major reorganization of a company, etc ▶ shakily /-ɪli/ <i>adv</i> ▶ shaky <i>adj</i> (-ier, -iest) 1 (of a person) shaking and -weak because of illness, etc. 2 not ..	irregular verb forms preposition that usually follows the headword
idioms		
phrasal verbs		
derivatives		compound noun or adjective
	0 → shelf /ʃelf/ <i>n</i> [C] (pl shelves /ˈʃelvz/) 1 flat piece of wood, etc attached to a wall, etc for things to stand on 2 (geol) piece of rock like a shelf on a cliff face or underwater a swallow -----	irregular plural subject area in which the word is used
help with spelling	swig /swɪɡ/ <i>v</i> (-gg-) [T] (informal) drink sth in large amounts swill -swɪl- - - - - [.] - - - clean sth by - - - - - swirl /swɜːl/ <i>v</i> [I,T] (cause air, water, etc to) move or flow with twists and turns ● swirl <i>n</i> [C] swirling movement or pattern	degree of formality word with a similar meaning to the headword, but a different part of speech

Aa

A, a /eɪ/ *n* [C, U] (pl **A's**, **a's** /eɪz/) first letter of the English alphabet ● **A** *abbr* amp(s) ■ **A level** *n* [C, U] (GB) exam in a particular subject at about the age of 18 and necessary for entrance to a university

○ **a** /ə/; strong form eɪ/ (also **an** /ən/; strong form æn/) *indefinite article* (*an* is used before a vowel sound) **1** one: *a book* ◇ *a million pounds* **2** used of number, quantity, groups, etc.: *a lot of money* **3** each: *70 miles an hour*

aback /ə'bak/ *adv* [IDM] **be taken aback** (by sb/sth) be shocked or surprised by sb/sth

abacus /'æbakəs/ *n* [C] frame with small balls which slide on rods, used for counting

○ **abandon** /ə'bændən/ *v* [T] **1** leave sb/sth with no intention of returning **2** stop doing or having sth: ~ *an idea* **3** (lit) ~ **yourself** to feel an emotion so strongly that you can feel nothing else ► **abandoned** *adj* **1** no longer used **2** (of behaviour) wild ► **abandonment** *n* [U]

abashed /ə'bæʃt/ *adj* embarrassed; ashamed

abate /ə'beɪt/ *v* [I] (fml) (esp of wind or pain) become less strong ► **abatement** *n* [U]

abattoir /'æbætwa:(r)/ *n* [C] place where animals are killed for food

abbess /'æbes/ *n* [C] woman who is the head of a convent

abbey /'æbi/ *n* [C] building in which monks or nuns live

abbot /'æbət/ *n* [C] man who is the head of a monastery or an abbey

abbreviate /ə'brɪ:vɪet/ *v* [T] make a word, phrase, etc shorter ► **abbreviation** /ə'brɪ:vɪeɪʃn/ *n* [C] short form of a word or phrase

abdicate /'æbdɪkeɪt/ *v* [I, T] give up a high position, responsibility, etc ► **abdication** /'æbdɪ'keɪʃn/ *n* [U]

abdomen /'æbdəmə'n/ *n* [C] part of the body containing the stomach ► **abdominal** /'æbdəmɪnəl/ *adj*

abduct /'æb'dʌkt/ *v* [T] take sb away illegally, using force ► **abduction** /'æb'dʌkʃn/ *n* [U, C]

aberration /'æbə'reɪʃn/ *n* [C, U] action or way of behaving that is not normal

abet /ə'bet/ *v* (-tt-) [IDM] **aid** and **abet** → **AID**

abhor /əb'hɔ:(r)/ *v* (-rr-) [T] (fml) hate sth ► **abhorrence** /əb'hʊərəns/ *n* [U] ► **abhorrent** /-ənt/ *adj*

abide /ə'baɪd/ *v* **1** [T] tolerate sb/sth **2** [I] ~ by keep or obey a law, promise, etc ► **abiding** *adj* (written) lasting for a long time and not changing

○ **ability** /ə'bɪləti/ *n* [C, U] (pl -ies) skill or power

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above

abject /'æbdʒekt/ *adj* (fml) **1** terrible and without hope: ~ *poverty* **2** not having pride or respect for yourself ► **abjectly** *adv*

ablaze /ə'bleɪz/ *adj* (written) **1** burning; on fire **2** shining brightly

○ **able** /'eɪbl/ *adj* (-r, -st) **1** ~ to having the power, means or opportunity to do sth: *Are you ~ to come with us?* **2** clever; skilled ■ **able-bodied** *adj* physically strong ► **ably** *adv*

abnormal /'æb'nɔ:ml/ *adj* unusual in a way that is worrying, harmful, etc ► **abnormality** /'æb'nɔ:'mæləti/ *n* [C, U] (pl -ies) ► **abnormally** *adv*

aboard /ə'bɔ:d/ *adv, prep* on or onto a ship, an aircraft, a train or a bus

abode /ə'bəʊd/ *n* [sing] (fml) house or home: *people of no fixed ~* (= with no permanent home)

abolish /ə'bɒlɪʃ/ *v* [T] put an end to sth ► **abolition** /'æbə'liʃn/ *n* [U]

abominable /ə'bɒmɪnəbl/ *adj* extremely unpleasant and causing disgust ► **abominably** *adv*

Aboriginal /'æbə'rɪdʒənəl/ (also **Aborigine** /'æbə'rɪdʒəni/) *n* [C] member of the race of people who were the original inhabitants of Australia ► **Aboriginal** *adj*

abort /ə'bɔ:t/ *v* [I, T] **1** (cause sb to) end a pregnancy early in order to prevent a baby from developing **2** end sth before it is completed ► **abortion** /ə'bɔ:ʃn/ *n* [C, U] (instance of) aborting (1): *have an ~* ► **abortive** *adj* not successful; failed

abound /ə'baʊnd/ *v* [I] ~ (in/with) have or exist in large numbers or quantities

○ **about** /ə'baʊt/ *prep* **1** on the subject of: *a book ~ flowers* **2** in many directions: *walking ~ the town* **3** concerned or occupied with: *And while you're ~ it, ... (= while you are doing that)* [IDM] **be about to do sth** be going to do sth very soon **how/ what about...?** **1** used when making a suggestion: *How ~ some more tea?* **2** used when asking for information: *What ~ the money – do we have enough?* ● **about** *adv* **1** a little more or less than: *It costs ~ £100.* **2** in many different directions: *The children were rushing ~.* **3** here and there: *papers lying ~ on the floor* **4** able to be found in a place: *There was no one ~.* ■ **a.bout·turn** *n* [sing] complete change of position or opinion

○ **above** /ə'bʌv/ *prep, adv* **1** at or to a higher place or position than sb/sth: *the shelf ~* **2** more than sth; greater in number, level or age than sb/sth **3** of greater importance or of higher quality than sb/sth: *I rate her ~ most players of her age.* **4** earlier in

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

sth written or printed: *See ~, page 16.* **5** too good or too honest to do sth: *be ~ suspicion* [IDM] **above all** most important of all **• above** *adj* mentioned or printed previously in a letter, book, etc: *Write to us at the ~ address.* **▶ the above** *n* [sing, with sing or pl verb]: *Please notify us if the ~ is not correct.*

abrasion /ə'breɪʒn/ *n* (tech) **1** [C] injury where the skin has been scraped **2** [U] scraping or rubbing

abrasive /ə'breɪsɪv/ *adj* **1** that scrapes or rubs sth away; rough **2** rude and harsh: *an ~ manner*

abreast /ə'breɪst/ *adv* side by side [IDM] **keep abreast of sth** remain well informed about sth

abridge /ə'brɪdʒ/ *v* [T] make a book, etc shorter **▶ abridgement** *n* [C, U]

abroad /ə'brɔːd/ *adv* in or to another country: *travel ~*

abrupt /ə'brʌpt/ *adj* **1** sudden and unexpected: *an ~ stop* **2** (of behaviour) rude and unfriendly **▶ abruptly** *adv* **▶ abruptness** *n* [U]

abscess /'æbses/ *n* [C] painful swelling in the body, containing thick yellowish liquid (pus)

abscond /əb'skʌnd/ *v* [I] (fml) **1** escape from a place that you are not allowed to leave without permission **2** leave secretly, esp with money that does not belong to you

abseil /'æbsel/ *v* [I] go down a steep hill or rock while attached to a rope, pushing against the slope with your feet

absence /'æbsəns/ *n* **1** [U, C] (occasion or period of) being away: *~ from school* **2** [U] fact of sb/sth not existing; lack: *the ~ of information*

absent /'æbsənt/ *adj* **~ (from)** not present in a place **■, absent-minded** *adj* with your mind on other things; forgetful

absentee /'æbsən'tiː/ *n* [C] person who is not present

absolute /'æbsəluːt/ *adj* **1** complete; total: *~ trust* **2** not limited or restricted: *an ~ ruler* **3** not measured in relation to other things: *an ~ standard* **▶ absolutely** *adv*

1 completely **2** /æbsə'luːtli/ (infml) used to emphasize that you agree with sb **■, absolute majority** *n* [C] (in an election) more than half of the total number of votes or winning candidates **■, absolute zero** *n* [U] the lowest temperature that is thought to be possible

absolve /əb'zɒlv/ *v* [T] **~ from/of** (fml) declare sb to be free from blame, a duty, etc

absorb /əb'sɔːb/ *v* [T] **1** take in a liquid, heat, light, etc **2** hold sb's interest and attention: *~ed in her work* **▶ absorbent** *adj* that absorbs

liquid easily **▶ absorption**

/əb'sɔːpʃn/ *n* [U]

abstain /əb'steɪn/ *v* [I] **1** not vote; neither for nor against a proposal **2** **~ (from)** keep yourself from drinking alcohol, eating meat, etc

abstemious /əb'stiːmiəs/ *adj* not eating or drinking a lot; moderate

abstention /əb'stenʃn/ *n* [C, U] instance of abstaining (1)

abstinence /'æbstɪnəns/ *n* [U] practice of abstaining (2), esp from alcoholic drink

abstract /'æbstrækt/ *adj* **1** existing as an idea, rather than having a physical or practical existence: *Beauty is ~.* **2** (of art) not showing objects in a realistic way **3** (of a noun) that refers to an abstract quality or state, eg *freedom*

• abstract *n* [C] short account of a book, etc; summary

absurd /əb'sɜːd/ *adj* unreasonable; ridiculous **▶ absurdity** *n* [U, C] (pl -ies) **▶ absurdly** *adv*

abundance /ə'bʌndəns/ *n* [U, sing] quantity that is more than enough

▶ abundant /ə'bʌndənt/ *adj*

▶ abundantly *adv*

abuse /ə'bjuːz/ *v* [T] **1** make bad or wrong use of sth **2** treat sb in a cruel or violent way, esp sexually **3** say rude things to or about sb

• abuse /ə'bjuːs/ *n* **1** [U, sing] wrong or bad use of sth: *the ~ of power* **2** [U] unfair, cruel or violent treatment of sb: *child ~* **3** [U] rude or cruel words: *hurl ~ at sb* **▶ abusive** *adj* using rude or cruel words

abysmal /ə'bɪzməl/ *adj* very bad: *an ~ failure* **▶ abysmally** *adv*

abyss /ə'bɪs/ *n* [C] hole so deep that it seems to have no bottom

academic /,ækə'demɪk/ *adj* **1** of (teaching or learning in) schools, colleges, etc **2** involving a lot of reading or studying rather than practical skills **• academic** *n* [C] teacher at a university, college, etc **▶ academically** /-kli/ *adv*

academy /ə'kædəmi/ *n* [C] (pl -ies)

1 school for special training: *a music ~* **2** society for people interested in the arts, etc

accede /æk'siːd/ *v* [I] **~ (to)** (fml)

agree to a request, suggestion, etc

accelerate /æk'seləreɪt/ *v* [I, T] (cause sth to) move faster **▶ acceleration**

/æk'selə'reɪʃn/ *n* [U] **▶ accelerator**

/æk'selə'reɪtə(r)/ *n* [C] pedal in a car, etc that is pressed with the foot to increase the car's speed

accent /'æksent/ *v* [I] **~ (to)** *n* [C]

1 individual, local or national way of speaking **2** mark written over or under a letter, eg the symbol on the *e's* in *résumé* **3** special emphasis or force given to sth **▶ accent**

/æk'sent/ *v* [T] put emphasis on sth

accentuate /æk'sentʃueɪt/ *v* [T]

emphasize sth or make it more noticeable

➤ **accept** /ə'ksept/ v **1** [I, T] agree to take sth offered; say yes to an invitation, etc: ~ a present **2** [T] agree to sth; recognize or believe sth: ~ the truth ➤ **acceptable** adj **1** agreed or approved of by most people in a society **2** that sb agrees is satisfactory or allowed ➤ **acceptance** n [U, C]

➤ **access** /'ækses/ n [U] ~ (to) **1** way into a place **2** opportunity or right to use sth • **access** v [T] open a computer file in order to get or add information ➤ **accessible** /ə'ksesəbl/ adj easy to reach, use, etc

accession /æk'seʃn/ n [U] act of becoming a ruler of a country

accessory /ək'sesəri/ n [C] (pl -ies) **1** something extra that is useful but not essential: car accessories **2** (law) person who helps another in a crime

➤ **accident** /'æksɪdnt/ n [C] event that happens unexpectedly, esp causing injury or damage [IDM] by accident in a way that is not planned ➤ **accidental** /'æksɪdntl/ adj happening by chance ➤ **accidentally** /-təli/ adv ■ **accident and e'mergency** (abbr A & E) n = CASUALTY(2)

acclaim /ə'kleɪm/ v [T] (fml) praise or welcome sb/sth publicly • **acclaim** n [U] (fml) enthusiastic welcome or approval

acclimatize (also -ise) /ə'klaɪmətaɪz/ v [I, T] ~ (yourself) (to) get used to a new climate or new conditions

accolade /'ækələɪd/ n [C] (fml) praise or approval

accommodate /ə'kɒmədeɪt/ v [T] **1** provide sb with a place to live **2** do a favour to sb; oblige sb ➤ **accommodating** adj helpful

➤ **accommodation** /ə'kɒmədeɪʃn/ n [U] room(s), esp for living in: rented/temporary ~

accompaniment /ə'kɒmpənɪmənt/ n **1** [C, U] music played to support a singer or another instrument **2** [C] something that you eat, drink or use together with sth else

accompanist /ə'kɒmpənɪst/ n [C] person who plays music to support a singer or another instrument

➤ **accompany** /ə'kɒmpəni/ v (pt, pp -ied) [T] **1** go somewhere with sb **2** happen or appear with sth else: wind accompanied by rain **3** play music to support a singer or another instrument

accomplice /ə'kɒmplɪs/ n [C] person who helps another do sth wrong

accomplish /ə'kɒmplɪʃ/ v [T] succeed in doing sth ➤ **accomplished** /-ɪʃt/ adj skilled ➤ **accomplishment** n **1** [C] thing done or achieved after a lot of hard

work **2** [C, U] skill or special ability **3** [U] successful completing of sth

accord /ə'kɔ:d/ n [IDM] in accord (with sth/sb) (fml) in agreement with sth/sb of your own accord without being asked or forced • **accord** v [I] ~ (with) (fml) agree with or match sth

accordance /ə'kɔ:dəns/ n [IDM] in accordance with sth in agreement with sth

accordingly /ə'kɔ:dɪŋli/ adv because of sth just mentioned; for that reason

➤ **according to** /ə'kɔ:dɪŋ tə/ before vowels tu/ prep **1** as stated by sb; as shown in sth: A~ to the report, most people don't take enough exercise. **2** following or agreeing with sth: act ~ to your principles

accordion /ə'kɔ:dɪən/ n [C] musical instrument with bellows and a keyboard

accost /ə'kɒst/ v [T] go up to and speak to sb, esp a stranger

➤ **account** /ə'kaʊnt/ n **1** [C] arrangement that sb has with a bank to keep money there: open a bank ~ **2** [usu pl] written record of money that is owed to a business and of money that has been paid by it: the ~s department **3** [C] written or spoken description of sth that has happened: I gave the police a full ~ of the incident. **4** [C] (business) regular customer: to lose an important ~ **5** [C] arrangement that sb has with a company that allows them to use the Internet, send emails, etc [IDM] of no/little account (fml) not important on account of sth because of sth on no account not for any reason take account of sth | take sth into account consider particular facts, etc when making a decision about sth

• **account** v [PV] account for sth **1** be an explanation of sth **2** give an explanation of sth: How do you ~ for the play's success? **3** be a particular amount or part of sth

➤ **accountable** adj responsible

accountant /ə'kaʊntənt/ n [C] person whose job is to keep or check financial accounts ➤ **accountancy** /-tənsi/ n [U] profession of an accountant

accredited /ə'kredɪtɪd/ adj officially recognized: our ~ representative

➤ **accreditation** /-tɪ'leɪʃn/ n [U] official approval given when sb/sth achieves a certain standard

accrue /ə'kru:/ v [I] (fml) come as an (esp financial) increase

accumulate /ə'kju:mjəleɪt/ v [I, T] become or make sth greater in quantity over a period of time

➤ **accumulation** /-tɪ'leɪʃn/ n [U, C]

0 **accurate** /'ækjərət/ *adj* exact; correct ▶ **accuracy** /-rəsi/ *n* [U]
▶ **accurately** *adv*

accusation /'ækju:'zeɪʃn/ *n* [C]
statement accusing sb of having done sth wrong

0 **accuse** /ə'kju:z/ *v* [T] ~ (of) say that sb has done wrong: ~ sb of theft ▶ **the accused** *n* [C] (pl **the accused**) person on trial for committing a crime ▶ **accuser** *n* [C]

accustom /ə'kʌstəm/ *v* [T] ~ to make yourself/sb get used to sth
▶ **accustomed** *adj* usual

ace /eɪs/ *n* [C] 1 playing card with a large single symbol on it 2 (*informal*) person who is extremely skilled: *an ~ footballer* 3 (in tennis) serve that is so good that your opponent cannot reach the ball

ache /eɪk/ *v* [I] 1 feel a continuous dull pain: *My head ~s.* 2 (*written*) want sth very much ● **ache** *n* [C] (often in compounds) continuous dull pain in a part of the body: *a tummy ~*

0 **achieve** /ə'tʃi:v/ *v* [T] gain or reach sth by effort; get sth done: ~ your aim ▶ **achievement** *n* [C, U]

Achilles heel /ə'kɪlɪz 'hi:l/ *n* [sing] weak point or fault in sb's character, which can be attacked by other people ■ **Achilles' tendon** *n* [C] tendon joining the muscles at the back of the leg to the heel

0 **acid** /'æsɪd/ *n* [U, C] (*chem*) substance that contains hydrogen and has a pH of less than seven ● **acid** *adj* 1 sour 2 (of remarks) very unkind ■ **acid rain** *n* [U] rain containing harmful chemicals that kills trees, crops, etc ■ **acid test** *n* [sing] way of deciding whether sth is successful or true

0 **acknowledge** /ək'nɒlɪdʒ/ *v* [T] 1 accept that sth is true 2 accept that sb/sth has a particular authority or status 3 tell sb that you have received sth (eg a letter) 4 show that you have noticed sb 5 publicly express thanks for help you have been given ▶ **acknowledgement** (*also* **acknowledgment**) *n* [U, C]

acne /'æknɪ/ *n* [U] spots on the face and neck

acorn /'eɪkɔ:n/ *n* [C] fruit of the oak tree

acoustic /ə'ku:stɪk/ *adj* of sound ▶ **acoustics** *n* 1 [pl] qualities that make a room good or bad for hearing music or speeches in 2 [U] study of sound

acquaint /ə'kwem/ *v* [T] ~ with make sb/yourself familiar with sth ▶ **acquaintance** *n* 1 [C] person that you know slightly 2 [U, C] ~ (with) (esp slight) knowledge of sb/sth [IDM] make sb's acquaintance (*formal*)

meet sb for the first time

▶ **acquainted** *adj* ~ (with) knowing sb personally

acquiesce /'ækwi:'es/ *v* [I] ~ (in) (*formal*) accept sth without protest

▶ **acquiescence** *n* [U]

0 **acquire** /ə'kwaɪə(r)/ *v* [T] gain sth by your own ability, efforts, etc; obtain sth ▶ **acquisition** /'ækwi:'zɪʃn/ *n* 1 [U] act of getting sth, esp knowledge, a skill, etc 2 [C] something that sb buys to add to what they already own

▶ **acquisitive** /ə'kwɪzətɪv/ *adj* (*formal, disapprov*) wanting very much to buy or get new possessions

acquit /ə'kwɪt/ *v* (-tt-) 1 [T] declare that sb is not guilty 2 ~ yourself behave in the way that is stated ▶ **acquittal** *n* [C, U]

acre /'eɪkə(r)/ *n* [C] measure of land; 4840 square yards (about 4050 square metres) ▶ **acreage** /'eɪkərɪdʒ/ *n* [U, C] area measured in acres

acrid /'ækrɪd/ *adj* (esp of smell or taste) sharp or bitter

acrimonious /'ækrɪ'məniəs/ *adj* (*formal*) (esp of quarrels) bitter

▶ **acrimony** /'ækrɪmənɪ/ *n* [U]

acrobat /'ækrəbæt/ *n* [C] person who can do skilful physical acts, eg walking on a rope, esp at a circus

▶ **acrobatic** /-'bætɪk/ *adj*

▶ **acrobatics** *n* [pl]

acronym /'ækrənɪm/ *n* [C] word formed from the first letters of a name, eg NATO

0 **across** /ə'krɒs/ *adv, prep* 1 from one side to the other side: *swim ~ the lake* 2 on the other side of sth: *My house is just ~ the street.*

acrylic /'ækrɪlɪk/ *adj* made of a substance or fabric produced by chemical processes from a type of acid: ~ fibres/paints

0 **act¹** /ækt/ *v* 1 [I] do sth; behave: *We must ~ quickly.* 2 [I, T] perform a part in a play or film 3 ~ as/like sth perform a particular role or function ▶ **acting** *n* [U] skill or work of performing in plays, etc ▶ **acting** *adj* doing the work of another person for a short time: *the ~ing manager*

0 **act²** /ækt/ *n* [C] 1 particular thing that sb does: *an ~ of kindness* 2 law made by a government: *an A~ of Parliament* 3 way of behaving that is not sincere: *to put on an ~* 4 main division of a play 5 one of a series of short performances: *a circus ~* [IDM] **act of God** (*law*) event caused by natural forces beyond human control (eg a storm) **in the act** (of doing sth) while you are doing sth

0 **action** /'ækʃn/ *n* 1 [U] process of doing sth: *take ~ to stop the rise in crime* 2 [C] something sb does 3 [C, U] legal process to stop sb from

doing sth, to make them pay for a mistake, etc: *bring a libel ~ against sb*
4 [U] fighting in war: *He was killed in ~.* **5** [U] events in a story, play, etc
6 [U] exciting events [IDM] **actions speak louder than words** what a person actually does means more than what they say they will do into **action** into operation **out of action** no longer working

activate /'æktɪveɪt/ v [T] start sth working

active /'æktɪv/ adj **1** doing things; busy or energetic **2** (gram) of the verb form used when the subject of a sentence does the action, as in 'She drove the car.' **▶ the active** (also **'active voice'**) n [sing] active (2) form of a verb **▶ actively** adv

activist /'æktɪvɪst/ n [C] person who works to achieve political or social change

activity /æk'tɪvəti/ n (pl -ies)

1 [U] situation in which sth is happening or a lot of things are being done: *a lot of ~ in the street*
2 [C, usu pl] something you do for interest or pleasure: *leisure/social activities*

actor /'æktə(r)/ n [C] (fem **actress** /'æktres/) person who acts in plays, films, etc

actual /'æktʃuəl/ adj existing in fact; real **▶ actually** adv **1** really; in fact: *what ~ly happened* **2** used for showing surprise: *He ~ly expected me to pay!*

acumen /'ækjəməɪn/ n [U] (fml) ability to understand and judge things clearly

acupuncture /'ækjupʌŋktʃə(r)/ n [U] treatment of illness by sticking small needles into the body

acute /ə'kju:t/ adj **1** very great; severe: *suffer ~ hardship* **2** very sensitive: *an ~ sense of hearing*

■ **a.cute 'accent** n [C] mark written over a letter, as over the e's in *résumé* ■ **a.cute 'angle** n [C] angle of less than 90° **▶ acutely** adv **▶ acuteness** n [U]

AD /,eɪ 'di: abbr (in the Christian calendar) since the birth of Jesus Christ

ad /æd/ n [C] (infml) = ADVERTISEMENT

adamant /'ædəmənt/ adj (fml) refusing to change your opinion

Adam's apple /,ædəmz 'æpl/ n [C] lump at the front of the throat

adapt /ə'dæpt/ v **1** [T] make sth suitable for a new use **2** [I, T] change your behaviour to deal with a new situation **▶ adaptable** adj able to change **▶ adaptation** /-ˈteɪʃn/ n [C, U] result or process of adapting: *an ~ation of the play for television* **▶ adaptor** n [C] kind of electrical plug that allows several plugs to be connected to one socket

add /æd/ v [T] **1** put sth together with sth else: *~ the flour to the milk* **2** put numbers together to get a total **3** say sth more [PV] **add up** **1** (infml) seem reasonable; make sense **2** calculate the total of two or more numbers **add up to sth** result in sth; show sth

adder /'ædə(r)/ n [C] small poisonous snake

addict /'ædɪkt/ n [C] **1** person who cannot stop taking drugs, alcohol, etc **2** person strongly interested in sth: *a TV ~* **▶ addicted** /ə'dɪktɪd/ adj ~ (to) unable to stop taking or using sth **▶ addiction** /ə'dɪkʃn/ n [U, C] **▶ addictive** /ə'dɪktɪv/ adj

addition /ə'dɪʃn/ n **1** [U] process of adding numbers together to find their total **2** [C] thing that is added to sth else [IDM] **in addition** (to sb/ sth) as an extra person, thing, etc **▶ additional** /-fənəl/ adj extra **▶ additionally** adv

additive /'ædətɪv/ n [C] substance added to sth, esp food

address /ə'dres/ n [C] **1** details of where sb lives or works and where letters, etc can be sent: *What's your name and ~?* ◇ *an email ~* **2** formal speech ● **address** v [T] **1** write a name and address on sth **2** give a speech to sb

adept /ə'dept/ adj ~ (at/in) skilled at (doing) sth

adequate /'ædɪkwət/ adj enough; satisfactory **▶ adequately** adv

adhere /əd'hɪə(r)/ v [I] (fml) ~ (to) stick firmly to sth [PV] **adhere to sth** (fml) act according to a law, rule, etc; follow a set of beliefs

▶ adherence /-rəns/ n [U]

▶ adherent /əd'hɪərənt/ n [C] supporter of a person, group, etc

adhesive /əd'hɪ:sɪv/ adj able to stick to sth **▶ adhesion** /əd'hɪ:ʒn/ n [U]

▶ adhesive n [C, U] substance, eg glue, that makes things stick together

ad hoc /,æd 'hɒk/ adj, adv made or arranged for a particular purpose; not planned

adjacent /ə'dʒeɪsnt/ adj ~ (to) next to sth

adjective /'ædʒɪktɪv/ n [C] (gram) word that describes a noun, eg *green* in *green grass* **▶ adjectival** /,ædʒek'taɪvl/ adj

adjoin /ə'dʒɔɪn/ v [I] (fml) be next to: *~ing rooms*

adjourn /ə'dʒɔ:n/ v [I, T] stop a meeting for a time, esp in a court of law **▶ adjournment** n [C, U]

adjudicate /ə'dʒu:dɪkeɪt/ v [I, T] (fml) make an official decision or judgement on sth **▶ adjudication** /-ˈkeɪʃn/ n [U] **▶ adjudicator** n [C]

adjunct /'ædʒʌŋkt/ *n* [C] **1** (*gram*) adverb or phrase that adds meaning to the verb, eg *yesterday* in *She left home yesterday*. **2** (*fml*) thing that is attached to sth larger or more important

➤ **adjust** /ə'dʒʌst/ *v* [T] change or correct sth to make it right **2** [I, T] ~ (to) get used to a new situation
➤ **adjustable** *adj* ➤ **adjustment** *n* [C, U]

ad lib /,æd 'lɪb/ *adj, adv* spoken, performed, etc without preparation • **ad lib** *v* (-bb-) [I] speak, perform, etc without preparation

administer /əd'mɪnɪstə(r)/ *v* [T] **1** control or manage sth: ~ a hospital **2** (*fml*) give sth: ~ a drug

➤ **administration** /-st'reɪʃn/ *n* [U] activities done in order to plan, organize and run a business, school, etc **2** [U] process of organizing the way that sth is done **3** (often **Administration**) [C] the government of a country, esp the US: the Bush A~ ➤ **administrative**

/əd'mɪnɪstrətɪv/ *adj*

➤ **administrator** /əd'mɪnɪstreɪtə(r)/ *n* [C]

admirable /'ædmərəbl/ *adj* deserving admiration; excellent
➤ **admirably** *adv*

admiral /'ædmərəl/ *n* [C] officer of very high rank in the navy

➤ **admire** /əd'maɪə(r)/ *v* [T] have a good opinion of sb/sth; look at sb/sth with pleasure ➤ **admiration** /,ædmə'reɪʃn/ *n* [U] feeling of respect, approval or pleasure
➤ **admirer** *n* [C] ➤ **admiring** *adj*

admissible /əd'mɪsəbl/ *adj* **1** (*law*) that can be allowed: ~ evidence **2** (*fml*) acceptable

admission /əd'mɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] entering or being allowed to enter a building, school, etc **2** [U] money charged for being admitted to a public place **3** [C] statement that sth is true; confession

➤ **admit** /əd'mɪt/ *v* (-tt-) [T] **1** allow sb/sth to enter; let sb/sth in **2** agree that sth bad is true: *I ~ that I was wrong*. ➤ **admittance** *n* [U] right to enter ➤ **admittedly** *adv* used when you are accepting that sth is true

admonish /əd'mʌnɪʃ/ *v* [T] (*fml*) tell sb firmly that they have done sth wrong

ad nauseam /,æd 'nɔ:ziæm/ *adv* so often as to become annoying: *She played the same CDs ~*.

ado /ə'du:/ *n* [U] trouble; delay: *without further ~*

adolescent /,ædə'lesnt/ *adj, n* [C] (of a) young person who is developing from a child into an adult

➤ **adolescence** /-lesns/ *n* [U]

➤ **adopt** /ə'dɒpt/ *v* [T] **1** take sb else's child into your family, making them legally your son or daughter **2** take and use a method, way of life, etc ➤ **adoption** /ə'dɒpʃn/ *n* [U, C]

➤ **adoptive** *adj* related by adoption

adore /ə'dɔ:(r)/ *v* [T] **1** love sb very much **2** (*informal*) like sth very much

➤ **adorable** *adj* easy to feel love for: *an adorable child* ➤ **adoration** /,ædə'reɪʃn/ *n* [U]

adorn /ə'dɔ:n/ *v* [T] decorate sth/sb
➤ **adornment** *n* [C, U]

adrenalin /ə'drenəlɪn/ *n* [U] substance produced in the body by anger, fear, etc and which makes the heart beat faster

adrift /ə'drɪft/ *adj* (of boats) floating freely; not fastened

adulation /,ædjʊ'leɪʃn/ *n* [U] (*fml*) too much praise or admiration

➤ **adult** /'ædʌlt; also ə'dʌlt/ *n* [C], *adj* (person or animal) grown to full size or strength ➤ **adulthood** *n* [U] state of being an adult

adulterate /ə'dʌltəreɪt/ *v* [T] make food or drink less pure by adding another substance

adultery /ə'dʌltəri/ *n* [U] sex between a married person and sb who is not their husband or wife
➤ **adulterer** *n* [C] person who commits adultery ➤ **adulterous**

/-tərəs/ *adj*

➤ **advance** /əd'vɑ:ns/ *n* **1** [C, U] forward movement; progress

2 [C, usu sing] money paid for work before it has been done

3 (**advances**) [pl] attempts to start a sexual relationship with sb [IDM] **in advance** (of sth) before the time that is expected • **advance** *adj* done or given before sth: *an ~ warning*

• **advance** *v* **1** [I] move forward **2** [I] give sb money before the time it would usu be paid ➤ **advanced** *adj*

1 having the most modern and recently developed ideas, etc: ~d technology **2** at a high or difficult level: ~d studies [IDM] **of advanced years** very old ➤ **advancement** *n* [U]

act of advancing; progress or promotion

➤ **advantage** /əd'vɑ:ntɪdʒ/ *n* [C, U] **1** something useful that puts you in a better or more favourable position than other people **2** quality that makes sth better or more useful [IDM] **take advantage of sth/sb** **1** make good use of sth (eg an opportunity)

2 make use of sb/sth in a way that is unfair or dishonest to get what you want ➤ **advantageous**

/,ædvən'teɪdʒəs/ *adj*

advent /'ædvənt/ *n* (**the advent**) [sing] ~ of the coming of an important event

➤ **adventure** /əd'ventʃə(r)/ *n* **1** [C] exciting or dangerous journey or experience **2** [U] excitement; risk

- **adventurer** *n* [C] person who likes adventures ► **adventurous** *adj*
1 fond of adventures **2** exciting
- adverb** /'ædvɜːb/ *n* [C] (*gram*) word that adds information to a verb, adjective, phrase, or another adverb, eg *quickly in run quickly*
 ► **adverbial** /'ædvɜːbiəl/ *adj*, *n* [C]
- adversary** /'ædvəsəri/ *n* [C] (pl -ies) (*fml*) enemy; opponent
- adverse** /'ædvɜːs/ *adj* negative and unpleasant: ~ *weather conditions*
 ► **adversely** *adv* ► **adversity** /'ædvɜːsəti/ *n* [C, U] (pl -ies) trouble
- 0- **advert** /'ædvɜːt/ *n* [C] (*infml*) = ADVERTISEMENT
- 0- **advertise** /'ædvətəɪz/ *v* [T] make sth, esp sth for sale, known to people by notices in newspapers, etc
 ► **advertisement** /'ædvəːtɪsmənt/ *n* [C] notice in a newspaper, on television, etc, telling people about a product, job or service
 ► **advertiser** *n* [C] ► **advertising** *n* [U]
- 0- **advise** /əd'vaɪs/ *n* [U] opinion given to sb about what they should do
- 0- **advise** /əd'vaɪz/ *v* [T] **1** give advice to sb **2** ~ (of) (*business*) inform sb about sth: ~ *sb of a delivery date* ► **advisable** *adj* sensible or wise ► **adviser** (*esp* **US** **advisor**) *n* [C] ► **advisory** *adj* giving advice
- advocate** /'ædvəkət/ *n* [C] person who speaks in favour of sb (*esp* in a law court) or an idea ● **advocate** /'ædvəkert/ *v* [T] support sth publicly
- aerial** /'eəriəl/ *adj* in, through or from the air: *an ~ photograph*
 ● **aerial** *n* [C] wire or rod that receives television or radio signals
- aerobatics** /ˌeərə'beɪtɪks/ *n* [pl] skilful and exciting movements performed by aircraft
- aerobics** /ˌeərə'ɒbɪks/ *n* [U] physical exercise done to strengthen the heart and lungs
- aerodynamics** /ˌeərəʊdaɪ'næmɪks/ *n* [U] science which deals with the forces that act on objects moving through the air ► **aerodynamic** *adj*
- aeronautics** /ˌeərə'naʊtɪks/ *n* [U] scientific study or practice of flying aircraft
- aeroplane** /'eərəpleɪn/ *n* [C] flying vehicle with wings and one or more engines
- aerosol** /'eərəsɒl/ *n* [C] small container from which a liquid is forced out as a fine spray
- aerospace** /'eərəʊspes/ *n* [U] industry of building aircraft and equipment to be sent into space
- aesthetic** /iː'sθetɪk/ *adj* concerned with (the enjoyment of) beauty
 ► **aesthetically** /-kli/ *adv*
 ► **aesthetics** *n* [U] branch of philosophy dealing with beauty

- afar** /ə'fɑː(r)/ *adv* [IDM] from afar from a long distance away
- affable** /'æfəbl/ *adj* friendly and easy to talk to ► **affably** *adv*
- 0- **affair** /ə'feə(r)/ *n* **1** (affairs) [pl] important public or political events: ~s *of state* **2** [C, usu sing] event that people are talking about **3** [C] sexual relationship between two people, when one of them is married to sb else **4** (affairs) [pl] private business and financial matters **5** [sing] something that sb is responsible for: *How I spend my money is my ~.*
- 0- **affect** /ə'fekt/ *v* [T] have an influence on sb/sth: *The cold climate ~ed her health.* ► **affection** /ˌæfektʃən/ *n* [C, U] behaviour or an action that is not natural or sincere
 ► **affected** *adj* not natural; artificial
- 0- **affection** /ə'fekʃən/ *n* [U] feeling of love; fondness ► **affectionate** /ˌɪʃənət/ *adj* ► **affectionately** *adv*
- affidavit** /ˌæfə'deɪvɪt/ *n* [C] (*law*) sworn written statement used as evidence
- affiliate** /ə'fɪliət/ *v* [I, T] (*esp* of an organization) join a larger organization ► **affiliation** /-ɪ'ɪʃən/ *n* [C, U]
- affinity** /ə'fɪnəti/ *n* [C, U] (pl -ies)
1 close relationship **2** strong liking: *She feels a strong ~ for him.*
- affirm** /ə'fɜːm/ *v* [T] (*fml*) state or declare that sth is true
 ► **affirmation** /ˌæfə'meɪʃən/ *n* [C, U]
 ► **affirmative** *n* [C], *adj* (word, reply, etc) meaning 'yes' or showing agreement: *I answered in the ~* (= I said yes).
- affix** /ə'fɪks/ *v* [T] (*fml*) stick or attach sth to sth else ● **affix** /'æfɪks/ *n* [C] (*gram*) prefix or suffix, eg *un-* or *-ly*
- afflict** /ə'flɪkt/ *v* [T] cause pain or trouble to sb/sth ► **affliction** /ə'flɪkʃən/ *n* [C, U] (*fml*) (cause of) suffering
- affluent** /'æfluənt/ *adj* rich; wealthy ► **affluence** /-ns/ *n* [U]
- 0- **afford** /ə'fɔːd/ *v* [T] **1** have enough money or time for sth **2** be able to do sth without risk to yourself: *We can't ~ to lose such experienced workers.*
- affront** /ə'frʌnt/ *v* [T] insult or offend sb ● **affront** *n* [C] insult
- afield** /ə'fiːld/ *adv* [IDM] far/farther/further **afield** far away from home
- afloat** /ə'fləʊt/ *adj* **1** floating on water **2** (of a business, etc) able to pay its debts
- afoot** /ə'fʊt/ *adj* being planned; happening
- aforementioned** /ə'fɔː'menʃənd/ (*also* **aforsaid** /ə'fɔː'sed/) *adj* (*fml*) mentioned earlier
- 0- **afraid** /ə'freɪd/ *adj* ~ (of/to) frightened of sb/sth or that sth bad

will happen: ~ of spiders ◇ ~ to go out in the dark [IDM] I'm afraid (spoken) I'm sorry: I'm ~ we'll arrive late.

afresh /ə'freʃ/ *adv* (fml) again

➤ **after** /'ɑ:ftə(r)/ *prep* **1** later than sth: leave ~ lunch **2** following sth/sb: Year ~ year he would visit her.

3 because of sth: A ~ what he said, I never want to see him again.

4 searching for sth or chasing sb: The police are ~ him. **5** in spite of sth: A ~ all I've done for you, you're leaving me! **6** in the style of sb/sth; following the example of sb/sth: We named the baby ~ my mother. [IDM] **after all** in spite of what has been said or expected ➤ **after adv, conj** later in time (than sth) ■ **'after-effect** *n* [usu pl] (esp unpleasant) effect that is experienced later

■ **'afterthought** *n* [C] idea that comes later

aftermath /'ɑ:ftəməθ; -mɑ:θ/ *n* [C] result of a war or other bad event

➤ **afternoon** /,ɑ:ftə'nu:n/ *n* [U, C] part of the day from 12 midday until about 6 o'clock

➤ **afterwards** /'ɑ:ftəwədz/ (*US also afterward*) *adv* at a later time

➤ **again** /ə'gen; ə'gɛn/ *adv* **1** once more; another time: try ~ later ◇ I've told you ~ and ~ (= many times) not to do that. **2** to or in the original place or condition: I was glad to be home ~. **3** in addition: I'd like the same ~. (= the same amount or thing as before).

➤ **against** /ə'genst; ə'geɪnst/ *prep* **1** in contact with: The ladder was leaning ~ the wall. **2** opposing: Are you for or ~ the death penalty? ◇ swim ~ the current ◇ ~ the law **3** in contrast to: The trees were black ~ the sky. **4** in order to prevent sth from happening or causing harm: an injection ~ measles

➤ **age** ¹ /eɪdʒ/ *n* **1** [C, U] length of time sb has lived or sth has existed **2** [U] state of being old: Wisdom comes with ~. **3** [C] period of history: the Elizabethan ~ (= the time of Queen Elizabeth I) **4** (ages) [pl] (infml) very long time: I waited for ~s. [IDM] come of age become an adult in law under age not legally old enough ■ **'age group** *n* [C] people of a similar age ➤ **ageism** /'eɪdʒɪzəm/ *n* [U] unfair treatment of people because they are considered too old ➤ **ageist** *adj* ■ **'age limit** *n* [C] oldest or youngest age at which you are allowed to do sth ■ **age-old** *adj* having existed for a very long time

age ² *v* (pres pt ageing or aging pp aged /eɪdʒd/) [I, T] (cause sb to) become old ➤ **aged** *adj* **1** /eɪdʒd/ of the age of: a boy ~d ten **2** /eɪdʒd/ very old ➤ **the aged** /'eɪdʒd/ *n* [pl]

very old people ➤ **ageing** (*also aging*) *adj* becoming older

➤ **agency** /'eɪdʒənsi/ *n* [C] (pl -ies) business or organization that provides a particular service esp on behalf of other businesses or organizations: a travel ~

agenda /ə'dʒendə/ *n* [C] list of things to be discussed at a meeting

➤ **agent** /'eɪdʒənt/ *n* [C] **1** person who arranges business for other people: an estate ~ **2** person who finds work for an actor, a musician, etc **3** person or thing that has an important effect on a situation

aggravate /'ægrəveɪt/ *v* [T] **1** make sth worse **2** (infml) annoy sb

➤ **aggravation** /,ægrə'veɪʃn/ *n* [C, U]

aggregate /'ægrɪgət/ *n* [C] total amount

aggression /ə'greʃn/ *n* [U] **1** angry feelings **2** violent attack or threats by one country against another

➤ **aggressor** /ə'ɡresə(r)/ *n* [C] person or country that attacks first

➤ **aggressive** /ə'ɡresɪv/ *adj* **1** having angry feelings **2** behaving in a very forceful and determined way in order to succeed: an ~ salesman ➤ **aggressively** *adv* ➤ **aggressiveness** *n* [U]

aggrieved /ə'ɡri:vɪd/ *adj* (written) feeling angry and bitter, esp because of unfair treatment

aghost /ə'ɡɑ:st/ *adj* filled with horror or shock

agile /'ædʒaɪl/ *adj* able to move quickly and easily ➤ **agility**

/ə'dʒɪləti/ *n* [U]

aging → AGE²

agitate /'ædʒɪteɪt/ *v* **1** [T] make sb anxious or nervous **2** [I] ~ for/ against argue publicly in favour of/ against sth **3** [T] (tech) shake a liquid strongly ➤ **agitation** /,ædʒɪ'teɪʃn/ *n* [U] ➤ **agitator** *n* [C] person who tries to persuade people to take part in political protest

aglow /ə'gləʊ/ *adj* bright with colour or excitement

AGM /,eɪ dʒi: 'em/ *abbr* (esp GB) annual general meeting; meeting held once a year by a company, club, etc

agnostic /æg'nɒstɪk/ *n* [C], *adj* (person who is) not sure whether God exists or not

➤ **ago** /ə'ɡəʊ/ *adv* before now: The train left five minutes ~.

agog /ə'ɡɒg/ *adj* excited and very interested to find out sth

agonize (*also -ise*) /'æɡənaɪz/ *v* [I] ~ (over/about) spend a long time thinking and worrying about sth

➤ **agonized** (*also -ised*) *adj* expressing great pain ➤ **agonizing** (*also -ising*) *adj* causing great pain

agony /'æɡəni/ *n* [U, C] (pl -ies) great pain ■ **'agony aunt** *n* [C] (GB) person who writes in a newspaper,

etc giving advice in reply to people's letters about their personal problems

agoraphobia /ægərə'fəubiə/ *n* [U] fear of being in public places where there are a lot of people

► **agoraphobic** *adj*

agrarian /ə'greəriən/ *adj* of land, esp farmland

0 **agree** /ə'gri:/ *v* **1** [I] ~ (with) have the same opinion as sb: *I ~ with you that money is the problem.* **2** [I] ~ to be willing to do sth; say yes to sth: *My boss ~d to let me go home early.* **3** [I,T] ~ (on) decide sth **4** [I,T] ~ (with) approve of or accept sth

5 [I] be the same as sth; match: *The two descriptions do not ~.* **6** [I] ~ (with) (gram) (of verbs, etc) have the same number, person, etc as another word in the same sentence

[IDM] be agreed have the same opinion about sth [PV] not agree with sb (of food) make you feel ill

► **agreeable** *adj* **1** pleasant

2 willing ► **agreeably** *adv*

► **agreement** *n* **1** [C] arrangement, promise or contract made with sb **2** [U] state of sharing the same opinion

agriculture /'ægrɪkʌltʃə(r)/ *n* [U] science or practice of farming

► **agricultural** /,ægrɪ'kʌltʃərəl/ *adj*

agritourism /'ægrɪtʊərɪzəm/ *n* [U] holidays in which tourists stay with local people who live in the countryside

agrochemical /ægrəʊ'kemɪkl/ *n* [C] any chemical used in farming

agronomist /ə'grɒnəmɪst/ *n* [C] scientist who studies the relationship between crops and the environment ► **agronomy** *n* [U]

aground /ə'graʊnd/ *adv, adj* (of ships) touching the ground in shallow water

0 **ahead** /ə'hed/ *adv* further forward in space or time: *go/plan ~* ■ **a head of** *prep* **1** further forward in space or time than **2** further advanced than: *be years ~ of your rivals*

AI /eɪ 'aɪ/ *abbr* **1** artificial insemination **2** artificial intelligence

0 **aid** /eɪd/ *n* **1** [U] food, money, etc sent to a country in need **2** [U] help: *with the ~ of a friend* **3** [C] thing or person that helps: *visual ~s* [IDM] what is...in aid of? (GB, spoken) used to ask why sth is happening ► **aid** *v* [T] (fm) help sb/sth [IDM] aid and abet (law) help or encourage sb to do wrong

aide /eɪd/ *n* [C] assistant to sb with an important government job: *several presidential ~s*

Aids (also **AIDS**) /eɪdz/ *abbr* Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome; serious illness which destroys the body's ability to fight infection

ailing /'eɪlɪŋ/ *adj* (fm) ill and not improving ► **ailment** /'eɪlmənt/ *n* [C] illness, esp a slight one

0 **aim** /eɪm/ *v* **1** [I] ~ (at/for) direct your efforts at sth; plan to achieve: *~ at increasing exports* **2** [I,T] ~ (at) point a weapon or object towards sth **3** [T] direct a comment, etc at sb

► **aim** *n* **1** [C] purpose; intention: *Her ~ is to be famous.* **2** [U] action of pointing a weapon at sb/sth

► **aimless** *adj* having no purpose

► **aimlessly** *adv*

ain't /eɪnt/ (used in non-standard spoken English) short for AM NOT, IS NOT, ARE NOT, HAS NOT, HAVE NOT

0 **air** ¹ /eə(r)/ *n* **1** [U] mixture of gases that we breathe **2** [U] earth's atmosphere: *travel by ~* (= in an aircraft) **3** [C] impression or appearance: *an ~ of importance* **4** (airs) [pl] (disapprov) way of behaving that shows that sb thinks that they are more important, educated, etc than they really are: *I hate the way she puts on ~s.* [IDM] in the air felt by a number of people to exist or be happening on/off (the) air broadcasting/not broadcasting on television or the radio up in the air not yet decided ■ **'airbag** *n* [C] safety device in a car that fills with air if there is an accident, to protect the people in the car ■ **'airborne** *adj* **1** (of a plane or passengers) in the air **2** carried through the air ■ **'air conditioning** *n* [U] system of machines that supply a room or building with cool dry air

► **'air-conditioned** *adj* ■ **'aircraft** *n*

[C] (pl aircraft) any vehicle that can fly and carry goods or passengers ■ **'aircraft carrier** *n* [C] large ship that carries aircraft which use it as a base to land on and take off from

■ **'airfield** *n* [C] area of open ground where aircraft can take off and land

■ **'air force** *n* [C] part of a country's military forces that is organized for fighting in the air ■ **'air hostess** *n* [C] woman whose job is to look after the passengers in an aircraft ■ **'airlift** *n*

[C] transport of people or supplies by air ► **airlift** *v* [T] ■ **'airline** *n* [C]

company that carries passengers or goods by plane ■ **'airliner** *n* [C] large passenger plane

■ **'airmail** *n* [U] system of sending letters, etc by air

■ **'air marshal** *n* [C] officer of very high rank in the British Air Force: *Marshal Richard Poole*

■ **'airplane** *n* [C] (US) = AEROPLANE ■ **'airport** *n*

[C] place where aircraft land and take off, with buildings for passengers to wait in, etc ■ **'air raid**

n [C] attack by aircraft ■ **'airship** *n* [C] large aircraft without wings, filled with a gas which is lighter than air, and driven by engines ■ **'airspace** *n*

[U] part of the earth's atmosphere above a country, considered to belong to that country ■ **'airstrip** *n* [C] piece of land cleared for aircraft to take off and land ■ **'air terminal** *n* [C] building at an airport that provides services for passengers travelling by plane ■ **'airtight** *adj* not allowing air to get in or out ■ **'air-to-'air** *adj* (fired) from one aircraft to another while flying ■ **'air traffic con'troller** *n* [C] person whose job is to give radio instructions to pilots about taking off and landing ■ **'airway** *n* [C] passage from the nose and throat to the lungs ■ **'airworthy** *adj* (of an aircraft) safe to fly

air² *v* 1 [I,T] put clothes, etc in a warm place to dry completely 2 [T] let fresh air into a room 3 [T] express your opinions publicly ► **'airing** *n* [sing]: *give the blankets a good ~ing* ■ **'airing cupboard** *n* [C] warm cupboard for drying clean sheets, towels, etc

airless /'eələs/ *adj* not having enough fresh air

airy /'eəri/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) 1 with plenty of fresh air because there is a lot of space 2 not serious ► **'airily** *adv*

aisle /aɪl/ *n* [C] passage between rows of seats in a theatre, church, plane, etc or between shelves in a supermarket

ajar /ə'dʒɑ:(r)/ *adj* (of a door) slightly open

akin /ə'kɪn/ *adj* ~ to (*fml*) similar to
à la carte /,ɑ: la: 'ka:t/ *adj* (of a restaurant meal) ordered as separate items from the menu and not as a fixed price for the complete meal

alacrity /'æləkrəti/ *n* [U] (*fml*) great willingness or enthusiasm

☛ **alarm** /ə'lɑ:m/ *n* 1 [U] sudden feeling of fear, caused by danger 2 [C] (device that gives a) warning sound: *a fire ~* ♦ *sound/raise the ~* ● **alarm** *v* [T] make sb anxious or afraid ■ **'alarm clock** *n* [C] clock that can be set to make a noise at a particular time to wake you up ► **'alarming** *adj* causing fear

alas /ə'læs/ *exclam* (*old-fash* or *lit*) used to show you are sad or sorry

albatross /'ælbətrɒs/ *n* [C] large white seabird

albeit /,ɔ:l'bi:t/ *conj* (*fml*) although: *a useful, ~ brief, report*

albino /æl'bi:nəu/ *n* [C] (pl ~s) person or animal with white skin and hair and pink eyes

album /'ælbəm/ *n* [C] 1 book in which a collection of photographs, stamps, etc can be kept 2 long-playing record

☛ **alcohol** /'ælkəhɒl/ *n* [U] (pure colourless liquid in) drinks such as beer, wine and whisky ► **alcoholic** /'ælkə'hɒlɪk/ *adj* of or containing alcohol ► **alcoholic** *n* [C] person who drinks too much alcohol and cannot stop drinking, so it has become an illness ► **alcoholism** /'ælkəhɒlɪzəm/ *n* [U] (disease caused by) regular heavy drinking of alcohol

alcove /'ælkəʊv/ *n* [C] small area in a room formed by part of the wall being set back

ale /eɪl/ *n* [U,C] kind of strong beer

alert /ə'leɪt/ *adj* fully awake and ready to act ● **alert** *n* 1 [sing,U] situation in which people are ready to deal with possible danger: *Be on the ~ for suspicious packages.* 2 [C] warning of danger ● **alert** *v* [T] ~ to warn sb of danger

algae /'ældʒi:; 'ælgɪ:/ *n* [U] mass of very simple plants that are mainly found in water

algebra /'ældʒɪbrə/ *n* [U] branch of mathematics in which letters represent quantities

algorithm /'ælgərɪðəm/ *n* [C] (*computing*) process or set of rules that must be followed when solving a particular problem

alias /'eɪliəs/ *n* [C] false name, used esp by a criminal ● **alias** *adv* also (falsely) called: *Joe Sykes, ~ John Smith*

alibi /'æləbaɪ/ *n* [C] evidence that proves that sb was somewhere else when a crime was committed

alien /'eɪliən/ *n* [C] 1 (*law*) person who is not a citizen of the country in which they live or work 2 creature from another world ● **alien** *adj* 1 strange and frightening 2 foreign

alienate /'eɪliəneɪt/ *v* [T] cause sb to become unfriendly ► **'alienation** /'eɪliə'neɪʃn/ *n* [U]

alight /ə'laɪt/ *adj* on fire ● **alight** *v* [I] (*fml*) 1 get off a bus, etc 2 (of a bird) come down from the air and settle

align /ə'laɪn/ *v* 1 [T] place sth in a straight line 2 ~ yourself with join or publicly support sb/sth ► **'alignment** *n* [C,U]

alike /ə'laɪk/ *adj* like one another ► **alike** *adv* in the same way

alimentary canal /,ælməntəri 'kæ'næl/ *n* [C] passage in the body that carries food from the mouth to the anus

alimony /'ælməni/ *n* [U] money that sb has to pay regularly to a former wife or husband after they have been divorced

☛ **alive** /ə'laɪv/ *adj* 1 living 2 excited; lively 3 continuing to exist [IDM] **alive to sth** aware of sth **alive with sth** full of living things

alkali /'ælkəlaɪ/ *n* [C,U] (*chem*)

substance that forms a salt when combined with an acid

all /ɔ:l/ *det, pron* **1** the whole of a thing or of a period of time: *We've lost ~ (of) the money.* *◇ I've been here ~ day.* **2** every one of a group: *A~ the people have come.* *◇ They were ~ broken.* **3** the only thing that; everything that: *A~ I want is some peace!* **4** any whatever: *beyond ~ doubt* [IDM] **all in all** when everything is considered (not) **at all** (not) in any way: *I didn't enjoy it at ~.* **in all** as a total **not at all** used as a polite reply when receiving thanks **all** *adv* **1** completely: *dressed ~ in black* **2** ~ **too** used to show that sth is more than you would like: *I'm ~ too aware of the problems.* **3** (in games) to each side: *The score was four ~.* [IDM] **all along** (informal) all the time **all the better, harder, etc** so much better, harder, etc: *We'll have to work ~ the harder with two people off sick.* **all in** very tired **all over** everywhere **all the same** → **SAME** **all there** having a healthy mind; thinking clearly **be all for** (doing) sth believe strongly that sth should be done **be all the same to sb** not be important to sb: *It's ~ the same to me when you go.* **not all that good, well, etc** not very good, etc **the all-clear** *n* [sing] signal that the danger has ended **all-in** *adj* with everything included: *an ~ in price* **all-out** *adj* using all possible strength: *an ~ out attack on the opposition* **all out** *adv*: *The team is going ~ out to win.* **all-rounder** *n* [C] person with a wide range of abilities

Allah /'ælə/ *n* [sing] name of God among Muslims

allay /ə'leɪ/ *v* [T] (formal) make fears, doubts, etc less

allegation /,ælə'geɪʃn/ *n* [C] statement that is made without proof, accusing sb of doing wrong

allege /ə'ledʒ/ *v* [T] (formal) state sth as a fact but without proof **alleged** *adj* **allegedly** *adv*

allegiance /ə'li:dʒəns/ *n* [U] support or loyalty to a ruler, belief, etc

allegory /'æləgəri/ *n* [C] (pl -ies) story in which people are symbols of qualities such as truth or patience **allegorical** /,ælə'gɔːrɪkl/ *adj*

alleluia /,æ'lɪːluːjə/ *n* [C], *exclam* expression of praise to God

allergy /'ælədʒi/ *n* [C] (pl -ies) medical condition that causes you to react badly or feel ill when you eat or touch a particular substance **allergic** /ə'ɜːdʒɪk/ *adj*

alleviate /ə'liːviət/ *v* [T] make pain or suffering less **alleviation** /ə'liːvi'eɪʃn/ *n* [U]

alley /'æli/ *n* [C] narrow passage between or behind buildings

alliance /ə'laɪəns/ *n* [C] relationship

or agreement between countries, groups, etc to work together for the same purpose

allied /'ælaɪd/ *adj* **1** (often **Allied**) of countries that unite to fight a war together: *~ forces/troops* **2** /ə'laɪd/ ~ (to/with sth) (written) connected to sth; similar

alligator /'ælgɪgətə(r)/ *n* [C] large reptile of the crocodile family that lives in rivers and lakes in America and China

alliteration /ə'ltɪə'reɪʃn/ *n* [U] use of the same letter or sound at the beginning of words that are close together, as in *'He built a big boat.'*

allocate /'æləkert/ *v* [T] give sth officially for a particular purpose

allocation /,ælə'keɪʃn/ *n* [C, U]

allot /ə'lot/ *v* (-tt-) [T] give sth as a share **allotment** *n* [C] **1** (GB) small area of land rented for growing vegetables **2** amount of sth that sb is given or allowed to have; the process of giving sth to sb

allow /ə'laʊ/ *v* [T] **1** give permission to sb to do sth; let sb be done: *You're not ~ed to smoke in this room.* **2** make sure you have enough of sth for a particular purpose [PV] **allow for sb/sth** include sb/sth when calculating sth: *~ for traffic delays* **allowable** *adj* **allowance** *n* [C] money given to sb regularly [IDM] **make allowances (for sb)** allow sb to behave in a way that you would not usu accept, because of a problem or because of a special reason **make allowance(s) for sth** consider sth when making a decision

alloy /'æləɔɪ/ *n* [C, U] mixture of metals

all right (also informal **alright**) *adj, adv* **1** satisfactory; in a satisfactory manner **2** safe and well **3** that can be allowed: *Is it all right to leave early?* **all right** *exclam* showing that you agree to do what sb has asked

allude /ə'luːd/ *v* [PV] allude to sb/sth mention sb/sth indirectly **allusion** /ə'luːʒn/ *n* [C, U] indirect reference to sb/sth

alluring /ə'luərɪŋ/ *adj* attractive; charming

ally /'ælaɪ/ *n* [C] (pl -ies) person or country that has agreed to support another **ally** /ə'laɪ/ *v* (pt, pp -ied) [I, T] ~ (yourself) with sb/sth give your support to another group or country

almanac /'ɔːlmənæk/ *n* [C] book published every year with information about the sun, moon, tides, etc

almighty /ɔːl'maɪti/ *adj* (informal) very great **the Almighty** *n* [sing] God

almond /'ɑːmənd/ *n* [C] flat pale sweet nut of the almond tree

0- almost /'ɔ:l'məʊst/ *adv* very nearly: ~ everywhere/impossible

alms /'ɑ:mz/ *n* [pl] (old-fash) money, clothes, etc given to poor people

aloft /ə'lɒft/ *adv* (fm) high up in the air

0- alone /ə'ləʊn/ *adj, adv* **1** without other people: *living ~* **2** only: *You ~ can help me.* [IDM] **go it alone** do sth without help from anyone

0- along /ə'lɒŋ/ *prep* **1** from one end to the other end of sth: *walk ~ the street* **2** close to or on: *a path ~ the river* ● **along** *adv* **1** on; forward: *Come ~!* **2** with others: *Can I bring some friends ~?* [IDM] **along with sb/sth** together with sb/sth

■ **a long'side** *adv, prep* close to the side of sth

aloof /ə'lʊ:f/ *adj* not friendly or interested in other people

► **aloofness** *n* [U]

0- aloud /ə'ləʊd/ *adv* in a voice loud enough to be heard: *to read ~*

0- alphabet /'ælfəbet/ *n* [C] set of letters arranged in order, used when writing a language ► **alphabetical** /-betɪkl/ *adj* in the order of the alphabet ► **alphabetically** /-kli/ *adv*

0- already /ɔ:l'reɪdɪ/ *adv* **1** before now: *I've ~ told them what happened.* **2** earlier than expected: *You're not leaving us ~, are you?*

alright = ALL RIGHT (ALL)

Alsatian /'ælsə'iən/ *n* [C] large dog, often trained to help the police

0- also /'ɔ:lsəʊ/ *adv* in addition; too

altar /'ɔ:lta(r)/ *n* [C] table used in a religious service

0- alter /'ɔ:lta(r)/ *v* [I, T] (cause sb/sth to) become different; change sb/sth ► **alteration** /-reɪʃn/ *n* [C, U]

alternate /ɔ:l'tɜ:nət/ *adj* **1** (of two things) happening or following one after the other: ~ layers of fruit and cream **2** every second: *on ~ days* (= eg on Monday, Wednesday and Friday) ► **alternately** *adv*

● **alternate** /'ɔ:l'tənɪt/ *v* [I, T] ~ (between/with) (cause things or people to) follow one another in a repeated pattern: *The weather will ~ between sunshine and rain.*

■ **alternating 'current** *n* [U] electric current that regularly changes direction ► **alternation** /-neɪʃn/ *n* [U, C]

0- alternative /ɔ:l'tɜ:nətɪv/ *adj* **1** that may be used or done instead: *an ~ means of transport* **2** not based on the usual methods or standards: ~ medicine ● **alternative** *n* [C] thing that you can choose to do out of two or more possibilities ► **alternatively** *adv*

alternator /'ɔ:l'tənɪtə(r)/ *n* [C] device, used esp in a car, that produces an alternating current

0- although /ɔ:l'dəʊ/ *conj* though **altitude** /'æltɪtju:d/ *n* [C] height above sea level

alto /'æltəʊ/ *n* [C] (pl ~s) **1** (also **contralto**) (music for a singer with the) highest adult male or lowest female voice **2** musical instrument with the second highest range of notes in its group

0- altogether /ɔ:l'tə'geðə(r)/ *adv* **1** completely: *It's not ~ surprising that I failed.* **2** including everything

altruism /'æltruɪzəm/ *n* [U] (fm) fact of caring about the needs of other people more than your own

► **altruistic** /'æltru'ɪstɪk/ *adj*

aluminium /'æljə'mɪniəm; ælə-/ (US **aluminum** /'ælu:mɪnəm/) *n* [U] light silver-grey metal used for making pans, etc

0- always /'ɔ:lweɪz/ *adv* **1** at all times: *You should ~ wear a seat belt.* **2** for ever: *I'll ~ love her.*

Alzheimer's disease /'æltʃaɪmæz dɪzɪz/ *n* [U] serious disease, esp affecting older people, that prevents the brain from functioning normally

0- a.m. /eɪ 'em/ *abbr* between midnight and midday

am /æm; strong form æm/ → BE

amalgamate /ə'mælgəmeɪt/ *v* [I, T] (cause two or more things to) join together to form one

► **amalgamation** /-meɪʃn/ *n* [U, C]

amass /ə'mæs/ *v* [T] collect sth, esp in large quantities

amateur /'æmətə(r)/ *n* [C] person who does sth as a hobby, without receiving money for it ► **amateurish** *adj* without skill

0- amaze /ə'meɪz/ *v* [T] surprise sb greatly: ~d at the news

► **amazement** *n* [U] ► **amazing** *adj*

ambassador /'æm'bæsədə(r)/ *n* [C] official who represents his/her own country in a foreign country

amber /'æmbə(r)/ *n* [U] **1** hard yellowish-brown substance used for making jewels **2** yellowish-brown colour

ambidextrous /'æmbɪ'dekstrəs/ *adj* able to use the right hand and left hand equally well

ambiguous /'æm'bɪgjuəs/ *adj*

having more than one meaning ► **ambiguity** /'æmbrɪ'gju:əti/ *n* [U, C] (pl -ies)

0- ambition /'æm'bɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] strong desire to be successful **2** [C] something you want to do very much: *achieve your ~* ► **ambitious** /'æm'bɪʃəs/ *adj*

ambivalent /'æm'bɪvələnt/ *adj* (written) having or showing both good and bad feelings about sth/sb ► **ambivalence** *n* [U, sing]

amble /'æmbəl/ *v* [I] walk at a slow relaxed speed

ambulance /'æmbjələns/ *n* [C] vehicle for carrying sick people to hospital

ambush /'æmbʊʃ/ *n* [U, C] (waiting in a hidden position to make a) sudden attack • **ambush** *v* [T] attack sb/sth from a hidden position

ameba (US) = AMOEBA

amen /a:'men; eɪ'men/ *exclam* used at the end of a prayer, meaning 'may it be so'

amenable /ə'mi:nəbl/ *adj* willing to be guided by sth or to do sth

amend /ə'mend/ *v* [T] change sth slightly in order to correct it
► **amendment** *n* [C, U]

amends /ə'mendz/ *n* [pl] **[IDM]** make amends (to sb) (for (doing) sth) do sth for sb to show that you are sorry for sth wrong or unfair you have done

amenity /ə'mi:nəti/ *n* [C] (pl -ies) feature that makes a place pleasant or easy to live in

American /ə'merɪkən/ *n* [C] person from America, esp the USA

► **American** *adj* ■ **American**

'football (US **football**) *n* [U] American game of football, similar to rugby

amethyst /'æməθɪst/ *n* [C] purple semi-precious stone

amiable /'eɪmiəbl/ *adj* pleasant and friendly ► **amiably** *adv*

amicable /'æmɪkəbl/ *adj* friendly and peaceful ► **amicably** *adv*

amid /ə'mɪd/ (also **amidst** /ə'mɪdst/) *prep* (fml) in the middle of; among

amiss /ə'mɪs/ *adj, adv* wrong; not as it should be **[IDM]** take sth amiss be offended by sth

ammonia /ə'məʊniə/ *n* [U] gas with a strong smell, used in making explosives, fertilizers, etc

ammunition /'æmjʊ'nɪʃn/ *n* [U] supply of bullets, bombs, etc, fired from weapons

amnesia /'æm'ni:ziə/ *n* [U] loss of memory

amnesty /'æmnəsti/ *n* [C] (pl -ies) general pardon, esp for political offences

amniocentesis /'æmniəʊsen'ti:sɪs/ *n* [U, sing] medical test performed on a pregnant woman in order to find out if the baby has particular illnesses

amoeba (US also **ameba**) /ə'mi:bə/ *n* [C] (pl -s or -ae /-bi:z/) very small living creature consisting of only one cell

amok /ə'mɒk/ *adv* **[IDM]** run amok → RUN¹

• **among** /ə'mʌŋ/ (also **amongst** /ə'mʌŋst/) *prep* **1** surrounded by: a house ~ the trees **2** in the number of; included in: ~ the best in the world **3** used when you are sharing sth

between people: divide the cake ~ the class

amorous /'æməərəs/ *adj* showing (esp sexual) love ► **amorously** *adv*

• **amount** /ə'maʊnt/ *n* [C] total or quantity: a large ~ of money

• **amount** *v* [PV] amount to sth add up to or be equal to sth

amp /æmp/ *n* [C] **1** (also **ampere** /'æmpeə(r)/) (*abbr* **A**) unit for measuring electric current **2** (*infml*) = AMPLIFIER

ampersand /'æmpəsænd/ *n* [C] the symbol (&) used to mean 'and'

amphetamine /'æmfetəmin/ *n* [C, U] illegal drug that makes you feel excited and full of energy

amphibian /'æm'fɪbiən/ *n* [C] animal, eg a frog, that can live both on land and in water ► **amphibious** *adj*

amphitheatre (US **-theater**) /'æmfɪθiətə(r)/ *n* [C] round building without a roof and with rows of seats rising round an open space

ample /'æmpl/ *adj* (more than) enough ► **amplify** *adv*

amplify /'æmplɪfaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp -ied) [T] **1** increase sth in strength, esp sound **2** add details to sth ► **amplification**

/'æmplɪfɪ'keɪʃn/ *n* [U] ► **amplifier** *n* [C] (*abbr* **amp**) device that makes sounds or radio signals louder

amplitude /'æmplitju:d/ *n* [U, C] (*physics*) greatest distance that a wave, esp a sound or radio wave, vibrates (= moves up and down)

amputate /'æmpjuteɪt/ *v* [I, T] cut off an arm or a leg ► **amputation** /'æmpju'teɪʃn/ *n* [U, C]

amulet /'æmjʊlət/ *n* [C] object worn to protect you from evil, etc

• **amuse** /ə'mju:z/ *v* [T] **1** make sb laugh or smile **2** make time pass pleasantly for sb ► **amusement** *n* **1** [C] something that makes time pass pleasantly **2** [U] state of being amused ► **amusing** *adj* causing you to laugh or smile

an → A

anachronism /ə'nækronɪzəm/ *n* [C] person or thing thought to be out of date

anaemia /ə'ni:miə/ *n* [U] lack of red cells in the blood, causing a person to look pale ► **anaemic** *adj*

anaerobic /,æneə'rəʊbɪk/ *adj* **1** not needing oxygen **2** (of physical exercise) not esp designed to improve the function of the heart and lungs

anaesthesia /,ænəs'θi:ziə/ *n* [U] state of being unable to feel pain

► **anaesthetic** /,ænəs'θetɪk/ *n* [C, U]

substance that stops you feeling pain ► **anaesthetist** /ə'ni:sθətɪst/ *n*

[C] person who is trained to give anaesthetics to patients

► **anaesthetize** (also -ise)

/ə'ni:sθətaɪz/ v [T] give sb an anaesthetic

anagram /'ænəgræm/ n [C] word made by changing the order of the letters of another word: 'Stare' is an ~ of 'tears'.

analgesic /'ænal'dʒi:zɪk/ n [C] (med) substance that reduces pain

analogue (US **analog**) /'ænələg/ adj (tech) **1** (of an electronic process) using a continuously changing range of physical quantities to measure or store data: *an ~ computer/signal* **2** (of a clock or watch) showing the time using hands on a dial and not with a display of numbers

analogy /ə'nælədʒi/ n (pl -ies) **1** [C] comparison of one thing with another that has similar features: *draw an ~ between the heart and a pump* **2** [U] explaining one thing by comparing it to sth else

► **analogous** /ə'næləgəs/ adj similar

0-**analyse** /'ænaləɪz/ v [T] examine or study sth, esp by separating sth into its parts

0-**analysis** /ə'næləsɪs/ n (pl -yses /-əsɪz/) **1** [U] study of sth by examining its parts **2** [C] result of such study ► **analyst** /'ænalɪst/ n [C] **1** person who makes (esp chemical) analyses: *a food/political ~* **2** = PSYCHOANALYST ► **analytical** /,æna'lɪtɪkl/ (also **analytic** /-lɪtɪkl/) adj

analyze (US) = ANALYSE

anarchy /'ænəkɪ/ n [U] absence of government; disorder ► **anarchist** n [C] person who favours anarchy

anatomy /ə'nætəmi/ n [U, C] (pl -ies) (study of the) structure of human or animal bodies ► **anatomical** /,æna'tɒmɪkl/ adj

ancestor /'ænsɛstə(r)/ n [C] person in your family who lived a long time ago ► **ancestral** /æn'sestrəl/ adj of or from your ancestors ► **ancestry** /-tri/ n [C] (pl -ies) line of ancestors

anchor /'æŋkə(r)/ n [C] heavy piece of metal lowered from a ship into the water in order to stop the ship from moving ► **anchor** v [I, T] lower a ship's anchor to stop it from moving ► **anchorage** /'æŋkərɪdʒ/ n [C, U] place where ships may anchor safely

anchovy /'æntʃəvi/ n [C, U] (pl -ies) small fish with a strong salty flavour

0-**ancient** /'eɪnfənt/ adj

1 belonging to times long ago: ~ Greece **2** very old: ~ monuments

ancillary /æn'sɪləri/ adj giving support; additional

0-**and** /ænd/ ən; strong form ænd/ conj **1** also; in addition to: *bread ~ butter* **2** then; following this: *She*

came in ~ sat down. **3** as a result of this: *Work hard ~ you'll succeed.*

4 used between repeated words to show that sth is repeated or continuing: *for hours ~ hours*

5 (informal) used instead of to after certain verbs: *Try ~ come early.*

anecdote /'ænɪkdəʊt/ n [C] short interesting story about a real person or event

anemia, anemic (US) = ANAEMIA, ANAEMIC

anemone /ə'neməni/ n [C] small plant with colourful flowers

anesthesia (US) = ANAESTHESIA

anew /ə'nju:/ adv (written) again

angel /'eɪndʒl/ n [C] **1** messenger of God **2** beautiful or very kind person

► **angelic** /æŋ'ʤelɪk/ adj

0-**anger** /'æŋgə(r)/ n [U] feeling that makes people want to quarrel or fight ► **anger** v [T] make sb angry

angina /æn'dʒaɪnə/ n [U] very bad pain in the chest caused by a low supply of blood to the heart

0-**angle** /'æŋɡl/ n [C] **1** space between two lines that meet

2 corner **3** point of view [IDM] **at an angle** not straight ► **angle** v **1** [T] move or place sth so that it is not straight or not directly facing sb/sth

2 [T] present information, etc from a particular point of view **3** [I] catch fish with a line and hook [PV] **angle for sth** try to get a particular reaction from sb, without directly asking for what you want: ~ for compliments

► **angler** n [C] person who catches fish (= goes angling) as a hobby

► **angling** n [U]

anglicize (also -ise) /'æŋɡlɪsaɪz/ v [T] make sb/sth English in character

Anglo- /'æŋɡləʊ/ prefix English or British: *A~American*

0-**angry** /'æŋɡri/ adj (-ier, -iest)

1 filled with anger **2** (of a wound) red and infected ► **angrily** adv

angst /æŋst/ n [U] feeling of anxiety and worry about a situation

anguish /'æŋɡwɪʃ/ n [U] great mental or physical pain

► **anguished** adj

angular /'æŋɡjələ(r)/ adj **1** (of a person) thin and bony **2** having sharp corners

0-**animal** /'æniml/ n [C] **1** living creature that can feel and move

2 any such creature other than a human being **3** unpleasant wild person ► **animal** adj physical; basic

► **animal 'rights** n [pl] rights of animals to be treated well

animate /'ænimet/ v [T] give life and energy to sth ► **animate** /'ænimət/ adj living ► **animated** /'ænimetɪd/ adj **1** lively **2** (of pictures, drawings, etc in a film) made to look as if they are moving: ~d cartoons

► **animation** /,æni'meɪʃn/ n **1** [U] energy and enthusiasm **2** [U]

process of making animated cartoons **3** [C] animated film

animatronics /ˌænməˈtrɒnɪks/ *n* [U] process of making and operating robots that look like real people or animals, used in films, etc

animosity /ˌænmɒsəti/ *n* [U, C] (pl -ies) strong hatred

❶ **ankle** /ˈæŋkl/ *n* [C] joint connecting the foot with the leg

annals /ˈænlz/ *n* [pl] historical records

annex /əˈneks/ *v* [T] take control of a country, etc, esp by force

► **annexation** /-seɪʃn/ *n* [U, C]

annexe (esp US **annex**) /ˈæneks/ *n* [C] building added to a larger one

annihilate /əˈnaɪəleɪt/ *v* [T] destroy sb/sth completely ► **annihilation** /-leɪʃn/ *n* [U]

❶ **anniversary** /ˌænɪˈvɜːsəri/ *n* [C] (pl -ies) day remembered for sth special which happened on that date in a previous year: *a wedding ~*

annotate /ˈænəteɪt/ *v* [T] add notes to a book, etc ► **annotation** /ˌænəˈteɪʃn/ *n* [C, U]

❶ **announce** /əˈnaʊns/ *v* [T] make sth known publicly
► **announcement** *n* [C] public statement
► **announcer** *n* [C] person who introduces programmes on radio or television

❶ **annoy** /əˈnɔɪ/ *v* [T] make sb slightly angry; cause trouble to sb
► **annoyance** *n* [U, C]

❶ **annual** /ˈænjʊəl/ *adj*
1 happening once every year
2 calculated for the year: *~ income*
● **annual** *n* [C] **1** book published once a year, having the same title but different contents **2** plant that lives for one year ► **annually** *adv*

annuity /əˈnjuːəti/ *n* [C] (pl -ies) fixed sum of money paid to sb every year

annul /əˈnʌl/ *v* (-ll-) [T] declare that sth is no longer legally valid
► **annulment** *n* [C, U]

anode /ˈænəʊd/ *n* [C] place on a battery or other electrical device where the electric current enters

anoint /əˈnɔɪnt/ *v* [T] put oil or water on sb's head, esp as a religious ceremony

anomaly /əˈnɒməli/ *n* [C] (pl -ies) (fml) something different from what is normal ► **anomalous** /-ləs/ *adj*

anon. /əˈnɒn/ *abbr* anonymous

anonymous /əˈnɒnɪməs/ *adj* with a name that is not made known; without a name: *The author wishes to remain ~.* ◊ *an ~ donor* ► **anonymity** /ˌænəˈnɪməti/ *n* [U]

anorak /ˈænərək/ *n* [C] waterproof jacket with a hood

anorexia /ˌænəˈreksɪə/ (also **anorexia nervosa** /nɜːˈvɒsə/) *n* [U] mental illness that causes fear of gaining weight and eating and leads

to dangerous loss of weight

► **anorexic** /ˌænəˈreksɪk/ *adj*

❶ **another** /əˈnʌðə(r)/ *adj*, *pron*
1 an additional (one): *have ~ cup of tea* **2** a different (one): *do that ~ time* **3** a similar (one): *~ Einstein*

❶ **answer** /ˈɑːnsə(r)/ *n* [C] **1** thing said or written in response to sb/sth; reply **2** solution: *Do you know the ~ to question 8?* ● **answer** *v* [I, T] give an answer to sb/sth: *Think before you ~.* ◊ *~ the phone* (= lift the receiver and speak to the person calling)
◊ *~ the door* (= open the door when sb has knocked at it) [PV] **answer (sb) back** reply rudely to sb **answer for sb/sth** **1** accept responsibility for sth **2** speak in support of sb/sth
► **answerable** *adj* responsible: *~ for your actions*

ant /ænt/ *n* [C] small insect that lives in organized groups

antagonism /æntˈæɡənɪzəm/ *n* [U] opposition; dislike ► **antagonist** /-nɪst/ *n* [C] opponent

► **antagonistic** /-nɪstɪk/ *adj*

antagonize (also -ise) /æntˈæɡənəɪz/ *v* [T] do sth to make sb angry with you

Antarctic /æntˈɑːktɪk/ *n* [sing] (the Antarctic) very cold regions around the South Pole ► **Antarctic** *adj* ► the **Antarctic 'Circle** *n* [sing] the line of latitude 66° 33' South

antecedent /ˌæntɪˈsiːdnt/ *n* **1** [C] (fml) thing or event that comes before another **2** (antecedents) [pl] ancestors

antediluvian /ˌæntɪdɪˈluːviən/ *adj* (fml) very out of date; old fashioned

antelope /ˈæntləʊp/ *n* [C] animal like a deer

antenatal /ˌæntɪˈneɪtl/ *adj* relating to the medical care given to pregnant women: *an ~ clinic*

antenna /æntˈtenə/ *n* [C] **1** (pl -e /-niː/) insect's feeler (= one of two long thin parts on its head)

2 (pl -s, -e) (esp US) = AERIAL

anthem /ˈænθəm/ *n* [C] piece of music sung in churches or written for a special occasion

anthology /æntˈθɒlədʒi/ *n* [C] (pl -ies) collection of writings, esp poems

anthrax /ˈænræks/ *n* [U] serious disease that affects sheep and cows and sometimes people

anthropology /ˌænrəˈpɒlədʒi/ *n* [C] (pl -ies) study of the human race
► **anthropologist** *n* [C]

❶ **anti-** /ˈænti/ *prefix* opposed to; against

antibiotic /ˌæntɪˈbɪəˈtɪk/ *n* [C], *adj* (powerful substance, eg penicillin) that can destroy bacteria

antibody /ˈæntɪbɒdi/ *n* [C] (pl -ies) substance formed in the blood which destroys harmful bacteria

0- **anticipate** /æntɪˈsɪpeɪt/ *v* [T] 1 expect sth: *We ~ trouble.* 2 see what might happen in the future and take action ► **anticipation** /æntɪˈsɪpeɪʃn/ *n* [U]

anticlimax /æntɪˈklaɪmæks/ *n* [C] disappointing end to sth exciting

anticlockwise /æntɪˈklɒkwəɪz/ *adv*, *adj* in the direction opposite to the movement of the hands of a clock

antics /æntɪks/ *n* [pl] strange or amusing behaviour

anticyclone /æntɪˈsaɪklɒn/ *n* [C] area of high pressure that produces calm weather conditions

antidepressant /æntɪdɪˈpresnt/ *n* [C] drug used to treat depression

antidote /ˈæntɪdaʊt/ *n* [C] substance that acts against the effects of a poison or disease

antifreeze /æntɪˈfriːz/ *n* [U] substance added to water to stop it freezing, esp in car radiators

antihistamine /æntɪˈhɪstəmiːn/ *n* [C,U] drug used to treat allergies

antiperspirant /æntɪˈpɜːspərənt/ *n* [U,C] substance that prevents or reduces sweat

antiquated /ˈæntɪkwetɪd/ *adj* old-fashioned

antique /æntɪˈkiːk/ *adj*, *n* [C] old and valuable (object): ~ furniture

antiquity /æntɪˈkwɪtɪ/ *n* (pl -ies) 1 [U] ancient times 2 [C, usu pl] ancient building, painting, etc 3 [U] great age

antiretroviral /æntɪˈretrəʊvaɪrəl/ *adj* of or connected with a class of drugs designed to stop viruses from damaging the body: *A~ drugs are the only way to treat HIV.*

antiseptic /æntɪˈseptɪk/ *n* [C], *adj* (substance) preventing disease by destroying bacteria

antisocial /æntɪˈsəʊʃl/ *adj* 1 not liking to meet other people; unfriendly 2 harmful to other people

antithesis /æntɪˈθɪsɪs/ *n* [C] (pl -ses /-sɪz/) (*fml*) direct opposite

antler /ˈæntlə(r)/ *n* [C] horn of a deer

antonym /ˈæntənɪm/ *n* [C] word that is opposite in meaning to another

anus /ˈeməs/ *n* [C] hole through which solid waste matter leaves the body

anvil /ˈænvɪl/ *n* [C] heavy iron block on which metals are hammered into shape

0- **anxiety** /æŋˈzaɪəti/ *n* (pl -ies) 1 [U,C] concern and fear, esp about what might happen 2 [U] strong desire: ~ to please

0- **anxious** /ˈæŋkʃəs/ *adj* 1 feeling anxiety 2 causing anxiety: *an ~ time* 3 ~ for/to strongly wishing sth: *He's ~ to meet you.* ► **anxiously** *adv*

0- **any** /eni/ *adj*, *pron* 1 some amount (of): *Have you got ~ milk?* ◇ *No, I haven't got any.* ◇ *I haven't read ~ books by Tolstoy.* 2 no matter which: *Take ~ card you like.* ● **any** *adv* at all: *I can't run ~ faster.*

0- **anybody** /ˈeniɒdɪ/ (*also anyone* /ˈeniwʌn/) *pron* 1 used instead of *somebody* in negative sentences and questions: *Did ~ see you?* 2 any person at all: *A~ will tell you.*

anyhow /ˈenihaʊ/ *adv* 1 = ANYWAY 2 carelessly: *do the work ~*

0- **anyone** = ANYBODY

anyplace /ˈenipləs/ (*US*) = ANYWHERE

0- **anything** /ˈeniθɪŋ/ *pron* 1 used instead of *something* in negative sentences and questions: *Has ~ unusual happened?* 2 any thing at all (whatever it is): *I'm so hungry, I'll eat ~!* [IDM] **anything** but definitely not

0- **anyway** /ˈeniweɪ/ *adv* 1 in spite of everything 2 used to change the subject of conversation

0- **anywhere** /ˈeniweə(r)/ *adv* used instead of *somewhere* in negative sentences and questions [IDM] **get anywhere** → GET

aorta /eɪˈɔːtə/ *n* [C] main artery that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body

0- **apart** /əˈpɑːt/ *adv* 1 separated by a distance, of space or time: *The houses are 500 metres ~.* 2 separate(ly): *They're living ~.*

3 into pieces: *It fell ~.* ■ **apart from** *prep* 1 except for 2 as well as

apartheid /əˈpɑːtaɪt/ *n* [U] (in South Africa in the past) official government policy of keeping people of different races separate

0- **apartment** /əˈpɑːtmənt/ *n* [C] 1 (*esp US*) = FLAT 2 set of rooms rented for a holiday

apathy /ˈæpəθi/ *n* [U] lack of interest or enthusiasm ► **apathetic** /ˈæpəˈθetɪk/ *adj*

ape /eɪp/ *n* [C] large animal like a monkey, with no tail, eg chimpanzee or gorilla ● **ape** *v* [T] copy sb's speech or behaviour

aperitif /əˈpɛrəˈtiːf/ *n* [C] alcoholic drink before a meal

aperture /ˈæpətʃə(r)/ *n* [C] (*tech*) narrow hole or opening, eg in a camera lens

apex /ˈeɪpeks/ *n* [C] (pl -es) highest point: *the ~ of a triangle*

aphid /ˈeɪfɪd/ *n* [C] very small insect that is harmful to plants

apiece /əˈpiːs/ *adv* each

aplomb /əˈplɒm/ *n* [U] confidence and success: *do sth with great ~*

apologetic /əˈpɒləˈdʒetɪk/ *adj*

saying or feeling sorry for doing sth wrong ► **apologetically** /-kli/ *adv*

❏ **apologize** (*also -ise*) /ə'pɒlədʒaɪz/ *v* [I] say that you are sorry: *I must ~ for being late.*

apology /ə'pɒlədʒi/ *n* [C] (pl -ies) statement saying that you are sorry for having done wrong, hurt sb's feelings, etc [IDM] **an apology for sth** very poor example of sth

apostle /ə'pɒsl/ *n* [C] **1** (Apostle) any of the twelve men sent out by Christ to spread his teaching **2** leader of a new faith or movement

apostrophe /ə'pɒstrəfi/ *n* [C] sign (') used to show that one or more letters have been left out, as in *I'm for I am*

appal (US *also* **appall**) /ə'pɒ:l/ *v* (-ll-) [T] fill sb with horror; shock sb deeply: *We were ~led at the news.*

► **appalling** *adj*

apparatus /ə'pæ'rɪtəs/ *n* [U] set of tools or equipment used for a purpose: *laboratory ~*

❏ **apparent** /ə'pærənt/ *adj*
1 clearly seen: *for no ~ reason* **2** seen but not necessarily real: *an ~ lack of knowledge* ► **apparently** *adv*

apparition /ə'pæ'rɪʃn/ *n* [C] ghost

❏ **appeal** /ə'pi:l/ *v* [I] **1** make a formal request to a higher court, etc for a new decision **2** ~ to attract or interest sb: *The design does not ~ to me.* **3** ~ (for) make a serious and urgent request: ~ for help/money
● **appeal** *n* **1** [C] formal request to a court of law, etc **2** [U] quality that makes sb/sth attractive or interesting: *sex ~* **3** [C] urgent request ► **appealing** *adj* **1** attractive **2** wanting sb to show you pity

❏ **appear** /ə'piə(r)/ *v* [I] **1** give the impression of being; seem: *That explanation ~s (to be) reasonable.* **2** come into view; become visible: *A ship ~ed on the horizon.* **3** arrive **4** be published or broadcast: *Her latest book ~s in the spring.* **5** be present in a law court ► **appearance** *n* **1** [C] act of arriving, esp unexpectedly **2** [C, U] way sb/sth looks to other people: *She was determined to keep up ~s (= hide the true situation and pretend that everything is going well).* [IDM] **put in an appearance** go to a meeting, party, etc, esp for a short time **to all appearances** so far as can be seen

appease /ə'pi:z/ *v* [T] (*fml*) make sb calm or stop sb being angry, esp by satisfying demands ► **appeasement** *n* [U]

append /ə'pend/ *v* [T] (*fml*) add or attach sth, esp in writing
► **appendage** /-dɪdʒ/ *n* [C]
something added to or joined to sth larger

appendicitis /ə'pendə'saɪtɪs/ *n* [U]

painful swelling of the appendix that can be very serious

appendix /ə'pendɪks/ *n* [C] **1** (pl ~es) small organ attached to the large intestine **2** (pl -dices /-dɪsɪz/) section giving extra information at the end of a book

appetite /'æptɪtaɪt/ *n* [C, U] strong desire, esp for food

appetizer (*also -iser*) /'æptɪzaɪzə(r)/ *n* [C] small amount of food or drink that you have before a meal

► **appetizing** (*also -ising*) *adj* making you feel hungry

applaud /ə'plɔ:d/ *v* **1** [I, T] show approval of sb/sth by clapping your hands **2** [T] express praise for sb/sth because you approve of them/it

► **applause** /ə'plɔ:z/ *n* [U]

❏ **apple** /'æpl/ *n* [C] round fruit with shiny red or green skin and white flesh

applet /'æplət/ *n* [C] (*computing*) program which is run from within another program, eg from within a web browser

appliance /ə'plaɪəns/ *n* [C] device; machine: *electrical/household ~s*

applicable /ə'plɪkəbəl; 'æplɪkəbəl/ *adj*
~ (to) that can be said to be true in the case of sb/sth

applicant /'æplɪkənt/ *n* [C] person who applies for a job, etc

❏ **application** /ə'plɪ'keɪʃn/ *n*
1 [C, U] request: *an ~ (form) for a job*
2 [U, C] act of putting sth to practical use: *the practical ~s of the invention*
3 [U] hard work; great effort **4** [C] (*computing*) program designed to do a particular job: *a database ~*

❏ **apply** /ə'plai/ *v* (pt, pp -ied) **1** [I] ~ (for) ask officially for sth: ~ for a job/visa **2** [I] ~ (to) concern or relate to sb/sth: *This rule does not ~ to you.* **3** [T] work at sth or study sth hard: ~ yourself/your mind to the problem

4 [T] put sth into operation; use sth: ~ the brakes **5** [T] put or rub sth onto a surface: ~ ointment to the cut

► **applied** *adj* put to practical use: *applied science*

❏ **appoint** /ə'pɔɪnt/ *v* [T] **1** choose sb for a job **2** (*fml*) fix or decide sth: *the ~ed time* ► **appointment** *n* **1** [C] formal arrangement to meet sb, esp for a reason connected with their work: *make an ~* **2** [C] job to which sb is appointed **3** [C, U] act of appointing sb for a job

appraise /ə'preɪz/ *v* [T] (*fml*) consider the value of sb/sth ► **appraisal** *n* [C, U] judgement of the value of sb/sth: *staff ~s*

appreciable /ə'pri:ə'jəbl/ *adj* large enough to be noticed: *an ~ difference* ► **appreciably** *adv*

❏ **appreciate** /ə'pri:ə'ʃiəɪt/ *v* **1** [T] recognize the good qualities of sb/

sth: *Her family doesn't ~ her.* **2** [T] be grateful for sb/sth: *I really ~ all your help.* **3** [T] understand sth completely: *I ~ your problems, but I am not able to help.* **4** [I] (of land, etc) increase in value ► **appreciation** /əˈpriːʃiːeɪʃn/ *n* [U, C] ► **appreciative** /əˈpriːʃiːətv/ *adj*

apprehend /æprɪˈhend/ *v* [T] (*fml*) (of the police) arrest sb

apprehension /æprɪˈhenʃn/ *n* [U, C] worry or fear ► **apprehensive** /æprɪˈhensɪv/ *adj* worried

apprentice /əˈprentɪs/ *n* [C] person learning a skilled trade ► **apprentice** *v* [T] (*old-fash*) ~ (to) make sb an apprentice: *He is ~d to a plumber.*

► **apprenticeship** /əˈprentɪʃɪp/ *n* [C, U] (time of) being an apprentice

► **approach** /əˈprəʊtʃ/ *v* **1** [I, T] come near(er) to sb/sth **2** [T] make a request or offer to sb: ~ the manager for a pay rise **3** [T] begin to deal with a problem, task, etc. ► **approach** *n* [C] **1** way of dealing with sb/sth **2** [usu sing] act of speaking to sb **3** road, way, etc ► **approachable** *adj* friendly and easy to talk to

► **appropriate** /əˈprəʊpriət/ *adj* suitable; correct ► **appropriately** *adv*. ► **appropriate** /əˈprəʊpriət/ *v* [T] **1** take sth that does not belong to you for your own use **2** set sth aside for a particular purpose ► **appropriation** /-priːeɪʃn/ *n* [C, U]

► **approval** /əˈpruːvl/ *n* [U] feeling or showing that you think sb/sth is good or acceptable: *Your plans have my ~.* [IDM] on approval (of goods) to be returned without paying if not satisfactory

► **approve** /əˈpruːv/ *v* **1** [I] ~ (of) feel or show that sb/sth is good or acceptable **2** [T] agree to sth formally ► **approvingly** *adv*

► **approximate** /əˈprɒksɪmət/ *adj* almost correct or exact, but not completely so ► **approximately** *adv*: ~ly 100 students

► **approximate** /əˈprɒksɪmət/ *v* [I] ~ to come very near to sth ► **approximation** /əˈprɒksɪˈmeɪʃn/ *n* [C]

apricot /ˈeɪprɪkɒt/ *n* **1** [C] small round orange-yellow fruit with a stone **2** [U] orange-yellow colour

► **April** /ˈeɪprəl/ *n* [U, C] fourth month of the year: on A~ the first ◊ on the first of A~ ◊ (US) on A~ first ◊ She was born in A~. ◊ last A~

apron /ˈeɪprən/ *n* [C] piece of clothing worn round the front part of your body to keep your clothes clean, eg when cooking

apt /æpt/ *adj* **1** suitable: an ~ remark **2** ~ to likely to do sth: ~ to be forgetful **3** quick to learn ► **aptly** *adv* ► **aptness** *n* [U]

aptitude /ˈæptɪtʃuːd/ *n* [C, U] natural ability or skill

aqualung /ˈækwələŋ/ *n* [C] breathing unit for underwater swimming

aquamarine /ˈækwəməˈriːn/ *n* **1** [C] bluish-green semi-precious stone **2** [U] bluish-green colour

aquarium /əˈkwɛəriəm/ *n* [C] (building with a) large glass tank for keeping live fish

aquatic /əˈkwætɪk/ *adj* **1** (of animals or plants) living or growing in water **2** (of sports) taking place on or in water

aqueduct /ˈækwɪdʌkt/ *n* [C] bridge that carries water across a valley

Arabic /ˈærəbɪk/ *n* [U] *adj* (language) of the Arabs ► **Arabic** 'numeral' *n* [C] symbol 0, 1, 2, 3, etc used for writing numbers in many countries

arable /ˈærəbl/ *adj* (of land) used or suitable for growing crops

arbitrage /ˈɑːbɪtrɑːʒ; -trɪdʒ/ *n* [U] (*business*) the practice of buying sth (eg shares or foreign money) in one place and selling it in another place where the price is higher

► **arbitrageur** /ˈɑːbɪtrɑːʒə(r)/ (*also* **arbitrager** /ˈɑːbɪtrɪdʒə(r)/) *n* [C]

arbitrary /ˈɑːbɪtrəri/ *adj* based on chance, not reason ► **arbitrarily** *adv*

arbitrate /ˈɑːbɪtreɪt/ *v* [I, T] ~ (between) settle a dispute, argument, etc between two groups ► **arbitration** /ˈɑːbɪˈtreɪʃn/ *n* [U] settlement of a dispute by sb chosen as a judge ► **arbitrator** *n* [C]

arc /ɑːk/ *n* [C] part of the curved line of a circle

arcade /ɑːˈkeɪd/ *n* [C] covered passage with shops

arch /ɑːtʃ/ *n* [C] curved structure, eg one that is part of the support of a bridge. ► **arch** *v* [I, T] form an arch: *The cat ~ed its back.*

archaeology /ˈɑːkiˈɒlədʒi/ *n* [U] study of the remains of ancient buildings, etc ► **archaeological** /ˈɑːkiˈɒlədʒɪkəl/ *adj* ► **archaeologist** *n* [C]

archaic /ɑːˈkeɪɪk/ *adj* (esp of words) no longer in use; very old

archbishop /ɑːtʃˈbɪʃəp/ *n* [C] chief bishop

archer /ɑːtʃə(r)/ *n* [C] person who shoots with a bow and arrows ► **archery** *n* [U] skill or sport of shooting with a bow and arrows

archipelago /ˈɑːkɪˈpeləgəʊ/ *n* [C] (pl ~s or ~es) group of many small islands

architect /ˈɑːkɪtekt/ *n* [C] person who designs buildings

► **architecture** /ˈɑːkɪtektʃə(r)/ *n* [U] art of building; style of building

► **architectural** /ˈɑːkɪtektʃərəl/ *adj*

archives /ˈɑːkaɪvz/ *n* [pl] (collection of) historical records

Arctic /'ɑ:ktrɪk/ *adj* **1** of the very cold region around the North Pole

2 (arctic) very cold ► **the Arctic** *n* [sing] the very cold region around the North Pole ■ **the Arctic Circle** *n* [sing] the line of latitude 66° 33' North

ardent /'ɑ:dnt/ *adj* (written) very enthusiastic ► **ardently** *adv*

arduous /'ɑ:djuəs; -dʒu-/ *adj* needing a lot of effort or energy: *an ~ journey* ► **arduously** *adv*

are /ə(r); strong form ɑ:(r)/ → **BE**

❶ **area** /'eəriə/ *n* **1** [C] part of a place, town, etc., or a region of a country or the world: *desert ~s* **2** [C, U] extent or measurement of a surface **3** [C] range of activity: *different ~s of human experience*

arena /ə'ri:nə/ *n* [C] **1** enclosed area used for sports, etc **2** area of activity: *in the political ~*

aren't /ɑ:nt/ = ARE NOT (BE)

❶ **argue** /'ɑ:gju:/ *v* **1** [I] express disagreement; quarrel **2** [I] ~ **for/against** give reasons for/against sth **3** [T] (fml) discuss sth: *The lawyers ~d the case.* ► **arguable** /'ɑ:gjuəbl/ *adj* not certain; questionable ► **arguably** *adv*

❶ **argument** /'ɑ:gjumənt/ *n* **1** [C] disagreement **2** [C, U] discussion; reason for or against sth ► **argumentative** /'ɑ:gju'mentətɪv/ *adj* fond of arguing (1)

aria /'ɑ:riə/ *n* [C] song for one voice in an opera, etc

arid /'ærid/ *adj* **1** (of land) very dry **2** dull; uninteresting

❶ **arise** /ə'raɪz/ *v* (pt **arose** /ə'rəʊz/ pp ~n /ə'rɪzn/) [I] (fml) come into existence: *A difficulty has ~n.*

aristocracy /,æri'stɒkrəsi/ *n* [C] (pl -ies) people born in the highest social class, who have special titles ► **aristocrat** /,æri'stɒkræt/ *n* [C] member of the aristocracy ► **aristocratic** /,æri'stɒkrætɪk/ *adj*

arithmetic /ə'riθmə'tɪk/ *n* [U] branch of mathematics that deals with the adding, multiplying, etc of numbers ► **arithmetical** /,æriθ'metɪkl/ *adj*

ark /ɑ:k/ *n* [C] (in the Bible) Noah's ship

❶ **arm** /ɑ:m/ *n* [C] **1** either of the two long parts of your body that connect your shoulder to your hand **2** piece of clothing that covers this; sleeve **3** part of a chair where you rest your arms [IDM] **arm in arm** (of two people) with their arms linked ● **arm** *v* [I, T] supply sb or provide yourself with weapons [IDM] **armed to the teeth** having many weapons ■ **the armed forces** *n* [pl] a country's army, navy and air force ■ **'armchair** *n* [C] chair with supports for the arms ■ **'armpit** *n* [C] hollow

part under the arm where it joins the shoulder

armada /ɑ:'mɑ:də/ *n* [C] large group of ships sailing together

armadillo /,ɑ:mə'dɪləʊ/ *n* [C] (pl ~s) American animal with a hard shell made of pieces of bone

armament /'ɑ:məmənt/ *n* **1** [C, usu pl] weapons, esp large guns **2** [U] process of equipping military forces for war

armistice /'ɑ:mɪstɪs/ *n* [C] agreement during a war to stop fighting for a time

armour (US -or) /'ɑ:mə(r)/ *n* [U] **1** protective metal covering for the body in battle **2** metal covering for tanks, ships, etc ► **armoured** (US -or-) *adj* ► **armoury** (US -or-) *n* [C] (pl -ies) place where weapons are kept

❶ **arms** /ɑ:mz/ *n* [pl] weapons [IDM] **take up arms** (against sb) (fml) (prepare to) go to war (be) **up in arms** (about/over sth) (infml) (be) very angry about sth and ready to protest strongly about it ■ **the arms race** *n* [sing] competition among nations for military strength

❶ **army** /'ɑ:mɪ/ *n* [C, with sing or pl verb] (pl -ies) **1** military forces of a country which fight on land: *join the ~* **2** large group: *an ~ of helpers*

arnica /'ɑ:nɪkə/ *n* [U] natural medicine used to treat bruises

aroma /ə'rəʊmə/ *n* [C] pleasant smell ► **aromatic** /,æ'rə'mætɪk/ *adj*

aromatherapy /ə,rəʊmə'θerəpi/ *n* [U] use of natural oils for controlling pain or for massage ► **aromatherapist** *n* [C]

arose *pt* of **ARISE**

❶ **around** /ə'raʊnd/ *adv, prep* **1** approximately: *It's ~ six o'clock.* **2** on all sides of sb/sth; surrounding sb/sth: *He put his arms ~ her.* **3** on, to or from the other side of sb/sth: *The bus came ~ the bend.* **4** with a circular movement about sth: *The earth moves ~ the sun.* **5** in or to many places in an area: *We walked all ~ the town.* **6** to fit in with particular people, ideas, etc: *I can't plan everything ~ your timetable!* **7** present in a place; available: *Is anyone ~?*

arouse /ə'raʊz/ *v* [T] **1** cause sth to appear or become active: ~ *suspicion* **2** excite sb sexually

arr. *abbr* **1** (in writing) arrive(s); arrival **2** (of music) arranged (by)

arraign /ə'reɪn/ *v* [T] (law) bring sb to court to formally accuse them of a crime ► **arraignment** *n* [C, U]

❶ **arrange** /ə'reɪndʒ/ *v* [I, T] plan or organize sth in advance: *We ~d to meet at one o'clock.* ◊ *I've ~d a loan with the bank.* **2** [T] put sth in order;

make sth attractive: ~ *flowers* **3** [T] adapt a piece of music for a particular instrument

► **arrangement** *n* **1** [C, usu pl] plan or preparation that you make so that sth can happen: *travel ~ments*

2 [C, usu pl] the way things are done or organized: *new security ~ments*

3 [C, U] agreement that you make with sb that you can both accept

4 [C] group of things that are organized or placed in a particular order: *a flower ~ment* **5** [C, U] (piece of) music that has been adapted for a particular instrument

array /ə'rei/ *n* [C] large impressive series of things

arrears /ə'reɪz/ *n* [pl] money that is owing **[IDM]** **be in arrears** | **get/fall into arrears** be late in paying money that you owe

► **arrest** /ə'rest/ *v* [T] **1** seize sb by the authority of the law **2** (fm) stop a process **3** attract sb's attention

● **arrest** *n* [C] act of arresting **[IDM]** **under arrest** held prisoner by the police

► **arrival** /ə'reɪvl/ *n* **1** [U] act of arriving **2** [C] person or thing that arrives: *The new ~ (= baby) is a girl.*

► **arrive** /ə'reɪv/ *v* [I] **1** reach a place: ~ *home* **2** come: *The great day has ~d!* **3** (inform) become successful **[PV]** **arrive at sth** reach sth: ~ *at a decision*

arrogant /ə'regənt/ *adj* behaving in a proud and rude way ► **arrogance** /-ns/ *n* [U] ► **arrogantly** *adv*

► **arrow** /ə'reəʊ/ *n* [C] **1** pointed stick shot from a bow **2** sign (→) used for showing direction

arse /ɑ:s/ *n* [C] (GB, A, sl) **1** buttocks; bottom **(2)** **2** stupid person ● **arse** *v* **[PV]** **arse about/around** (GB, A, sl) behave in a silly way

arsenal /'ɑ:sənəl/ *n* [C] **1** collection of weapons **2** place where weapons and explosives are stored or made

arsenic /'ɑ:snɪk/ *n* [U] very strong poisonous substance

arson /'ɑ:sn/ *n* [U] crime of setting fire to property

► **art** /ɑ:t/ *n* **1** [U] use of the imagination to express ideas or feelings, particularly in painting, drawing or sculpture **2** (arts) [pl] subjects of study, eg languages or history, that are in contrast to science **3** [C, U] skill in doing sth
■ **'art gallery** (pl -ies) *n* [C] building where works of art are shown to the public

artefact (esp US **artifact**) /'ɑ:tɪfækt/ *n* [C] thing made by a human being

artery /'ɑ:təri/ *n* [C] (pl -ies) **1** one of the tubes that carry blood from the heart to other parts of the body

2 main road, railway, etc ► **arterial** /ɑ:'tɪəriəl/ *adj*

artful /'ɑ:tfʊl/ *adj* clever at getting what you want, sometimes by not telling the truth ► **artfully** *adv*

arthritis /ɑ:'θraɪtɪs/ *n* [U] pain and swelling in a joint in the body

► **arthritic** /ɑ:'θrɪtɪk/ *adj*

artichoke /'ɑ:tɪtʃəʊk/ *n* [C] **1** (also **'globe artichoke**) kind of plant with a lot of thick, green leaves, the bottom part of which can be eaten when cooked **2** = JERUSALEM ARTICHOKE

► **article** /'ɑ:tɪkl/ *n* [C] **1** piece of writing in a newspaper, etc **2** (law) separate part of an agreement or a contract **3** separate thing: ~s of clothing **4** (gram) word *a, an* or the

articulate /ɑ:'tɪkjələt/ *adj* **1** (of a person) good at expressing ideas or feelings clearly in words **2** (of speech) clearly pronounced

► **articulately** *adv* ● **articulate**

/ɑ:'tɪkjələt/ *v* [I, T] express sth clearly ► **articulated** *adj* (of a lorry)

having two parts connected by a joint which allows it to turn easily

► **articulation** /ɑ:'tɪkjʊ'leɪʃn/ *n* [U]

artifact (esp US) = ARTEFACT

► **artificial** /ɑ:'trɪfɪʃl/ *adj* **1** not natural; made by human beings

2 false; not what it appears to be

■ **artificial intelligence** *n* [U] (abbr AI) (computing) area of study concerned with making computers copy intelligent human behaviour

■ **artificial respiration** *n* [U] process of helping a person who has stopped breathing begin to breathe again, usu by blowing into their mouth or nose ► **artificially** *adv*

artillery /ɑ:'tɪləri/ *n* [U] (branch of the army that uses) large heavy guns

artisan /ɑ:'tɪzæn/ *n* [C] (fm) person who does skilled work, making things with their hands

► **artist** /'ɑ:tɪst/ *n* [C] **1** person who creates works of art, esp paintings **2** = ARTISTE ► **artistic** /ɑ:'tɪstɪk/ *adj*

1 of art and artists **2** having or showing skill in art ► **artistically**

/-klɪ/ *adv* ► **artistry** *n* [U] skill of an artist

artiste /ɑ:'tɪ:st/ *n* [C] professional singer, dancer, actor, etc

arty /'ɑ:ti/ *adj* (inform) pretending to be artistic

arugula /æ'ru:gjʊlə/ *n* [U] (US) = ROCKET(3)

► **as** /æz/; strong form æz/ *prep*

1 appearing to be sb: *dressed as a policeman* **2** having the function or character of sb/sth: *a career as a teacher* ◊ *Treat me as a friend.* ● **as**

adv (**as...as**) (used in comparisons) equally...as sb/sth: *as tall as his father* ◊ *Run as fast as you can!* ● **as**

conj **1** during the time when: *I saw her as I was leaving.* **2** since;

because: *As you were out, I left a message.* **3** though: *Young as I am, I know what I want to be.* **4** in the way which: *Do as I say.* [IDM] **as for sb/sth** used to start talking about sb/sth **as from** | **as of** showing the time from which sth starts **as if/though** in a way that suggests sth **as it is** in reality **as it were** as it might be expressed **as much** so: *I thought as much.* **as per** according to: *Work as per instructions.* **as to sth** | **as regards sth** used when you are referring to sth

asbestos /æ'sbestəs/ *n* [U] soft grey material that does not burn

ascend /ə'send/ *v* [I,T] (fml) go up sth [IDM] **ascend the throne** (fml) become king or queen

► **ascendancy** *n* [U] (fml) power; influence ► **ascendant** *n* [IDM] in the ascendant being or becoming more powerful or popular

ascent /ə'sent/ *n* [C] act of climbing or moving up; way up

ascertain /æ'seɪ'teɪn/ *v* [T] (fml) find out or make certain about sth

ASCII /'æski/ *n* [U] (computing) American Standard Code for Information Interchange; standard code used so that data can be moved between computers that use different programs

ascribe /ə'skraɪb/ *v* [T] ~ to consider sth to be caused by or to belong to sth/sb: *He ~d his failure to bad luck.*

aseptic /eɪ'septɪk/ *adj* free from harmful bacteria

asexual /eɪ'sekʃuəl/ *adj* **1** without sex or sex organs **2** having no interest in sexual relations

ash /æʃ/ *n* **1** [U] grey or black powder left after sth has burnt: *cigarette ~* **2** (ashes) [pl] what is left after sth has been destroyed by burning **3** (ashes) [pl] remains of a dead human body after burning **4** (also 'ash tree') [C] forest tree with grey bark **5** [U] hard pale wood of the ash tree ► **'ashtray** *n* [C] small dish for tobacco ash

► **ashamed** /ə'seɪmd/ *adj* feeling shame or embarrassment for sth you have done

ashore /ə'ʃɔ:(r)/ *adv* towards, onto or on land, having come from the water

► **aside** /ə'saɪd/ *adv* to one side; out of the way: *He laid the book ~.*

● **aside** *n* [C] remark that others are not supposed to hear

► **ask** /ɑ:sk/ *v* **1** [I,T] put a question to sb in order to get information: *I ~ed him where he lived.* ◊ 'What time is it?' *she ~ed.* **2** [I,T] say to sb that you want them to do sth: *I ~ed them to close the window.* **3** [T] invite sb: *~ him to the party* [IDM] **ask for it/ trouble** (infml) behave in such a way that trouble is likely [PV] **ask after sb**

ask about sb's health **ask for sb/sth** say that you want to speak to sb or be given sth ► **'asking price** *n* [C] price that sb wants to sell sth for

askance /ə'skæns/ *adv* [IDM] **look askance** (at sb/sth) (written) look at sb/sth with suspicion or doubt

askew /ə'skju:/ *adj, adv* not in a straight or level position

► **asleep** /ə'sli:p/ *adj* **1** sleeping **2** (of an arm or leg) having no feeling

asp /æsp/ *n* [C] small poisonous snake of N Africa

asparagus /ə'spærəgəs/ *n* [U] plant whose green shoots are eaten as a vegetable

► **aspect** /'æspekt/ *n* [C] **1** particular part or side of sth being considered **2** (fml) direction in which a building faces

aspersions /ə'spɜ:(n)z/ *n* [pl] (fml) critical or unpleasant remarks or judgements: *cast ~ on sb's honesty*

asphalt /'æsfælt/ *n* [U] black sticky substance for making road surfaces ► **asphalt** *v* [T] cover sth, esp a road, with asphalt

asphyxiate /ə'sfɪksɪeɪt/ *v* [T] cause sb to become very ill or die by preventing them from breathing

► **asphyxiation** /əs.fɪk.sɪ'eɪ.ʃən/ *n* [U]

aspirate /'æspəreɪt/ *n* [C] sound of the letter 'h' ● **aspirate** /'æspəreɪt/ *v* [T] pronounce sth with an 'h' sound

aspire /ə'spaɪə(r)/ *v* [I] ~ (to) have a strong desire to achieve sth

► **aspiration** /æspə'reɪʃən/ *n* [C,U] strong desire

aspirin /'æsprɪn; 'æspərɪn/ *n* [U,C] (pl aspirin or ~s) drug used to reduce pain and fever

ass /æs/ *n* [C] **1** (US, A, S) = ARSE **2** (GB, infml) stupid person

assailant /ə'seɪlənt/ *n* [C] (fml) person who attacks sb, esp physically

assassin /ə'sæsn/ *n* [C] person who murders sb important or famous

► **assassinate** /ə'sæsnɪeɪt/ *v* [T] murder sb important or famous, esp for political reasons ► **assassination** /ə.sæsɪ'neɪʃən/ *n* [U,C]

assault /ə'sɔ:lt/ *n* [C,U] sudden violent attack ● **assault** *v* [T] attack sb violently, esp when this is a crime ► **as'sault course** *n* [C] area of land with many objects that are difficult to climb, jump over etc, used esp by soldiers, for training

assemble /ə'sembl/ *v* **1** [I,T] come together as a group; bring people or things together **2** [T] fit together the parts of sth

assembly /ə'sembli/ *n* (pl -ies) **1** [C] (Assembly) group of people who have been elected to meet and