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beside preposition

at the side of *Dan was standing beside me.*

★ best adjective

The best person or thing is the one that is better than any other. *Who's the best swimmer in your class?*

★ better adjective

- 1 If one thing is better than another, it is more interesting, more useful or more exciting.
- 2 If you are better than someone else, you are able to do something more quickly or more successfully.
- 3 When you are better, you are well again after an illness.

between preposition

- 1 in the middle of two people or things
I sat between Mum and Dad.
- 2 among *Share the money between you.*

beware verb

If you tell someone to beware, you are warning them to be careful.

Bible noun plural **Bibles**
the holy book of the Christian religion

bicycle noun plural **bicycles**
something with two wheels, which you sit on and ride along by pushing pedals around with your feet



★ big adjective bigger, biggest

Something that is big is large and not small.

bight noun

a long, inward curve on a coastline *The big curve at the bottom of Australia is called the Great Australian Bight.*



★ bike noun plural bikes

a bicycle

bilby noun plural bilbies

A bilby is a type of bandicoot that has very long ears. It lives in drier areas of Australia. *The bilby is in danger of becoming extinct.*



bill noun plural bills

- 1 a piece of paper that tells you how much money you owe someone
- 2 a bird's beak

billabong **noun** plural *billabongs*

the U-shaped part of a river that gets cut off and forms its own pool or lake *During the wet season, we see a lot of birds at the billabong.*



billy **noun** plural *billies*

a small tin with a handle used for boiling water over a fire when camping *When we camp, Dad makes tea in the billy.*



bin **noun** plural *bins*

a container for putting rubbish in *At home we have a bin for our rubbish, and another bin for recycling.*

bind **verb** binds, binding, bound

If you bind things together, you tie them together tightly.

binoculars **noun**

Binoculars are a special type of glasses that look like two tubes joined together. They make things seem closer when you look through them. *Grandpa took his binoculars with him when he went birdwatching.*



biography **noun** plural *biographies*

a book that tells the true story of a person's life

biology **noun**

the study of animals and plants

★ bird **noun** plural *birds*

any animal with feathers, wings and a beak

birth **noun** plural *births*

The birth of a baby is when it leaves its mother's body and is born.

★ birthday **noun** plural *birthdays*

the day each year when you remember and celebrate the day you were born

biscuit **noun** plural *biscuits*

a kind of small, crisp cake



★ bit **noun** plural *bits*

a small amount of something *Would you like a bit of chocolate?*

★ bit **verb** past tense of *bite* **verb**

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cockatoo noun plural **cockatoos**

a large Australian parrot, usually white or black, with a crest on its head. Cockatoo is often shortened to **cocky**.



cockerel noun plural **cockerels**

a young male chicken

cocoa noun

Cocoa is a brown powder that tastes of chocolate. It is used for making hot chocolate drinks and also for making chocolate cakes and biscuits.

coconut noun plural **coconuts**

A coconut is a big, round, hard nut that grows on palm trees. It is brown and hairy on the outside and it has sweet, white flesh inside that you can eat.



cocoon noun plural **cocoons**

a covering that some insects spin from silky threads to protect themselves while they are changing into their adult form

cod noun plural **cod**

a sea fish that you can eat

code noun plural **codes**

- 1 a set of signs or letters for sending messages secretly or quickly *The spy cracked the code in the secret letter.*
- 2 a set of instructions given to a computer *He wrote a code to help the computer program run faster.*
- 3 a set of rules *At school, we are expected to follow a code of behaviour.*

code verb **codes, coding, coded**

- 1 to use special signs or letters to send messages secretly *My friend and I wrote letters in our special code so nobody else could understand them.*
- 2 to give instructions to a computer *We learned coding in class today.*



coffee noun plural **coffees**

a hot drink that is made by adding hot water to roasted coffee beans that have been ground into a powder

coil verb **coils, coiling, coiled**

To coil something means to wind it around and around in the shape of a lot of circles.

coin noun plural **coins**

a piece of metal money *I save my coins and put them in my money box.*

cold adjective **colder, coldest**

- 1 Something that is cold is not hot. *The sea was really cold!*
- 2 Someone who is cold is not friendly.

cold noun plural colds

an illness that makes you sneeze and gives you a runny nose

collage noun plural collages

(say coll-arij)

a picture that you make by gluing small pieces of paper and material

collapse verb collapses, collapsing, collapsed

- 1 If something collapses, it falls down.
Buildings collapsed after the earthquake.
- 2 If someone collapses, they fall down because they are sick.

collar noun plural collars

- 1 The collar on a piece of clothing is the part that goes around your neck.
- 2 a thin band of leather or material that goes around an animal's neck

collect verb collects, collecting, collected

- 1 If you collect things, you get them and keep them together.
- 2 When you collect someone, you go to a place and get them. *Mum collected us from school as usual.*

collection adjective A set of things that someone has collected is a collection.

collective noun noun plural collective nouns (in grammar)

A collective noun is a noun that is the name of a group of things, people or animals. *Flock* and *herd* are collective nouns.

college noun plural colleges

a place where you can go to study after you have left school.

colon noun plural colons

a mark like this : that you use in writing

colony noun plural colonies

- 1 a group of settlers in a new country *The colony started to trade food and crops with the Indigenous people.*
- 2 a place that is governed by another country *Australia used to be a colony of Britain.*

★ colour noun plural colours

Red, green, blue and yellow are different colours.

column noun plural columns

- 1 a thick stone post that supports or decorates a building
- 2 a line of numbers or words written one below the other

comb noun plural combs

A comb is a strip of plastic or metal with a row of thin teeth along it. You use a comb to make your hair neat and tidy.



combine verb combines, combining, combined

When you combine things, you join or mix them together.

★ come verb comes, ★ coming, ★ came, come

- 1 To come to a place means to move towards it. *Do you want to come to my house after school?*
- 2 When something comes, it arrives in a place. *Has the letter come yet?*

comedy noun plural comedies

a play, film or TV program that is funny and makes you laugh


Grammar

All the words in a sentence tell you different information. Words are grouped into different parts of speech. Parts of speech include:

part of speech	what the word does in a sentence	example
noun	names things	The cat sat on the mat .
verb	tells you what is happening Verbs tell you about doing, being, and having.	The cat sat on the mat and washed its face.
adjective	gives you more information about the noun which is often descriptive	The fluffy, grey cat sat on the ragged, dirty mat and licked its furry paws.
adverb	gives you more information about the verb It tells you how, when and where events are happening.	Meanwhile , the fluffy, grey cat sat quietly on the ragged, dirty mat and solemnly licked its furry paws.
preposition	tells you where things are	Meanwhile, the fluffy, grey cat sat quietly on the ragged, dirty mat and solemnly licked its furry paws with its pink tongue.



Words we use a lot

These are the first 500 words from the  *Oxford Wordlist*. They are the words we use a lot in our writing. Some of them have unusual spellings so it is useful to spot them here so that it is easy to recognise them when reading a new piece of text. You can also check their spelling when you use them in your writing.

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Shapes and objects

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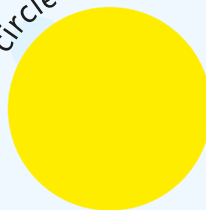
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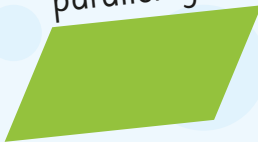
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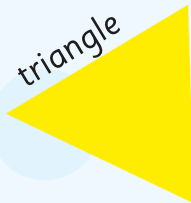
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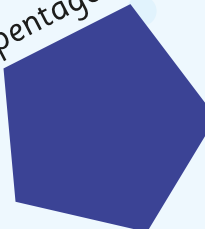
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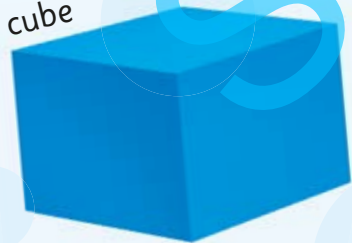


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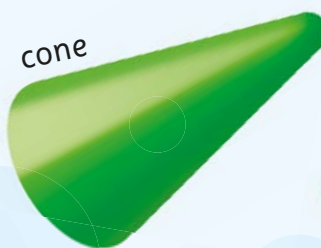


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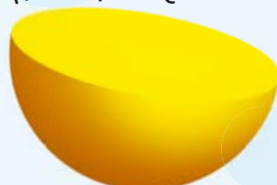
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hemisphere



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Time



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five past nine



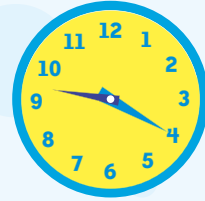
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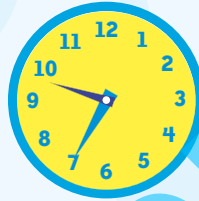
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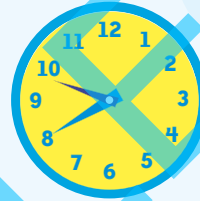
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twenty-five to ten



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nine fifty
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nine fifty-five
five to ten



12:00

midday (noon)



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midnight

fortnight	14 days
month	28–31 days
year	12 months or 365 days
leap year	366 days
decade	10 years
century	100 years

morning	the time before midday; the letters am stand for <i>ante meridiem</i> which is Latin for 'before noon'
midday or noon	the time when the Sun is at its highest is 12 midday or noon
afternoon	the time after midday is afternoon; the letters pm stand for <i>post meridiem</i> which is Latin for 'after noon'