

Trigger Words

a or **A** (ə)

indefinite article

1 one; one kind of [I'll bake **a** peach pie.]

2 any one [Pick **a** peach from the tree.]

3 for each [The apples cost two dollars **a** bag.] Use **a**

before a word that begins with a consonant sound. Use

an before a word that begins with a vowel sound.

about (© bUɑ)

adverb

1 on every side; all around [Look **about**.]

2 here and there; in all directions [Birds fly **about**.]

3 in or to the opposite direction [Turn yourself **about**.]

4 more or less [She's **about** ten years old.]

5 almost ready [I was **about** to cry.]

6 [an informal use] almost [I'm just **about** ready.]

adjective active; awake or well again [At dawn I was up and **about**.]

preposition

1 around; on all sides of [Waves rose **about** the boat.]

2 here and there in; everywhere in [Stop running **about** the house.]

3 near to [He was born **about** 1920.]

4 taking care of [Go **about** your business.]

5 having to do with [Here is a book **about** ships.]

after (afɑt©r)

adverb.

1 behind in place or time; coming next [You go on

ahead, and we'll follow **after**.]

2 following in time; later [They came at noon and left three hours **after**.]

preposition

1 behind in place or time [The soldiers marched one

after the other.] **2** with the purpose of catching,

following, or finding [The dog ran **after** the rabbit.] **3**

later than [It's ten minutes **after** four.] **4**

because of

[**After** what has happened, he won't go.] **5**

in honor of

[named **after** her aunt].

again (© genɑ)

adverb

1 once more; a second time [I enjoyed the book so

much that I may read it **again**.]

2 back into a former place or condition; as before

[She is home **again**.]

ago (© goɑ)

adjective gone by; before now [They were married

ten years **ago**.]

adverb in the past [That happened long **ago**.]

all (ɑl)

adjective

1 the whole of or the whole amount of [I never heard

such talk in **all** my life. He gave her **all** the money.]

2 every one of [**All** the people are here.]

3 without anything else; only [Life is not **all** fun.]

pronoun

1 [used with a plural verb] every one [**All** of us are here.]

2 every part or bit; everything [**All** of the candy is gone.]

noun

1 everything that a person has [He gave his **all** but

still lost the game.]

2 the whole amount [That's **all** you are going to get.]

adverb

1 completely; entirely [The food is **all** gone.]

2 each; a piece [The score is ten **all**.]

—**all over 1** ended; finished [The game was **all over** by

one o'clock.] **2** everywhere [We looked **all over** for the

cat.] —**at all** in the smallest amount; in any way [I don't

understand this **at all**.]



Â The words **all** and **awl** sound alike. *All* the lettuce went into the salad. I used the *awl* with the broken handle.

almost (ôlɔ̃mɔst)

adverb very nearly but not completely
[Sue is **almost** ten.]

also (ôlɔ̃so)

adverb in addition; too; besides [She sang and **also** played the piano at the party.]

always (ôlɔ̃wɔz)

adverb

- 1 at all times; at every time [He is **always** polite.]
- 2 all the time [Oxygen is **always** present in the air.]
- 3 forever [I will **always** love her.]

an (an or ɔ̃n)

indefinite article

- 1 one; one kind of [Will you bake **an** apple pie?]
- 2 any one [Pick **an** apple for me.]
- 3 for each [The perfume cost fifty dollars **an** ounce.]

Use *a* before a word that begins with a consonant sound. Use *an* before a word that begins with a vowel sound.

and (and)

conjunction

- 1 also; in addition; as well as [They preserved plums **and** pears.]
- 2 added to; plus [6 **and** 2 equals 8.]
- 3 as a result [Help me **and** I'll be grateful.]
- 4 [*an informal use*] to; in order to [Try **and** get it.]

another (© nutɔ̃ɔr)

adjective

- 1 one more [Have **another** cup of tea.]
- 2 a different; not the same [Exchange the book for **another** one.]

pronoun

- 1 one more [I've had two cookies, but I'd like **another**.]

- 2 a different one [If one store doesn't have the book, try **another**.]

any (enɔ̃e)

adjective

- 1 one, no matter which one, out of three or more

[Take **any** book you want.]

- 2 some, no matter how many or what kind

[Do you have **any** apples?]

- 3 every [**Any** person knows this song.]

pronoun

- 1 any one or ones [I lost my pencils; do you have **any**?

She plays tennis better than **any** before her.]

- 2 any amount or number [Did you eat **any** of your dinner?]

adverb to any degree; at all [Do you feel **any** better today?]

anyhow (enɔ̃e hU)

adverb no matter what else is true; just the same;

anyway [You may know these words, but study them

anyhow.]

anyway (enɔ̃e wɔ)

adverb no matter what happens; in any case [I'm

going **anyway**.]

as (az)

adverb

- 1 to the same amount or degree; equally [Are you **as** tall as your cousin?]

- 2 for instance; for example [Some plants, **as** corn and potatoes, are native to America.]

conjunction

- 1 to the same amount or degree that [I'm as hungry

as you are.]

- 2 in the way that [Do **as** I tell you.]

- 3 at the same time that; while [She laughed **as** she spoke.]

- 4 because; since [**As** I am tired, I'll stay home.]



preposition in the role or manner of [He poses **as** a friend. That table can serve **as** a desk.] —**as if** or **as though** as it would if; as a person would if [They acted **as if** they were tired. It looks **as though** it will rain.] —**as is** [an informal use] just as it is [This used car costs \$800 **as is**.] —**as of** up to, on, or from a certain time [You can reach me here **as of** next Friday.]

at (at)

preposition

1 on, in, near, or by [Are they **at** home?]
 2 to or toward [Look **at** her. Aim **at** the target.]
 3 attending [Virginia was **at** the party.]
 4 busy with [Everyone was **at** work.]
 5 in a condition of [England and France were **at** war.]
 6 in the amount, rate, or price of [Apples sold **at** 20 cents each.]
 7 on or close to the time or age of [We eat **at** six o'clock.]

away (© waɪ)

adverb

1 from one place to another [Tom Sawyer ran **away** from home.]
 2 in the right place [Put the tools **away**.]
 3 in another direction [Turn **away**.]
 4 off; aside [Please clear the snow **away**.]
 5 out of one's keeping [Don't give **away** the secret.]
 6 out of hearing or out of sight [The sound faded **away**.]
 7 without stopping [He worked **away** all night.]

adjective

1 not here; absent [**away** for the day].
 2 at a distance [The lake is ten miles **away**.]
 —**do away with** to get rid of; put an end to [They have **done away with** the old rules.]

back (bak)

noun



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 Association International

1 the part of the body that is opposite the chest and stomach. In most animals other than human beings, it is the part opposite the underside.
 2 the backbone.
 3 the part of something that is behind or opposite the front [the **back** of the room].
 4 a football player who has a position behind the line.

adjective

1 at the rear or back [the **back** wheel of a bicycle].
 2 of or for a time in the past; past; old [a **back** copy of a magazine].

adverb

1 at or to the back; backward [Please move **back** in the elevator.]
 2 to the place that it came from [Throw the ball **back**.]
 3 to an earlier condition or time [Think **back** to your earliest memories.]
 4 in return [I paid **back** the money I had borrowed.]

verb

1 to move backward or to the rear [The truck **backed** up to the platform.]
 2 to help or support [We all **backed** the plan.] —Look for the word choices box at the entry **support**. —**back and forth** to the rear and then to the front, or from side to side [The cradle rocked **back and forth**.]
 —**back out** to refuse to do something that one has promised to do [He's **backing out** of the agreement.] —**back up** to support or help [Will you **back** me **up** when I talk to the coach?] —**behind someone's back** without someone's knowing or allowing it. —**in back of** at or to the rear of; behind.

back **Á** **noun**, plural **backs** **Á** **adjective** **Á** **adverb** **Á**

verb backed, backing

be (be)

verb *Be* can join a subject with a word or words that tell something about it. *Be* can also tell that something

exists or takes place. *Be* can also be a linking verb

and a helping verb. *Be* may mean:

1 to live [Lincoln *is* no more.]

2 to happen or take place [The wedding will *be* next

Sunday.]

3 to stay or continue [I will *be* here until Monday.]

4 to have a place or position [The door *is* on your left.]

When *be* is a linking verb, it joins a subject with:

1 a noun [He *is* a student.]

2 an adjective [Ingrid *is* tall.]

3 a pronoun [Who *is* he?] When *be* is a helping verb,

it is used with:

1 a past participle [The diamonds *are* gone!]

2 a present participle [I *am* going.]

3 an infinitive [We *are* to see the movie later.]

INFLECTED FORMS OF THE VERB **be**

Present Tense

First Person *singular* **am**

Second Person *singular* **are**

Third Person *singular* **is**

First Person *plural* **are**

Second Person *plural* **are**

Third Person *plural* **are**

Present Participle

First Person **being**

Second Person **being**

Third Person **being**

Past Tense

First Person *singular* **was**

Second Person *singular* **were**

Third Person *singular* **was**

First Person *plural* **were**

Second Person *plural* **were**

Third Person *plural* **were**

Past Participle

First Person **been**

Second Person **been**

Third Person **been**

am (am)

verb the form of the verb **be** that is used to show

the present time with *I* [I *am* happy.]

are (är)

verb the form of the verb **be** that is used to show

the present time with *you, we, and they.*

This form is

also used with plural nouns. [*Are* we late?

These

trees *are* maples.]

is (iz)

verb the form of the verb **be** that is used to show

the present time with *he, she, or it.* This

form is also

used with singular nouns [The sky *is* blue.

She *is*

friendly. It *is* raining.]

was (wuz or wāz)

verb. the form of the verb **be** that is used to show

past time with *I, he, she, and it.* This form

is also

used with singular nouns [*Was* I late? She

was so

kind. This tree *was* beautiful last fall.]

were (wUr)

verb the form of the verb **be** that is used to show

past time with *you, we, and they.* This form

is also

used with plural nouns [*Were* we late? You

were so

kind. These trees *were* beautiful last fall.]

being (beɪ®)

verb present participle of **be.**

noun **1** the state or fact of existing;

existence or

life [Our club came into *being* last year.] **2**

a living

creature [a human *being*].

been (bin)

verb past participle of **be.**

because (be kôzα or be kăzα)

Conjunction

1 for the reason that; since [I'm late

because I



overslept.]

—**because of** on account of; as a result of [He was absent from school *because of* illness.]

became (be kamɑ)

verb past tense of become.

become (be kumɑ)

verb

1 to come to be [She *became* ill last week.

My baby brother had *become* a young man.]

2 to be right or suitable for [That dress

becomes you.]

—**become of** to happen to [What *became of* that movie star?]

becoming (be kumɪŋ)

adjective.

1 right or suitable; attractive [a *becoming* dress].

before (be fɔrɑ)

preposition

1 ahead of [The valley stretched *before* us.] **2** in front

of [We paused *before* the door.] **3** earlier than;

previous to [Will you finish *before* noon?]

adverb

1 in the past; earlier [I've heard that song *before*.] **2** at

an earlier time; sooner [Come to see me at ten, not

before.]

conj.

1 earlier than the time that [Think *before* you speak.]

2 sooner than [I'd die *before* I'd tell anyone your secret.]

be·fore *Á preposition Á adverb Á conj.*

between (be twenɑ)

preposition

1 in the space that separates [a lake *between* the

U.S. and Canada].

2 in the time that separates [The doctor has office

hours *between* one and five o'clock.]

3 in the amount that separates or in one of the steps

that separate [a number *between* three and eight; a

color *between* blue and green].

4 having to do with; involving [the war *between* the

North and the South].

5 connecting [a road *between* Boston and New York].

6 with a part for or from each of [We split the money

between us.]

7 from one or the other of [You must choose *between*

chocolate and caramels.]

—**between you and me** as a secret that you and I

share. —**in between** in a middle position.

be·tween *Á prep.*

but (but)

preposition except; other than [Nobody came *but* me.]

conj.

1 yet; however [The story is long, *but* it is never dull.]

2 as opposed to what has been said [I am old, *but* you

are young.] **3** unless; if not [It never rains *but* it pours.]

adverb

1 only [If I had *but* known, I would've gone.] **2** no

more than [He is *but* a child.]

*Á*The words **but** and **butt** sound alike.

Listen, *but* don't say anything.

Rest the rifle *butt* on your arm.

Rams will *butt* heads when they fight.

by (bi)

preposition

1 near or beside [Sit *by* the fire.]

2 in or during [We traveled *by* night.]

3 for a fixed time [Bill is paid *by* the hour.]

4 no later than [Be back *by* ten o'clock.]

5 going through; by way of [We drove to New Jersey

by the Holland Tunnel.]

6 past; beyond [He walked right *by* me.]

7 through the means or work of [I like to travel *by* car.

We've read books *by* famous authors.]

8 according to [Mother learned to play

piano *by* ear.]



9 in the measure or amount of; in units of
[Do you sell
apples **by** the pound?]

10 to the extent of [She's older than Mary
by three
months.]

11 and in another dimension [a room that
is 15 feet
by 20 feet].

adverb

1 near; close at hand [Stand **by**!]

2 away; aside [Put some money **by** for an
emergency.]

3 past [We watched the bus go **by**.]

⚠The words **by** and **buy** sound alike.

It's midnight **by** my watch.

Are grapes a good **buy** this week?

can₁ (kan)

verb (helping verb) This verb is used with
other verbs to

show that the subject:

1 knows how to [I **can** speak Russian.]

2 is able to [The baby **can** walk.]

3 is likely to [**Can** that be true?]

4 has the right to [You **can** vote when you
are
eighteen years old.]

5 has permission to; may [**Can** I go out to
play?] The

word "to" is not used between **can** and the
verb that
follows it.

can ⚠ **verb** past tense **could**; he/she/it
can

could (kOd)

verb (helping verb)

1 past tense of **can**₁.

2 a helping verb with about the same
meaning as

can₁, but showing less force or sureness
[You **could** be

right. I **could** do it tomorrow.] The word "to"
is not used

between **could** and the verb that follows it.

can't (kant)

1 cannot.

cannot (kanɔät or k© nätɔ)

1 can not.

come (kum)

verb

1 to move from "there" to "here" [The dogs
come to
me quickly when I whistle.]

2 to reach a certain place or result; arrive
or appear
[She **came** home late.]

3 to be descended or be a native; originate
[Her

family **comes** from Colorado.]

4 to be in a certain order [After **9 comes**
10.]

5 to be caused [Poor grades may **come**
from lack of
study.]

6 to get to be; become [My shoelaces
have **come**
untied.]

to be made or sold [This shoe **comes** in
brown or
black.]

—**come across** to meet or find by
accident [I **came**

across some old pictures in the drawer.]—

come back

to return [I will **come back** after lunch.]—

come in **1** to

enter [The burglar **came in** through the
window.] **2** to

arrive [Their plane **comes in** at noon.] **3** to
finish in a

contest [I **came in** third.]—**come to**

1 to add up to [The bill **came to** \$9.75.] **2** to
become

conscious again [The wounded soldier
finally **came to**.]

—**come up with** to find or produce [Can
you **come up**

with the answer?]—**how come?** [an
informal use]

why?

come ⚠ **verb** **came**, **come**, **coming**

came (kam)

verb past tense of **come**.

do₁ (dE)

verb **Do** can be both a main verb and a
helping verb.

When **do** is a main verb, it means:

1 to carry out or perform [**Do** what I tell
you.]

2 to work at; have as an occupation [What
does he **do**



for a living?]

3 to bring about; to cause [The storm *did* a lot of damage.]

4 to put forth; put into use [She *did* her best.]

5 to take care of; see to [I'll *do* the dishes tonight.]

6 to work out; solve [He *did* the math problem in no time at all.]

7 to get along [The patient is **doing** well.]

8 to be right for a purpose; to suit [Will this dress *do*

for the party?] When *do* is a helping verb, it is used to:

1 ask a question [*Do* you want some candy?] **2** give

force to what is being said [I *do* have to go.] **3** make a

negative command or statement [I *do* not know the

answer.] The word "to" is not used between the helping

verb *do* and the verb that follows it.

—**do without** to get along without. —**have to do with**

to be related to or connected with.

do *Á* **verb did, done, doing, does**

did (did)

verb past tense of do₁.

does (duz)

verb the form of the verb **do₁** that is used to show the present time with *he, she, or it*. This form is also used with singular nouns.

done (dun)

verb past participle of do₁.

adjective cooked long enough [The roast is *done*.]

don't (dOnt)

do not.

down₁ (dUn)

adverb

1 from a higher to a lower place [If you can't jump

down, climb *down*. Pull *down* the shades.]

2 to or in a lower position, level, or condition [He told

the children to sit *down*. The train has slowed *down*.]

3 to or on the floor or ground [He fell *down*.]

4 from an earlier to a later time [The wedding gown

was passed *down* from mother to daughter.]

5 in or to a worse condition [She came *down* with a cold.]

6 from a greater to a smaller amount, size, or strength

[The price of oil has gone *down*.]

7 to a more quiet or serious condition [The children

settled *down* to study.]

8 as partial payment at the time of purchase [Pay \$50

down and \$10 a week.]

9 in writing [Take *down* his name.]

adjective

1 moving or going downward [the *down* escalator].

2 being in a low position or on the ground, floor, or

bottom; not up [The shades are *down*. The sun is

down.]

3 not feeling well; ill [She is *down* with the flu.]

4 out of order [The bank's computer has been *down*

all morning.]

preposition

1 from a higher to a lower place or position on, over,

or along [The bus rolled *down* the hill.

Tears ran *down*

her face.]

2 along [He walked *down* the street to the store.]

verb

1 to bring, put, or knock down [The boxer *downed* his

opponent.]

2 to swallow quickly [She *downed* a glass of milk.]

noun

1 in football, one of the four plays in a row during



which a team must either score or move the ball forward by at least ten yards. If the team fails, it must give up the ball to the other team.

2 a turn for the worse or a piece of bad luck [Her

career has had its ups and **downs**.]

down *Á* **adverb** *Á* **adjective** *Á*

preposition *Á* **verb**

downed, downing *Á* **noun, plural downs**

each (ec)

pronoun every one of two or more things, thought of separately [**Each** of these books is special. **Each** is special.]

adjective every one of two or more, thought of separately [**Each** book has something special to teach us.]

adverb for every one of two or more things, thought of separately; apiece [Tickets are a dollar **each**.]

—**each other** one another [We love **each other**. They gave presents to **each other**.]

either (eɪt̩ər or iːt̩ər)

adjective

1 one or the other of two [You may use **either** door.]

2 both one and the other; each [She had a tool in **either** hand.]

pronoun one or the other of two persons or things [**Either** of these recipes will work.]

conjunction taking the first of two choices. Used in phrases with *or* [I'll buy **either** roses or daisies.]

adverb any more than the other; also [If you don't go, I won't go **either**.]

else (els)

adjective

1 not the same; different or other [I thought you were someone **else**.]

2 in addition; more [Do you want anything **else**?]

adverb

1 in a different time, place, or way [Where **else** did you go?]

2 if not; otherwise [Study or **else** you will fail.]

even (eːvən)

adjective

1 flat, level, or smooth [an **even** surface].

2 regular or steady; not changing [an **even** flow of air; an **even** temper].

3 on the same level [The water was **even** with the brim.]

4 capable of being divided by two without leaving a remainder [2, 4, 6, and 8 are **even** numbers.]

5 equal [**even** shares].

6 exact [an **even** mile].

7 just; fair [an **even** contest].

8 having the same score; tied [The teams were **even** at half time.]

adverb

1 though it may seem unlikely; indeed [**Even** a child could do it.]

2 by comparison [She knows **even** less about music than I do.]

3 at the same time; while [**Even** as she spoke, the bell rang.]

verb to make or become even [**Even** off the ends of the logs. His home run **evened** the score.]

e·ven *Á* **adjective** *Á* **adverb** *Á* **verb**

evened,

evening

ever (ev̩ər)

adverb

1 at any time [Have you **ever** seen a movie star?]

2 at all times; always [They lived happily **ever** after.]

3 in any way; at all [How can I **ever** repay you?]

every (ev̩ri)



adjective

1 all or each one of the people or things that are part of a group; each with no exceptions [*Every student must take the test.*]

2 all that there could be [*You've been given every chance.*]

everything (evɹre ti®)

pronoun

1 every thing that there is [*Did you remember to bring*

everything for the picnic?]

2 the most important thing [*His daughter is everything* to him.]

for (fɹr or fɹr)

preposition

1 meant to be received by or used in [*a present for you; money for paying bills.*]

2 because of [*He was praised for his honesty.*]

3 in search of [*hunting for berries.*]

4 in place of; instead of [*Let's use our coats for blankets.*]

5 on the side of; in support of [*I will vote for the new tax for the library.*]

6 in honor of [*The baby was named for her aunt.*]

7 in order to be, have, or get [*We left for home. I asked for Mae.*]

8 with regard to; concerning [*a need for understanding.*]

9 if a person considers; considering [*She's tall for her age.*]

10 as compared with [*Try to save a dime for every dollar you earn.*]

11 in the amount of; equal to [*a bill for \$20.*]

12 at the price of [*He's selling them for ten cents each.*]

13 to the distance of; as far as [*Every day we walk for two miles.*]

14 as long as; through the time of [*The movie runs for an hour.*]

15 at a certain time [*I have an appointment for one o'clock.*]

conjunction because; since [*Help her, for she is in pain.*]

Â The words **for** and **four** sound alike. The recipe calls for one cup of sugar. The recipe calls for four eggs.

from (frum or främ)

preposition

1 beginning at [*from Boston to New York.*]

2 starting with [*from noon to midnight.*]

3 out of [*The prisoner was released from jail.*]

4 out of the chance of [*They kept the baby from danger.*]

5 made, sent, or said by [*I got a letter from my friend in Spain.*]

6 at a place that is not near to [*Stay away from the dog.*]

7 out of the whole of [*Subtract 2 from 4.*]

8 as not being like [*I can't tell one car from another.*]

9 because of [*We trembled from fear.*]

front (frunt)

noun

1 the part that faces forward; most important side

[*The front of the house usually faces the street.*]

2 the first part; beginning [*That chapter is toward the front of the book.*]

3 the place or position directly before a person or thing [*There was a crowd in front of the theater.*]

4 a forward or leading position [*Is our team still in front?*]

5 land that lies next to a road, street, or body of water

[*There are docks on the lake front.*]



6 the part where the actual fighting is going on during a war [The general sent more troops to the **front**.]

7 the boundary between two large masses of air [a cold **front**].

adjective in, on, near, or facing the front [the **front** door;

the **front** page of a newspaper].

front **Á** **noun**, plural **fronts** **Á** **adjective**

full (fʊl)

adjective

1 holding or containing as much as possible; filled [a **full** jar].

2 having much or many in it [a pond **full** of fish].

3 having eaten all that one wants [“I’m **full**,” he said after eating his dinner.]

4 whole or complete [a **full** dozen; a **full** set of teeth].

5 filled out; plump [She has a round, **full** face.]

6 with loose, wide folds [a **full** skirt].

adverb

1 completely [a **full**-grown animal].

2 straight; directly [The ball struck her **full** in the face.]

3 very [You know **full** well that you should have called her.]

—**in full** **1** to the complete amount [The bill was paid **in**

full.] **2** not abbreviated [Write your name **in**

full.] **full** **Á** **adjective** **fuller**, **fullest** **Á** **adverb**

get (get)

verb

1 to become the owner of by receiving, buying, or earning; to gain or obtain [We **got** a new car.]

2 to arrive at; reach [They **got** home early.]

3 to reach or receive by telephone, radio, or TV [I **got** John the first time I dialed.]

4 to go and bring [**Get** your books.]

5 to catch; gain hold of [**Get** her attention.]

6 to persuade; make willing [I can’t **get** him to leave.]

7 to cause to be [We couldn’t **get** the door open. He

got his hands dirty.]

8 to be or become [She **got** caught in the rain. Don’t

get angry.]

9 to prepare; make ready [I’ll **get** dinner tonight.]

10 to become ill with [I **got** a cold over the weekend.]

11 [an informal use] to be forced or required: used

with *have* or *has* [I’ve **got** to pass the test.]

12 [an informal use] to own or possess: used with

have or *has* [He’s **got** a hundred dollars.]

13 [an informal use] to understand [Did you **get** the joke?]

—**get along** **1** to manage [Can they **get along** on \$110

a week?] **2** to be on friendly terms; agree [We can’t **get**

along with the new neighbors.] —**get**

away with [a slang use] to manage to do without being found out or

punished [They **got away with** the prank.]

—**get in** **1** to

enter. **2** to arrive. —**get out** **1** to go out. **2** to go away.

3 to become known. —**get out of** to escape or avoid.

—**get over** to recover from [I’ve just **gotten over** the

mumps. You’ll **get over** our quarrel.] —**get up** to rise

from bed [He **gets up** early every day.]

got (gät)

verb past tense and a past participle of **get**.

get **Á** **verb** **got**, **gotten** or **got**,

getting

WORD CHOICES

Synonyms of **get**

The words **get**, **acquire**, and **obtain** share the meaning “to come to have or own.”

You must **get** a job. She worked to **acquire** an education. How do you **obtain** a

passport?

go (gə)



verb

1 to move along or pass from one place, point, or person to another [I must **go** to the store today. He **went** to New York last night. The rumor **went** all over town.]

2 to move away; leave [I must **go** now or I'll be late.]

3 to slip by; pass [Time **goes** fast.]

4 to be spent, lost, or used up [Her money is all **gone** now.]

5 to be given [The prize **goes** to you. Most of her allowance **goes** to buy books.]

6 to be sold [The chair **went** for \$30.]

7 to turn out; to result [Our plans **went** wrong.]

8 to work, run, or operate [His car wouldn't **go**.]

9 to be or become [The explorers **went** hungry for days. She's **gone** mad.]

10 to begin or take part in a certain activity [Will you **go** to college? Let's **go** swimming.]

11 to belong in a certain place [The brooms **go** in that closet.]

12 to fit or suit [Does this tie **go** well with my shirt?]

13 to extend; reach [The road **goes** from one end of town to the other.]

14 to come to an end; cease [Has the pain **gone**?]

15 to make a certain sound [The gun **went** "bang!"]

—**go into** to be contained in [5 **goes into** 10 twice.]

—**go off** to be fired; explode [The gun **went off** by accident.] —**go on 1** to continue [The movie **went on** past my bedtime.] **2** to happen ["What's **going on**?" she asked.] —**go out** to go to a party, the theater, or another place for entertainment [Her

parents **go out** almost every night.] —**go through** to undergo; to experience [The early settlers of America **went through** many hardships.] —**let go 1** to stop holding; release ["**Let go** of my arm!" he said angrily.] **2** to dismiss from a job; fire [Business was bad and many workers were **let go**.]

go *Á* **verb went, gone, going, goes**

WORD CHOICES

Synonyms of **go**

Many words share the meaning "to move along from one place to another." (advance, proceed, pass, progress, proceed)

goes (gOz)

verb the form of the verb **go** that is used to show the present time with *he, she, or it*. This form is also used with singular nouns.

gone (gOn or gän)

verb past participle of go.

went (went)

verb past tense of go.

have (hav)

verb *Have* can be both a main verb and a helping

verb. When *have* is a main verb, it means: **1** to be the owner of; possess [She **has** a car.]

2 to contain; include [A week **has** seven days.]

3 to hold in the mind [I **have** an idea.]

4 to go through; undergo [I **have** the measles.]

5 to get or take [The mechanic will **have** a look at our car.]

6 to take or accept to eat or drink [**Have** some cookies and milk.]

7 to be the parent of [Mrs. Moore **has** twins.]

8 to cause to do, be, or go [**Have** the plumber fix the leak. He **had** his shoes shined.]



9 to put up with; allow ["I won't **have** any more arguing," said the teacher.] **Have** as a helping verb is used with: **1** a past participle showing that an action has been completed [They **have** gone. They left before we **had** talked to them.] a verb form preceded by the word *to* showing that something is required or needed [We **have** to go. You will **have** to do it.]

—**have on** to be wearing [The teacher **has on** a red tie today.]

have *Á* **verb** **had**, **having**, **has**

Á The words **have** and **halve** sound alike. I **have** a red and white house. He will **halve** prices during the sale.

WORD CHOICES

Synonyms of **have**

The words **have**, **own**, and **possess** share

the meaning "to be the one that something belongs to."

Mike **has** just one pair of shoes. My dad **owns** a sailboat. Einstein **possessed** great intelligence.

had (had)

verb past tense and past participle of **have**.

has (haz)

verb the form of the verb **have** that is used to show the present time with *he*, *she*, and *it*. This form is also used with singular nouns [She **has** a new bike.]

he (he)

pronoun the man, boy, or male animal that is being talked about [Jim thought **he** was right.]

noun a man, boy, or male animal [This dog is a

he.]

he *Á* **pronoun**, plural **they** *Á* **noun**, plural **hes**

he's (hez)

1 he is.

2 he has.

her (hur)

pronoun the form of **she** that is used:

1 after certain verbs [The dog bit **her**. I saw **her**.

We have known **her** for many years.]

2 after prepositions [Tell the story to **her**.

The song was written by **her**. Without **her** we would not have a team.]

adjective done by her or having to do with her

[**her** work; **her** shoes].

hers (hurz)

pronoun the one or the ones that belong to her [I

know that this book is **hers**. We all planted flowers, but **hers** haven't come up.]

here (hir)

adverb

1 at or in this place [Who lives **here**?]

2 to or into this place [Come **here**.]

3 at this point; now [The speaker paused **here**,

and everybody applauded.]

interjection. a word that is used to get attention, call

an animal, or answer a roll call.

noun this place [Let's get out of **here**.]

Á The words **here** and **hear** sound alike. Plant the flowers **here**, under the tree. I can't **hear** you when the water is on.

him (him)

pronoun The form of **he** that is used:

1 after certain verbs [The dog bit **him**. I saw **him**.

We knew **him** for many years.]

2 after prepositions [Tell the story to **him**.

The song was written by **him**. Without **him**, we would not



have a team.]

Â The words **him** and **hymn** sound alike.

Tell *him*

to wash the car today. We will now sing

Hymn

number 40.

his (hiz)

pronoun the one or the ones that belong to him [I

know that this book is *his*. We all planted flowers, but

his haven't come up.]

adjective done by him or having to do with him

[*his* work; *his* shoes].

how (hU)

adverb

1 in what way [*How* do you start the motor? She

taught him *how* to dance.]

2 in what condition [*How* is your mother today?]

3 for what reason; why [*How* is it that you don't

know?]

4 to what degree [*How* high will it fly?]

5 it is very: used to make an exclamation stronger

[*How* nice!]

—**how about** how do you think or feel about? [*How*

about going to the zoo?]**—how come?**

[*an informal use*] why?

I₂ (i)

pronoun the person who is speaking [I like candy.

It is *I* who will go.]

I Â **pronoun**, plural **we**

if (if)

conjunction

1 in case that; supposing that [*If* I were you, I would quit.]

2 whether [I wonder *if* it will rain.]

3 allowing that [*If* he was there, I didn't see him.]

4 I wish that [*If* only I had known!]

in (in)

preposition

1 contained by [There are five fish *in* the bowl.]

2 covered by [dressed *in* fine clothes].

3 surrounded by [We were caught *in* a storm.]

4 during [It was done *in* a day.]

5 after [Let's leave *in* an hour.]

6 working at or involved with [She's *in* business.]

7 having or showing [*in* trouble; *in* tears].

8 having to do with; with regard to [*in* my opinion].

9 using; by means of [written *in* ink].

10 because of [He cried out *in* pain.]

11 living or located at [They are *in* Chicago.]

12 into ["Get *in* the house now," she said.]

adverb

1 inside or toward the inside [Walk *in* slowly.]

2 to or toward a certain place or direction [We flew

in today.]

3 within a certain place [Keep the cat *in*.]

adjective

1 having power or control [the *in* group].

2 [*an informal use*] now popular or in fashion [Is

that hairdo still *in*?]

—**in on** having a share or part of [George was *in on*

the secret.]

Â The words **in** and **inn** sound alike. Put the money

in the drawer. We stayed overnight at the *inn*.

into (inɔtE or inɔt©)

preposition

1 to the inside of [Let's go *into* the house.]

2 to the form or condition of [They turned the

empty lot *into* a park. I got *into* trouble.]

3 in such a way as to strike; against [The car

skidded *into* a tree.]

4 This word is used to show division in arithmetic

[Two *into* ten equals five.]

isn't (izɔnt)

is not.

it (it)



pronoun the thing or animal that is being talked about [I read that book and *it* taught me something new. The driver didn't see the deer, and the car hit *it*.] This pronoun has many other uses in certain kinds of phrases and sentences [*It* is snowing. *It* is warm in this room. *It's* all right; I'm not hurt.]

it *pronoun*, plural **they**

its (its)

pronoun the one or the ones that belong to it.

adjective done by it or having to do with it [Every plant has *its* particular needs for soil, light, water, and food.]

Â The words **its** and **it's** sound alike. The hamster has *its* own cage. *It's* been a good summer.

just (just)

adjective

1 right or fair [a *just* decision].

2 doing what is right or honest [a *just* person] —

Look for the word choices box at the entry **good**.

adverb

1 neither more nor less than; exactly [It's *just* two o'clock now.]

2 almost at the point of; nearly [I was *just* leaving.]

3 no more than; only [I'm *just* teasing you.]

4 by a very small amount; barely [I *just* missed the bus.]

5 a very short time ago [The plane *just* took off.]

6 [an informal use] quite; really [You look *just* fine.]

WORD CHOICES

Synonyms of **just**

The words **just**, **fair**, and **impartial** share the meaning "treating both sides or all sides in

the same honest way." a *just* decision, a *fair* trial, an *impartial* judge

last₁ (last)

adjective

1 being or coming after all others [the *last* month of the year; the *last* word in an argument].

2 being the only one left [the *last* cookie].

3 being the one just before this one in time [I was ill *last* week.]

4 being the least likely or expected [He's the *last* person I would invite.]

adverb

1 after all others [Our team came in *last*.]

2 most recently [When did you see them *last*?]

noun

1 someone or something which comes last [The *last* of the guests has left.]

2 the end [They were friends to the *last*.]

—**at last** after a long time [At *last* we reached the top of the hill.]

last₂ (last)

verb

1 to go on; continue [The play *lasts* only an hour.]

2 to stay in good condition; wear well [Stone *lasts* longer than wood.]

last *verb* **lasted**, **lasting**

leave₁ (lev)

verb

1 to go away or go from [Rosa *left* early. Anthony

leaves the house at 8 p.m.]

2 to stop living in, working at, or belonging to [He

left his job at the grocery store.]

3 to let stay or be [*Leave* the door open.]

4 to cause to remain behind [He *left* his name with

the receptionist. They *left* footprints on the floor.]

5 to let another do something; entrust: used with

to or *up to* [They *leave* such decisions to me.]



6 to give as a remainder in subtraction
[Five minus two *leaves* three.]
7 to give at one's death; to give by a will
[She *left* her money to charity.]
—**leave off** to stop [We started the lecture where we had *left off* the day before.] —**leave out** to fail to include [Whoever made the list *left out* my name.]

leave ^Á verb *left*, leaving

leave₂ (lev)

noun

1 permission [May I have your *leave* to go?]
2 permission to be absent [She was granted *leave* by the lieutenant.]

leave ^Á **noun**, plural *leaves*

leaves (levz)

noun plural of *leaf*.

left (left)

verb past tense and past participle of *leave*₁.

adjective on or to the side that is toward the west
when a person faces north [the *left* hand; a *left* turn].

noun

1 the left side [Forks are placed to the *left* of the plate.]
2 a turn toward the left side [Take a *left* at the next intersection.]

adverb on or toward the left hand or side [Turn *left* here.]

adverb on or toward the left hand or side [Turn *left* here.]

least (lest)

adjective

1 a superlative of *little*.
2 smallest in size, amount, or importance [He didn't show the *least* interest in going.]

adverb

1 superlative of *little*.
2 in the smallest way or amount [the *least* attractive fabric].

noun the smallest in amount, size, or importance

[The *least* you can do is apologize.]
—**at least** in any case [At *least* I tried.]

less (les)

adjective

1 a comparative of *little*.

2 not so much; smaller in size or amount [drink

less soda; take *less* time].

3 fewer [6 is *less* than 8.]

adverb

1 comparative of *little*.

2 not so much; to a smaller or lower amount or

extent [Please talk *less* and work more.]

noun a smaller amount [He ate *less* because he

was not hungry.]

preposition minus [5 *less* 1 equals 4.]

—**less and less** to an ever smaller amount or extent [I like TV *less and less*.]

let (let)

verb *Let* can be both a main verb and a helping verb.

When *let* is a main verb, it means:

1 to give permission to; allow [They *let* me help.]

2 to allow to pass, come, or go [*Let* them in.]

3 to cause to; make: usually used with *know* or

hear [*Let* me know when you're ready. *Let* me hear

from you when you get back.] When *let* is a helping

verb, it is used to: **1** give commands [*Let* us give all

that we can. *Let's* go now!]
2 make suggestions or

dares [Just *let* them try to stop us!] The word "to" is

not used between the helping verb *let* and the verb

that follows.

—**let down** to disappoint [She *let* me *down* by not

phoning.] —**let off** to treat in a mild or gentle way

[The noisy group was *let off* with a warning.] —**let**



on [an informal use] to show that one is aware of something [Kim didn't *let on* that he was part of the joke.] —**let out** 1 to give forth; utter [She *let out* a scream.] 2 to make a garment larger [He *let out* the sleeves.] —**let up** to slow down or stop [After three days the rain *let up*.]

let *Á* **verb** **let, letting**

WORD CHOICES

Synonyms of **let**

The words **let**, **allow**, and **permit** share the meaning "to give someone permission to do something."

Will you *let* us go to the zoo?, Honor students are *allowed* to miss exams., I was *permitted* to see the prisoner.

lets (lets)

to give forth; utter [She *lets* a scream.]

let's (lets)

let us.

like₁ (lik)

preposition

1 similar to; somewhat the same as [hands *like* claws].

2 in the same way as [crying *like* a baby].

3 typical of; to be expected of [It isn't *like* her to be late.]

4 in the mood for [He felt *like* eating.]

5 as if there will be [It looks *like* rain.]

6 as for example [We had fruit, *like* pears and peaches, for dessert.]

conjunction [an informal use]

1 the same as [It was just *like* you said.]

2 as if [It looks *like* you'll win.]

likes (lik)

verb to be fond of or pleased with; enjoy [She

likes dogs. I *like* to read.]

likes and dislikes things that a person enjoys together with things that a person does not enjoy [I can give a long list of her *likes and dislikes*.]

like *Á* **verb** **liked, liking**

WORD CHOICES

Synonyms of **like**

The words **like**, **enjoy**, and **love** share the meaning "to get joy or pleasure from."

I *like* the sound of a marching band., My parents *enjoy* gardening., Don't you just *love*

to walk in the rain?

liking (likɪŋ)

noun the fact of enjoying or being fond of something [a *liking* for bright colors].

make (mak)

verb

1 to bring into being; build, create, produce, or put together [She *made* a new dress. Let's *make* a fire.

He *made* plans to go to New Mexico.]

2 to bring about; cause to exist, happen, or appear

[Please don't *make* trouble for us. The children *made* a lot of noise last night.]

3 to cause to be or become [His giggling

makes me nervous.]

4 to turn out to be [Her book will *make* a great movie.]

5 to do, perform, or carry on [Make a right turn at

the next traffic light. The principal *made* a speech at the party.]

6 to get or gain for oneself; earn [She *made* a lot

of money in real estate. How does he *make* so many friends?]

7 to prepare for use; arrange [He *made* the bed.]

8 to amount to; total [Two pints *make* a quart.]

9 to cause or force to [Don't *make* me laugh. *Make*



them put their toys away.]

10 [an informal use] to succeed in becoming a member of or being mentioned in [Ten of us **made** the honor roll. The earthquake **made** the headlines.]

noun

1 the way something is made or put together [a machine of a very simple **make**].

2 a brand or type of product [What's the **make** of your new car?]

make **Á** **verb** **made**, **making** **Á** **noun**,

plural for sense 2 only **makes**

made (mad)

verb past tense and past participle of **make**.

ÁThe words **made** and **maid** sound alike. He **made** breakfast for us. She hired a butler and a **maid**.

many (menɔe)

adjective a large number of; not few [many boxes; many times].

noun a large number [Many of us plan to go.]

pronoun a large number of persons or things [Many came to see our play.]

man-y **Á** **adjective** **more**, **most** **Á** **noun** **Á**

pronoun

WORD CHOICES

Synonyms of **many**

The words **many**, **multiple**, and

numerous

share the meaning "a large number of."

many

pets, **multiple** cuts and bruises, **numerous** complaints

may (ma)

verb (helping verb) The verb **may** is used with other

verbs to show that the subject:

1 can or is likely to [I **may** stay home. It **may** rain.]

2 is allowed or has permission to [You **may** go

now.]

3 is able to as a result [Be silent so that we **may**

hear.] **May** is used in exclamations to express a wish or hope [May you win!] The word "to" is not used between **may** and the verb that follows it.

may **Á** **verb** past tense **might**; he/she/it **may**

maybe (maʊbe)

adverb it may be; perhaps.

may-be **Á** **adverb**

me (me)

pronoun the form of **I** that is used:

1 as the object of a verb [The dog bit **me**. He saw **me**.]

2 as the object of a preposition [Tell the story to **me**.]

ÁThe words **me** and **mi** sound alike. Mom gave **me** a kiss on the cheek. Do, re, **mi**, fa, sol, la, ti, do.

mine₁ (min)

pronoun the one or the ones that belong to me [I

know this book is **mine**. We all planted flowers, but **mine** haven't bloomed.]

mine₂ (min)

verb

1 to get from a mine [The company **mines** copper in Arizona.]

2 to put explosive mines in or under [The navy **mined** the harbor.]

noun

1 a large hole made in the earth so that minerals or other matter may be removed [a coal **mine**].

2 a large supply; a good source [The library is a **mine** of information.]

3 an explosive hidden in the ground or under the water to blow up an enemy.



mine *Á* **noun**, plural **mines** *Á* **verb**
mined, **mining**

more (môr)

adjective

1 comparative of **much** or **many**.

2 greater in amount or degree or in number [He

has **more** free time than I do. We need

more

helpers.]

3 further; added [We'll have **more** news

later.]

noun

1 a greater amount or degree [She spends

more

of her time playing than studying.]

2 [used with a plural verb] a greater

number [**More**

of us are going this time. **More** are going

this time.]

3 something extra or further [I'll have **more**

to say

later.]

adverb

1 in or to a greater degree or extent [Judy

laughs

more than she used to.]

2 in addition; again [Do it once **more**.]

More is also

used before many adjectives and adverbs

to form

comparatives, just as **most** is used to form

superlatives [**more** quickly]

most (mOst)

adjective

1 superlative of **much** or **many**.

2 greatest in amount or degree or in

number [Who

won the **most** money? **Most** people like

summer.]

noun

1 the greatest amount or degree [We

spent **most**

of our money.]

2 [used with a plural verb] the greatest

number

[**Most** of us are going this time. **Most** are

going this

time.]

adverb

1 in or to the greatest degree or extent

[The music

pleased me **most**.]

2 very [a **most** beautiful dress]. **Most** is

also used

before many adjectives and adverbs to

form

superlatives, just as **more** is used to form

comparatives [**most** horrible; **most** quickly].

much (muC)

adjective great in amount or degree

[**much** applause;

much joy].

adverb

1 to a great degree or extent [I feel **much**

happier.]

2 just about; almost [The patient is **much**

the

same.]

3 often [Do you go out **much** in the

evenings?]

noun

1 a great amount [We learned **much** from

the

teacher.]

2 something great or important [Our car is

not

much to look at.]

—**not much of a** not so good as a [I'm **not**

much of

a pitcher.]

much *Á* **adjective** & *Á* **adverb** **more**,

most *Á*

noun

my (mi)

adjective done by me or having to do with

me [**my**

work; **my** shoes].

neither (neətə(r) or niətə(r))

adjective not one or the other of two; not

either

[**Neither** boy went to the park.]

pronoun not one or the other of two

persons or

things [**Neither** of them was invited.]

conjunction not either: used in phrases

with **nor**

[I'll buy **neither** roses nor daisies.]

nei-ther *Á* **adjective** *Á* **pronoun** *Á*

conjunction

never (nevə(r))

adverb



1 at no time; not ever [I *never* saw her again.]

2 not at all; under no conditions [*Never* mind what he says.]

no (nɒ)

adverb

1 not so; the opposite of yes. It can mean things like "I won't," "I can't," "I refuse," or "it isn't."

2 not at all [He is *no* worse today.]

adjective not a; not any or not one [He is *no*

dancer. There are *no* errors in this letter.]

noun

1 the act of saying "no"; the act of refusing or denying.

2 a vote against something.

no *Á* **adverb** *Á* **adjective** *Á* **noun**, plural **noes**

Á The words **no** and **know** sound alike.

There are *no* sandwiches left. Do you *know* how to read music?

none (nʌn)

pronoun

1 not one or not any [*None* of these books is new.

None of the cake was eaten.]

2 no one [*None* but the brave will try.]

adverb in no way; not at all [We arrived

none too

soon.]

Á The words **none** and **nun** sound alike.

None of us wanted to go home. Our fifth-grade teacher was a *nun*.

nor (nɔːr)

conjunction and not; and not either [I know

neither José *nor* Frank.]

not (nɒt)

adverb in no way; to no degree [Do *not* talk. They are *not* happy.]

Á The words **not** and **knot** sound alike. I will *not* be

coming to dinner. The child has a *knot* in her shoelace.

now (nəʊ)

adverb

1 at this moment; at the present time [They are

eating *now*.]

2 at once; immediately [We'd better leave *now*

before it starts to rain.]

3 at that time; then [*Now* their happiness was complete.]

4 with things the way they are [*Now* we'll never

know what happened.] *Now* is also used without a

definite meaning at the beginning of a sentence, to

emphasize a thought or feeling [*Now* see here!]

Now stop that!]

conjunction since; seeing that [*Now* that you're

here, we can start.]

noun the present time [That's all for *now*.]

of (ʊv or əv or ɔːv)

preposition

1 resulting from; caused by [He died *of* a fever.]

2 at a distance from [a mile east *of* town].

3 written or made by [the novels *of* Dickens].

4 from the whole that is or the total number that

are [part *of* the time; one *of* his sisters].

5 made from [a sheet *of* paper].

6 belonging to [the pages *of* a book].

7 containing [a bag *of* nuts].

8 that is [a height *of* six feet; the State *of* Iowa].

9 having as a goal or object [a reader *of* books;

the education *of* children].

10 having as an important quality [a man *of*

honor].

11 about; concerning [Think *of* me when I'm

away.]



12 before: this sense is used in telling time
[It's ten
of four.]

off (ɒf)

adverb

1 away; to or at some other place [They moved *off* down the road.]

2 so that it is or they are no longer on or attached

[Please take *off* your hat.]

3 at a later time [My birthday is only two weeks *off*.]

4 so that it is or they are no longer working or going on [Turn the motor *off*.]

5 away from work [Let's take the day *off*.]

preposition

1 not on or attached to; away from [There's a car *off* the road.]

2 branching out from [a lane *off* the main road].

3 free or released from [*off* duty].

4 below the usual level [20% *off* the usual price].

adjective

1 not on or attached [My shoes are *off*.]

2 not working or taking place [The motor is *off*.]

Our trip is *off*.]

3 wrong; in error [Your figures are a little *off*.]

4 below the usual level [Business is *off* a little.]

—**off and on** now and then.

on (ɒn)

preposition

1 held up by or attached to [a picture *on* the wall].

2 in contact with; covering [a cloth *on* the table].

3 in the surface of [a scratch *on* her arm].

4 near to; by [the seat *on* my right].

5 having as its location [a house *on* Main Street].

6 at or during the time of [We got our books *on* the first day of school.]

7 in a condition or state of [*on* sale; *on* vacation].

8 in the direction of; toward [The soldiers crept up

on the fort.]

9 by using; by means of [Most cars run *on* gasoline.]

10 seen or heard by means of [Have you ever been *on* TV?]

11 having to do with; concerning [a book *on* birds].

adverb

1 in a position of covering, touching, or being held

up by something [Put your shoes *on*.]

2 in a forward direction; ahead [Move *on!*]

3 without stopping [The band played *on*.]

4 into operation or action; so that it is working

[Turn the light *on*.]

adjective

1 in action; working or acting [The radio is *on*.]

2 planned for [Is the party still *on*?]

—**on and off** stopping and starting; from time to

time. —**on and on** without stopping.

one (wʌn)

adjective

1 being a single thing or unit [*one* vote].

2 being a certain, but not named, person or thing

out of a group [Choose *one* dessert or the other.]

noun

1 the number that names a single thing; the first

cardinal number; 1.

2 a single person or thing [That's the best *one*.]

pronoun

1 a certain person or thing [*One* of us must go.]

2 any person or thing; anyone or anything [What

can *one* do about it?]

—**one and all** everybody. —**one another** each

other [They love *one another*.] —**one by one** one

after the other.

Â The words **one** and **won** sound alike. I only need

one penny. Our school *won* the State



Championship.

onto (änɔtE or änɔt©)

preposition

1 to a position on [The cat climbed **onto** the roof.]

2 [a slang use] aware of [I'm **onto** your tricks this time!]

or (ôr or ©r)

conjunction a word that is used before:

1 the second of two choices or possibilities [Do you want milk **or** cocoa?]

2 the last of a series of choices [Is the light green, yellow, **or** red?]

3 a word or phrase that has the same meaning [biology, **or** the study of life].

4 the second of two choices when the first comes

after *either* or *whether* [Take either this one **or** that one. I don't know whether to laugh **or** cry.]

Â The words **or**, **oar**, and **ore** sound alike. She will

be leaving today *or* tomorrow. Waves knocked the

oar from my hand. They take iron **ore** from the mine.

other (ut©©r)

adjective

1 not this one or the one just mentioned, but a

different one [Stand on one foot and lift the **other**

one. It was not Sue but some **other** girl.]

2 being the one or ones remaining [Bill and the

other boys went fishing.]

3 additional; extra [I have no **other** hat.]

pronoun

1 the other one [Each loved the **other**.]

2 some other person or thing [That's what **others**

say. I want that puppy and no **other**.]

—**the other day** not long ago; recently.

oth·er Â **adjective** Â **pronoun**, plural _

others

otherwise (ut©©r wiz)

adverb

1 in some other way; differently [He liked the movie, but I felt **otherwise**.]

2 in all other ways [She has a cough, but feels fine **otherwise**.]

3 or else [I'm tired; **otherwise** I would join you.]

our (Uɹ)

adjective done by us or having to do with us [**our**

work; **our** cars].

Â The words **our** and **hour** sound alike.

Our mayor

was reelected. It is now five minutes past the

hour.

ours (Uɹz)

pronoun the one or the ones that belong to us

[This book is **ours**. Everyone planted flowers, but

ours haven't bloomed.]

out (Ut)

adverb

1 away from or beyond a certain position, place, or

situation [Open the window and look **out**. Spit it **out**.

How will I get **out** of this mess?]

2 away from home, work, or the usual place [We

went **out** for dinner.]

3 into being, view, or action [A fire broke **out**. The

sun came **out**.]

4 so as to be no longer active or available [The fire

died **out**.]

5 completely; thoroughly [I'm tired **out**.]

6 loudly [Call **out** to them.]

7 from among several or many [Pick **out** the one

you want.]

8 in a way that makes an out in baseball [He

struck **out**.]

9 into an unconscious condition [She passed **out**.]



adjective

- 1** away from home, school, work, or the usual place [I was **out** when he called. He's **out** with the flu.]
- 2** not inside [Turn off the lights after everyone is **out**.]
- 3** known or made public [The story is **out**.]
- 4** not working or in use [The lights are **out**.]
- 5** having made an out in baseball [She was **out** at second base.]
- preposition** through to the outside; out of [She walked **out** the door.]
- noun** in baseball, a failure to get on base or to the next base safely.
- out of 1** from inside [He went **out of** the room.] **2** through to the outside [thrown **out of** the window]. **3** from the number of [chosen **out of** a crowd]. **4** beyond [**out of** sight]. **5** from; using [made **out of** bricks]. **6** because of [He did it **out of** spite.] **7** not having any [**out of** gas].

out \hat{A} **adverb** \hat{A} **adjective** \hat{A} **preposition** \hat{A} **noun**, plural **outs**

over (oʊv@r)

preposition

- 1** in, at, or to a place above; higher than [Hang the picture **over** the fireplace.]
- 2** so as to cover [Put a blanket **over** my legs.]
- 3** along [I've driven **over** this road before.]
- 4** to or on the other side of [Jump **over** the puddle.]
- 5** across and down from [The car went **over** the cliff.]
- 6** during; through [**over** the past five years].
- 7** more than [It cost **over** \$20.]
- 8** rather than [We chose the brown rug **over** the blue one.]
- 9** concerning; about [Don't fight **over** it.]

- 10** by means of [We talked **over** the telephone.]

adverb

- 1** above or across [A plane flew **over**.]
- 2** across the brim or edge [The soup boiled **over**.]
- 3** across a distance or space between two points [Come **over** to my house.]
- 4** from a standing position; down [The tree fell **over**.]
- 5** so that the other side is up [Turn the plate **over**.]
- 6** again [Do the lesson **over**.]
- adjective** finished; done with [The game is **over**.]
- over and over** again and again.

put (pOt)

verb

- 1** to cause to be in a certain place or position; place [Put soap in the water. Put the books side by side.]
- 2** to cause to be in a certain condition [The sound of the waves put me to sleep.]
- 3** to say or express; to state [Can you put the problem in simple words?]
- 4** to bring about; make happen [That should put an end to the problem.]
- 5** to give or assign; attach [The store put a price of \$10 on the rug.]

put \hat{A} **verb** puts, putting

run (run)

verb

- 1** to go by moving the legs faster than in walking. When a person runs, both feet are off the ground at the same time for a moment with each step.
- 2** to move or go in a swift, easy, or free way [He ran his eyes down the page quickly.]
- 3** to make a quick trip [Let's run down to the seashore for the weekend.]



4 to go away quickly; flee [*Run* for your life!]
5 to take part in a race or contest [Lou *ran* in the 100-yard dash. Shannon *ran* for mayor.]
6 to go or travel in a regular way [Buses *run* between Detroit and Pittsburgh.]
7 to keep on going; continue or extend [The play *ran* for a year. This path *runs* through the woods.]
8 to pass [The years *ran* by so quickly.]
9 to operate; to work [*Run* the electric saw with care. This car *runs* well.]
10 to flow or cause to flow [*Run* the water until it gets hot.]
11 to be in charge of; manage [We *run* the household very well.]
12 to perform or do by running or in a way that is like running [He *ran* the mile very fast. I have many errands to *run*.]
13 to bring, pass, or force into a certain condition or position [He *ran* the business into debt. You're going to *run* into trouble.]
14 to spread into other parts [The colors *ran* when the plaid shirt was washed.]
15 to give out liquid [My nose is *running*.]
16 to come apart or ravel [Her stocking *ran*.]
17 to get past or through [The ship *ran* the enemy's blockade.]
18 to cost [Such boots can *run* as much as \$150 a pair.]
19 to be affected by; undergo [He was *running* a fever.]
20 to publish [We *ran* an ad in the newspaper.]
noun
1 the act of running [Let's take a *run* around the block.]
2 a running pace or speed [The horses broke into

a *run*.]
3 a trip; a journey [a plane on the regular *run* to Boston].
4 the distance that is covered or the time that is spent in running [a four-mile *run*; a thirty-minute *run*.]
5 a series of happenings or performances that goes on without a change or break [I had a *run* of good luck. The play had a long *run*.]
6 a sloping path or course [a ski *run*.]
7 freedom to move about as one pleases [We had the *run* of the house.]
8 a place in knitted material where the threads have come apart [a *run* in a stocking].
9 a point that a baseball player scores by touching all the bases in order.
run **Á** **verb** **ran, run, running** **Á** **noun, plural**

except for senses 2 and 7 **runs**

ran (ran)

verb past tense of **run**.

running (runɪŋ®)

noun. the act of a person or thing that runs

[*Running* is a popular form of exercise.]

adjective

1 going at a run or moving fast.

2 flowing [*running* water].

3 letting out a liquid such as pus or mucus [a

running sore].

4 in operation; working [Do not touch a

running

engine.]
 done by starting with a run [a *running* jump].

6 going on without a break; continuous [his *running* commentary during the movie].

7 having to do with the run of a train or bus [The

running time is two hours.]

adverb one after another [It has snowed for five

days *running*.]



—**in the running** having a chance to win.

—**out of**

the running having no chance to win.

same (sam)

adjective

1 being the very one [She is the **same** girl who

runs on this track every day.]

2 alike in some way; similar [He has the

same bike

as Martin.]

3 without any change; not different [She is the

same happy person today.]

pronoun the same person or thing [Marie wants a

vanilla milkshake and I'll have the **same**.]

adverb in the same way [Treat us all the

same;

that's all we ask.]

WORD CHOICES

Synonyms of **same**

The words **same**, **identical**, and **very** share

the meaning "being the exact one and not another."

That is the **same** man who called last night.

This is the **identical** bed Lincoln slept in.

He

bought the **very** house we once lived in.

see (se)

verb

1 to be aware of through the eyes; have or use the

sense of sight [We **saw** two robins. I don't **see** so

well.] —Look for the word choices box at the entry

perceive.

2 to get the meaning of; understand [I don't **see**

the point of his story.]

3 to find out; learn [**See** what they want.]

4 to make sure [**See** that the door is locked.]

5 to undergo or live through; to experience [He

has **seen** some hard times.]

6 to go along with; accompany [I'll **see** you to the

door.]

7 to visit with [We stopped to **see** our friend.]

8 to go to for information or advice; consult

[You

should **see** a doctor about your cough.]—

see off to

go with to a place of departure to say goodbye [We

saw them **off** at the airport.] —**see to** to

take care

of; look after [**See to** the baby while I answer the

phone.]

see **Á** **verb saw, seen, seeing, sees**

Á The words **see** and **sea** sound alike.

Can you **see**

the bus from here? A storm threatened the ship at

sea.

saw (sô or sä)

verb past tense of **see**.

seen (sen)

verb past participle of **see**.

she (se)

pronoun the woman, girl, or female animal that is

being talked about [Annette thought **she** heard a

noise.]

noun. a woman, girl, or female animal

[This dog is

a **she**.]

she **Á** **pronoun**, plural **they** **Á** **noun**.,

plural **shes**

she's (sez)

1 she is.

2 she has.

shall (sal)

verb (*helping verb*) *Shall* is used with other verbs

to show future time. The word "to" is not used

between *shall* and the verb that follows it [I **shall**

leave tomorrow. **Shall** we eat?]

shall **Á** **verb** past tense **should**; *he/she/it shall*

should (sOd)



verb (*helping verb*) *past tense of shall* [I thought I

should never see her again.] *Should* as a helping

verb is used:

1 to talk about something that might happen or is likely to happen [If I **should** go, would you care?]

2 to talk about something that one ought to do [We

should obey the law.] The word "to" is not used between *should* and the verb that follows it.

SO (sO)

adverb

1 to the degree or amount that has been expressed [She is not **so** tall as I am. Why are you **so** late?]

2 as a result; therefore [He couldn't swim and **so** was drowned.]

3 very [They are **so** happy.]

4 also; in the same way [I am hungry and **so** is she.]

5 more or less; just about [I spent a dollar or **so** on candy.]

6 after all; then [**So** you really don't care.]

7 as it has been shown or told; in this or that way [Hold your pencil just **so**.]

conjunction

1 for the reason that; in order that [Talk louder **so** that I can hear you.]

2 [*an informal use*] with the result that [She didn't study, **so** she failed the test.]

pronoun the same [I am his friend and will remain **so**.]

interjection a word that is used to show surprise, dislike, or doubt [**So!** I caught you!]

adjective

1 being a fact; true [I guess it's really **so**.]

2 in proper order [Everything for his boss must be just **so**.]

—**and so forth** and the rest; and others.

—**and so**

on and the rest; and others. —**so as** in order; for the purpose [She left early **so as** to be on time.]

Â The words **so**, **sew**, and **sow** sound alike. How can you be **so** mean? It's easy to **sew** on buttons.

Sow flower seeds in the spring.

some (sUm)

adjective

1 being a certain person or thing that is not named

or not known [**Some** man just stole my purse!]

2 being a certain group of persons or things that

are not named or not known [**Some** people were

playing ball.]

3 being of a certain, but not definite, number or

amount [Have **some** candy.]

4 [*an informal use*] outstanding or remarkable

[That was **some** party!]

pronoun

1 a certain person, thing, or group that is not

named or not known [**Some** agree.]

2 a certain number or amount, but not all [Take

some.]

adverb

1 about [**Some** ten people were hired.]

2 [*an informal use*] to some degree or limit [I slept

some.]

3 [*an informal use*] to a great degree [You must

run **some** to catch up.]

Â The words **some** and **sum** sound alike. **Some**

people never learn. The *sum* of 20 and 30 is 50.

soon (sEn)

adverb

1 in a short time; before much time has passed

[Spring will **soon** be here.]



2 fast or quickly [as *soon* as possible].

3 ahead of time; early [She left too *soon*.]

—**sooner or later** in the end; finally.

soon *Á* **adverb sooner, soonest**

stand (stand)

verb

1 to be in or get into an upright position on one's

feet [*Stand* by your desk.]

2 to be or place in an upright position or on its

base or bottom [Our trophy *stands* on the shelf.

Stand the broom in the corner.]

3 to hold a certain opinion or attitude [I

stand with

you in this matter.]

4 to be in a certain rank or level [Where do you

stand in your class?]

5 to be placed or located [Our house

stands on a

hill.]

6 to put up with; tolerate; endure [I can't

stand

rude people.]

7 to be not affected by; to resist or tolerate

[Can

you *stand* the pain? This sofa will *stand* a

lot of

abuse.]

8 to stay without change [My orders *stand*

until I

cancel them.]

9 to be forced to go through [She is

charged with

theft and must *stand* trial.]

noun

1 a stop or halt for defense [The soldiers

made

their last *stand* near the hill.]

2 an opinion or position [What is your

stand on

longer school hours?]

3 a place where someone is supposed to

stand or

sit [Please take the witness *stand*.]

4 *often stands* the benches or seats in

rising rows

in a stadium or at a playing field.

5 a booth or counter where items are sold

[a

candy *stand*].

6 a rack for holding something [a music

stand].

—**stand by 1** to be near and ready if

needed. **2** to

help, support, or defend [We *stood* by him

when he

was accused of cheating on his test.] —

stand for 1

to be a sign for; represent [The mark "&"

stands for

the word "and."] **2** [*an informal use*] to put

up with;

tolerate [We won't *stand for* this lack of

respect.] —

stand in for to take the place of; act for.

—**stand**

out to be easily noticed; be easy to see

[His red

shirt makes him *stand out* in the picture.]

stand *Á* **verb stood, standing**

Á

noun, plural for all senses except 1

stands

such (suC)

adjective

1 of this or that kind [*Such* rugs are

expensive.]

2 like those mentioned or meant [It was on

just

such a night that he was born.]

3 so much or so great [We had *such* fun

that

nobody left.]

pronoun a person or thing of that kind

[We have

fruit juices and soft drinks and *such*.]

—**such as** for example [She speaks

several foreign

languages, *such as* French and German.]

sure (sOr)

adjective

1 not capable of failing; safe or certain [a

sure

cure; a *sure* friend].

2 firm or steady [*sure* footing on the steps].

3 without doubt; true or certain [I am *sure*

we can

go.]

4 not possible to avoid [a *sure* defeat].

adverb [*an informal use*] without a doubt;

indeed



[*Sure*, I'll go.]

take (tak)

verb

1 to get hold of; grasp [*Take* my hand as we cross the street.]

2 to get by force or skill; capture; seize; win [Our team *took* the first game. The soldiers *took* the town.]

3 to get as one's own [She *took* the job. When does the senator *take* office?]

4 to buy, rent, or subscribe to [We *take* the daily newspaper.]

5 to be used with [This bolt *takes* a larger nut.

The verb "hit" *takes* an object.]

6 to travel by or on [We *took* the bus. I *took* a short cut.]

7 to call for; require; need [It *took* courage to do that.]

8 to study [We *take* geography next year.]

9 to write down [We *take* notes in class.]

10 to receive or accept [He *took* her advice.]

11 to have or feel [*Take* pity on me.]

12 to do, make, or use [*Take* care. *Take* a look at this. She *took* a picture.]

13 to remove or steal [Someone *took* my coat.]

14 to carry [*Take* your skis with you.]

15 to bring or lead [I *took* her to a movie.]

—**take after** to be, act, or look like [He *takes after*

his father.] —**take down** to write down

[The police officer *took down* my name and address.]

—**take in**

1 to make smaller [The tailor *took in* the pants at the

waist.] **2** to visit [We *took in* all the sights.]

—**take**

off 1 to rise from the earth [The jet *took off*.] **2** to

remove [*Take off* your muddy shoes.] **3** to go away;

leave [They *took off* about an hour ago.] —

take

one's time to be in no hurry. —**take over**

to begin

managing [She will *take over* the family

business.]

—**take up 1** to become interested in [I

took up golf

this summer.] **2** to fill [This job *takes up* all my time.]

take *Á* **verb** **took, taken, taking**

took (tOk)

verb past tense of **take**.

than (tan or tOn)

conjunction

1 compared to. This word is used before the

second part of a comparison [I am taller

than you.]

2 besides; except [What could I do other

than

stop?]

that (tat or tOt)

pronoun

1 the person or thing that is being talked about

[*That* is José.]

2 the thing farther away or different in some way

[This is smaller than *that*.]

3 who, whom, or which [She's the one *that* we

don't like. Here's the book *that* I

borrowed.]

4 when [It snowed on the day *that* we left.]

adjective

1 being the person or thing talked about

[*That* girl

is Sue.]

2 being the person or thing farther away or different in some way [This bicycle cost

more than

that one.]

conjunction *that* is used before:

1 a noun clause that states a fact [It's clear

that

you are wrong.]

2 a clause showing a purpose [They died

that we

might live.]



3 a clause showing a result [I ate so much **that** I

was sick.]

4 a clause showing the cause of something [I'm sorry **that** you fell.]

5 an incomplete sentence showing a wish or feeling

[Oh, **that** it could be spring!]

adverb to the degree or extent being expressed;

so [I can't see **that** far.]

—**that's that!** that is decided! that is finished!

that **Á** **pronoun**, plural **those** **Á** **adjective**,

that's

that is.

the

 (t© or te)

definite article

1 that one which is here or which has been mentioned [**The** day is hot. **The** story ended.]

2 one and only [**the** universe].

3 that one of a number or group [Open **the** front door.

Take **the** one on top.]

4 that one which is thought of as best or outstanding

[**the** football player of the year].

5 any one of a certain kind [**The** goat is a mammal.]

adverb

1 that much; to that degree [**the** better to see you

with].

2 by that much [**the** sooner **the** better].

their

 (ter)

adjective done by them or having to do with them

[**their** work; **their** shoes].

Á The words **their**, **there**,

theirs

belong to them.

them

 (tem)

pronoun the form of **they** that is used:

1 after certain verbs [The dog bit **them**. I saw

them.]

2 after prepositions [Give it to **them**.]

then

 (ten)

adverb

1 at that time [We were young **then**.]

2 soon afterward; next in time [The party ended,

and **then** we left.]

3 next in order [Our house is on the corner and

then comes the neighbor's house.]

4 in that case; therefore [If you read it,

then you'll

know.]

noun that time [They were gone by **then**.]

—**then and there** at once.

there

 (ter)

adverb

1 at or in that place [Who lives **there**?]

2 to, toward, or into that place [Let's go **there**.]

3 at that point; then [I read to page 51 and stopped **there**.]

4 in that matter [**There** you are wrong.]

5 right now [**There** goes the bell.]

noun that place [We left from **there**.]

Á The words **there**, **their**, and **they're** sound alike.

There is no place like home. Sometimes, they eat

their lunch outside. I don't know how **they're**

doing.

there's

 (terz)

there is.

these

 (tez)

pronoun, adjective plural of **this**.

they

 (ta)

pronoun

1 the persons, animals, or things that are being

talked about [The players knew **they** had won the

game. Put the keys back where **they** were.]

2 people in general [**They** say it will be a very cold

winter.]

they **Á** **pronoun**, singular **he**, **she**, or **it**

they're

 (ter or ta©r)

they are.



this (tis)

pronoun

1 the person or thing that is being talked about or that is understood [*This* is Juan. What is the meaning of *this*?]

2 the thing that is present or nearer [*This* is prettier than that.]

3 the fact or idea that is about to be told [Listen to *this*.]

adjective

1 being the person or thing that is being talked about or that is understood [Copy down *this* rule.]

2 being the person or thing that is present or nearer [*This* house is newer than that one.]

adverb to the degree that is being pointed out; so [It was *this* big.]

this \hat{A} **pronoun**, plural **these** \hat{A} **adjective**

\hat{A}

adverb

those (toz)

pronoun, adjective plural of **that**.

through (trE)

preposition

1 in one side and out the other side of; from end to end of [The nail went *through* the board. We drove *through* the tunnel.]

2 from one part of to another [Birds fly *through* the air.]

3 by way of [a route to Boston *through* New York].

4 to many places in; around [We toured *through* Utah.]

5 from the beginning to the end of [We stayed in Maine *through* the summer.]

6 up to and including [This sale is on *through* Friday.]

7 by means of [We heard the news *through* friends.]

8 as a result of; because of [He won out *through* great courage.]

9 without making a stop for [He went *through* a red light.]

adverb

1 in one side and out the other [The target was pierced *through* by the arrow.]

2 from the beginning to the end [He saw the job *through*.]

3 in a complete and thorough way [We were soaked *through* by the rain.]

adjective

1 leading from one place to another; open [a *through* street].

2 going on to the end without a stop or change [a *through* train to Boston].

3 finished [I'm *through* with my work.]

\hat{A} The words **through** and **threw** sound alike. Are

you *through* with your homework? She *threw* out yesterday's newspaper.

to (tE or tO or t©)

preposition

1 in the direction of [Turn *to* the right.]

2 as far as [when we got *to* Boston; wet *to* the skin].

3 until [from dawn *to* dusk].

4 before [The time is ten *to* nine.]

5 on, onto, against, or at [Put your hand *to* your mouth. Apply the lotion *to* the skin.]

6 for the purpose of [Come *to* lunch.]

7 having to do with; involving [That's all there is *to* it.]

8 causing or resulting in [torn *to* pieces; *to* my surprise].

9 with; along with [Add this *to* the others.]

10 belonging with [Here's the coat *to* that suit.]



11 compared with [The score was 8 *to* 0.]

12 in agreement with [That's not *to* my taste.]

13 in or for each [two pints *to* a quart].

—**to and fro** back and forth; from side to side.

Â *To* is also used as a sign of the infinitive form of

verbs [That was easy *to* read.]

Â The words **to**, **too**, and **two** sound alike. Does

this bus go *to* Cleveland? Are you a freshman, *too*?

I took *two* sandwiches for lunch.

too (tE)

adverb

1 in addition; also [He came *too*.]

2 more than enough [This hat is *too* big.]

3 very [You are *too* kind.] This word can also be

used as an adjective with *much* or *many* [We have

too much to do.]

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a freshman, *too*? Does this bus go *to* Cleveland? I

took *two* sandwiches for lunch.

two (tE)

noun. the cardinal number between one and three; 2.

adjective being one more than one [*two* apples].

—**in two** in two parts [It was cut *in two*.]

unless (un les)

conjunction in any case other than; except if [I

won't go *unless* you do.]

until (un til)

preposition

1 up to the time of; till [Wait *until* noon.]

2 before [Don't tell her *until* tomorrow.]

conjunction

1 up to the time when [We were enjoying ourselves *until* it began to rain.]

2 to the point, degree, or place that [She ate *until*

she was full.]

3 before [Don't start *until* he tells you.]

up (up)

adverb

1 to, in, or on a higher place or position

[She climbed *up*. The sun comes *up* at dawn.]

2 to a larger amount or size; to a greater degree

[Gas went *up* in price. My ankle swelled *up*.]

3 in or into an upright position [Please stand *up*. I

got *up* from the floor.]

4 into action, discussion, or view [You bring *up* a

good point. Let's put *up* a sign.]

5 in order to be even with [He ran to keep *up* with

her.]

6 in a complete way [He ate *up* all the food.]

7 apiece; each [The score is six *up*.]

preposition

1 to or at a higher place in or on [We climbed *up*

the ladder.]

2 to or at the higher or farther part of [They bicycled *up* the hill.]

adjective

1 put, brought, going, or gone up [Her hand is *up*.

The sun is *up*. Prices are *up*.]

2 out of bed [Aren't you *up* yet?]

3 above the ground [The new grass is *up*.]

4 at an end; over [Time's *up*.]

5 at bat in baseball [You're *up* next.]

6 working and available for use [After some quick

repairs, the computer was back *up* again.]

7 [an informal use] going on; happening [What's *up*?

noun a turn for the better or a piece of good luck [Life

has its *ups* and downs.]

—**up to** [an informal use] **1** doing or getting ready to

do [He is *up to* some mischief.] **2** as many as [*Up to*

four can play.] **3** as far as [My land runs *up to* those

trees.] **4** to be decided by [It's *up to* you.]

up Â **adverb** Â **preposition** Â **adjective** Â **noun**,



plural **ups**

upon (© pānɔ)

preposition on or up and on [He put the box **upon** the table.]

up•on **Á preposition**

us (us)

pronoun the form of **we** that is used:

1 after certain verbs [The dog bit **us**. He saw **us**.]

Tell **us** the truth.]

2 after prepositions [Tell the story to **us**.]

The song was written by **us**.]

very (verɔe)

adverb

1 in a high degree; to a great extent [**very** cold;

very funny; **very** sad].

2 truly; really [This is the **very** same place.]

adjective

1 in the fullest sense; complete [This is the **very**

opposite of what I wanted.]

2 same; identical [She is the **very** person I

talked with.] —Look for the word choices box at the entry

same.

we (we)

pronoun the persons speaking or writing

[**We** like

candy. Are **we** still friends?]

we're (wir)

we are.

what (hwut or wut)

pronoun

1 which thing, happening, or condition?

[**What** is

that thing? **What** did he ask? **What** is your name?]

2 that which or those which [I heard **what** she

said.]

adjective

1 which or which kind of [**What** dog is your favorite? I know **what** cookies you like.]

2 as much as or as many as [Borrow **what** books

you need.]

3 how great! so much! [**What** nonsense he's

talking!]

adverb

1 in what way? how? [**What** does it help to complain?]

2 in some way [**What** with all our joking, the time

passed quickly.]

interjection a word that is used to express surprise

or anger ["**What!** Late again?"]

—**what for?** for what reason? why? —

what if what

would happen if; suppose.

when (hwen or wen)

adverb at what time? [**When** did they leave?]

conjunction

1 at what time [They told us **when** to come.]

2 at which time [The rooster crowed at six, **when**

the sun rose.]

3 at or during the time that [**When** I was your age,

I couldn't swim.]

4 although [She's reading **when** she could be

playing.]

5 if [How can we finish, **when** you don't help?]

pronoun what time or which time [Until

when will

you be here?]

where (hwer or wer)

adverb

1 in or at what place? [**Where** is the car?]

2 to what place? [**Where** did he go next?]

3 in what way? how? [**Where** is she at fault?]

4 from what place, person, or source?

[**Where** did

you find out?]

conjunction

1 in or at what place [I know **where** it is.]

2 in or at the place in which [Stay home **where** you

belong. Moss grows **where** there is shade.]

3 to the place to which [We'll go **where** you go.]



4 in or at which place [We came home, *where* we had dinner.]

pronoun

1 what place? [*Where* are you from?]

2 the place at which [It is a mile to *where* I live.]

whether (hwetə@r or wetə@r)

conjunction

1 if it is true or likely that [I don't know *whether* I can go.]

2 in either case that [It makes no difference

whether he comes or not.]

which (hwiC or wiC)

pronoun

1 what one or what ones out of those that are being talked about or suggested? [*Which* will you choose?]

2 the one or the ones that [I know *which* I like best.]

3 that [The story *which* we all believed turned out to be a lie.]

adjective what one or ones [*Which* apples are best for baking?]

while (hwil or wil)

noun a period of time [I waited a short *while*.]

conjunction

1 during the time that [I read a book *while* I waited.]

2 in spite of the fact that; although [*While* the car isn't large, it will hold five persons.]

3 and on the other hand [She likes chocolate ice cream, *while* I like strawberry.]

verb to spend or pass in a pleasant way [We

whiled away a few hours.]

—**worth someone's while** worth the time that it takes someone.

while Á **noun** Á **conjunction** Á **verb**

whiled,
whiling



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who (hE)

pronoun

1 what or which person or persons? [*Who* helped

you? I know *who* she is.]

2 that [the girl *who* lives next door].

who's (hEz)

1 who is.

2 who has.

ÂThe words **who's** and **whose** sound alike.

He's the one *who's* selling tickets.

He's the one *whose* bike is on the lawn.

whose (hEz)

pronoun the one or the ones that belong to whom

[*Whose* are these books?]

adjective done by whom or which, or having to do

with whom or which [*Whose* work is this? This is

the person *whose* words inspired me.]

why (hwi or wi)

adverb for what reason, cause, or purpose? [*Why*

did he go?]

conjunction

1 because of which [There is no reason *why* you shouldn't go.]

2 the reason for which [That is *why* we went.]

noun the reason, cause, or purpose

[Never mind the *why* of it.]

interjection a word that is used to express surprise

or annoyance or to show that a person is pausing to

think [*Why*, I didn't know it was so late!]

why Á **adverb** Á **conjunction** Á **noun,**
plural

whys Á **interjection**

will, (wil)

noun

1 the power that the mind has to choose, debate,

or control a person's own actions [He has a weak

will when there's chocolate around.]

2 something that is wished or ordered; a wish or

desire [What is your **will**?]

3 strong and firm purpose; the quality of being

determined to do something ["Where there's a **will**, there's a way."]

4 a legal paper in which a person tells what should be done with his or her money and property after the person's death.

verb

1 to decide or choose [Let her do as she **wills**.]

2 to leave to someone by a will [Mother **willed** the house to me.]

will **Á** **noun**, plural for sense 4 only **wills**

Á **verb**

willed, **willing**

will₂ (wil)

verb (helping verb) *Will* is used with other verbs to

show future time. The word "to" is not used between

will and the verb that follows it [We **will** leave next

week. **Will** you please save some dessert for me?]

will **Á** **verb** past tense **would**; he/she/it **will**

with (wit or wit)

preposition

1 in the company of [Come **with** me.]

2 in the care of [Leave the baby **with** Aunt Jane.]

3 as part of; into [Mix blue **with** yellow to get green.]

4 as a member of [She sings **with** the choir.]

5 having the same opinions or beliefs as; on the side of [I'm **with** you.]

6 against [Don't argue **with** them.]

7 in regard to [Deal **with** that problem by yourself.]

8 in the opinion of [It's all right **with** me.]

9 as a result of [He was pale **with** fear.]

10 by means of [Paint **with** a large brush.]

11 by [a pail filled **with** sand].

12 having received [**With** their help we finished on time.]

13 having or showing [She has a dress **with** red

buttons. He greeted her **with** a big smile.]

14 in spite of [**With** all his faults, I still love him.]

15 at the same time as [**With** the coming of spring, the birds returned.]

16 to or onto [Join this end of the pipe **with** that one.]

17 as well as [She can run **with** the best of them.]

18 from [I parted **with** him in July.]

19 after [**With** that remark, I left.]

within (wit in^ə or wit in^ɔ)

preposition

1 in the inner part of; inside [Stay **within** the house.]

2 not more than; not beyond [They live **within** a mile of us.]

3 inside the limits of [Stay **within** the law.]

adverb in or to the inside [It is cold outside but warm **within**.]

with·in **Á** **preposition** **Á** **adverb**

without (wit Ut^ə or wit Ut^ɔ)

preposition

1 free from; not having [a person **without** a worry;

a cup **without** a saucer].

2 in a way that avoids [We pass by each other

without speaking.]

with·out **Á** **preposition**

won't (wOnt)

will not.

would (wOd)

verb (helping verb) Past tense of **will**₂

[They thought

they **would** enjoy the circus, but they didn't like it.]

Would as a helping verb is used:

1 to talk about something that depends on something else [I **would** have helped if you had



asked me.]

2 to ask something in a polite way [*Would you please leave?*] The word "to" is not used between *would* and the verb that follows it.

would *^* **verb** he/she/it **would**

^ The words **would** and **wood** sound alike. *Would*

you go to the movies with me? He carved a duck from a block of *wood*.

yet (yEt)

adverb

1 up to now; so far [*He has not gone yet.*]

2 at the present time; now [*We can't leave just yet.*]

3 even now; still [*There's yet some hope.*]

4 at some time to come [*We'll get there yet.*]

5 in addition; even [*She had yet another reason to refuse.*]

6 now, after a long time [*Haven't you finished yet?*]

7 but; nevertheless [*He is comfortable, yet lonely.*]

conjunction nevertheless; however [*She seems happy, yet she is worried.*]

you (yE)

pronoun

1 the person or persons that are being spoken to.

You is used as the subject of a verb and also as the object of a verb or preposition. *You* is both singular and plural [*You are a good friend. I saw you both.*]

There's room for three of *you* in the car.]

2 a person; one [*You seldom see a horse and buggy now.*]

you *^* **pronoun**, plural **you**

^ The words **you**, **ewe**, and **yew** sound alike. Will *you* and I be going to the movies? The *ewe* strayed from the other sheep. We planted maple and *yew* trees.

your (yOr)

adjective done by you or having to do with you [*your work; your shoes*].

^ The words **your** and **you're** sound alike.

Your car is being towed away.

You're not going anywhere.

you're (yOr or yEr)

you are.

yours (yOrz)

pronoun the one or the ones that belong to you [*I know that this book is yours.*]

Yours costs more than ours.]



Parts of Speech

adjective

a word that is used to picture or add to a meaning of a noun (a *red* house, the *tallest* mountain). An adjective may describe, point out, or tell how many (*six* cows, *less* money, *my* family).

adverb

a word used to add to the meaning of a verb. An adverb may do this by answering a question: How? (going *fast*, running *swiftly*) How much? (*very* quickly, *slightly* angry) Why? Where? (Come *here*. Go *home*.) When? (*always* sad)

conjunction

a joining word, for joining words, groups of words, and sentences. The words *and* and *if* are conjunctions.

interjection

a words used to express feelings.

noun

a word used to name a person, place, thing or idea.

preposition

a word used as the door to a phrase (in first position). "To," "in," and "for" are prepositions.

pronoun

a word used in stead of a noun. In the sentence "Who sold it to her yesterday?" the words "who," "it," and "her" are pronouns.

verb

a word used to bring a noun to life – into action (I *walked*. You *slept*. Jane *makes* good cookies.) It also tells the condition, or state, of someone or something (We *are* here. They *became* rich. It *happened*.) It can also help another verb show special features (He *will* walk. Joe *did* see it. They *have* gone).

