

Pp

P short for **penny** or **pence**

pa *noun* **pas** (informal)
father

pace *noun* **paces**
1 one step in walking, marching, or running
2 speed
He set a fast pace.

pace *verb* **paces, pacing, paced**
to pace is to walk up and down with slow or regular steps
to pace something out is to measure a distance in paces

pacemaker *noun* **pacemakers**
1 a person who sets the speed for someone else in a race
2 an electrical device put into a person by surgery, that keeps the heart beating regularly

pacifist (say **pas-uh-fuhst**) *noun* **pacifists**
someone who believes that war is always wrong

WORD BUILDING **pacifism** *noun*

pacify (say **pas-uh-fuy**) *verb* **pacifies, pacifying, pacified**
to pacify someone is to calm them down

WORD BUILDING **pacification** *noun*

pack *noun* **packs**
1 a bundle or collection of things wrapped or tied together
2 a set of playing cards
3 a strong bag carried on your back
4 a group of hounds, wolves, or other animals
5 a group of people

pack *verb* **packs, packing, packed**
1 to pack a suitcase, bag, or box is to put things in it so that you can store them or take them somewhere
2 to pack a room or building is to fill it
The hall was packed.

package *noun* **packages**
1 a parcel or packet
2 a number of things offered or accepted together

packet *noun* **packets**
a small parcel

pact *noun* **pacts**
an agreement

pad¹ *noun* **pads**
1 a number of sheets of blank or lined paper joined together along one edge
2 a piece of soft material used to protect or shape something
3 a piece of soft material that you wear to protect your leg in cricket and other games
4 a flat surface from which helicopters take off or rockets are launched

pad *verb* **pads, padding, padded**
to pad something is to put a piece of soft material on it or into it in order to protect or shape it
to pad something out is to make a book or story longer than it needs to be

pad² *verb* **pads, padding, padded**
to pad is to walk softly

padding *noun*
padding is soft material used to protect or shape things

paddle *verb* **paddles, paddling, paddled**
1 to paddle is to walk about with bare feet in shallow water
2 to paddle a boat is to move it along with a short oar

paddle *noun* **paddles**
1 a time spent paddling in water
2 a short oar with a broad blade

paddock *noun* **paddocks** (Australian)
a large piece of land, usually surrounded by a fence, mainly used for grazing animals or growing crops

paddy *noun* **paddies**
a field where rice is grown

pademelon or **paddymelon** *noun*
pademelons or **paddymelons**
a small wallaby of eastern Australia

WORD ORIGIN This word probably comes from the Aboriginal Sydney language.

padlock *noun* **padlocks**

a lock with a metal loop that you can use to fasten a gate or lock a bicycle

paediatrics (say pee-dee-**at**-riks) *plural noun*
the branch of medicine dealing with children and their diseases

pagan *noun* **pagans** (old use)
a person who does not believe in any of the world's main religions

page *noun* **pages**

- 1 a piece of paper that is part of a book or newspaper; one side of this piece of paper
- 2 a webpage

pageant (say paj-uhnt) *noun* **pageants**

- 1 a play or entertainment about historical events and people
- 2 a procession of people in costume

WORD BUILDING **pageantry** *noun*

pagoda (say puh-**goh**-duh) *noun* **pagodas**
a Buddhist tower or Hindu temple in India and East Asia

paid
past tense and past participle of **pay**
She paid for the magazine and left the shop.
Have you paid for those sweets yet?

pail *noun* **pails**
a bucket

pain *noun* **pains**
1 pain or a pain is an unpleasant feeling caused by injury or disease
Are you in pain?

- 2 pain is also mental suffering

pain *verb* **pains, paining, pained**
to pain someone is to cause them pain, usually mental pain

painful *adjective*
causing you pain
My ankle is too painful to walk on.

painfully *adverb*
1 in a way that causes you pain
He grasped my arm in a painfully tight grip.

- 2 to be (for example) painfully thin or painfully slow is to be extremely thin or extremely slow

painkiller *noun* **painkillers**
a drug that reduces pain

painless *adjective*
not causing any pain

painstaking *adjective*
making a careful effort

paint *noun* **paints**
a liquid substance put on something to colour or cover it

paint *verb* **paints, painting, painted**
1 to paint something is to put paint on it
2 to paint a picture is to make it with paints
3 to paint someone or something is to make a picture of them using paint

paintbox *noun* **paintboxes**
a box of coloured paints used in art

paintbrush *noun* **paintbrushes**
a brush used in painting

painter *noun* **painters**
1 an artist who paints pictures
2 a person whose job is painting walls and houses

painting *noun* **paintings**
1 painting is using paints to make a picture
She likes painting.

- 2 a painting is a painted picture

pair *noun* **pairs**
1 two things or people that go together or are the same kind
I need a new pair of shoes.

- 2 something made of two parts joined together
Have you got a pair of scissors?

pal *noun* **pals** (informal)
a friend

palace *noun* **palaces**
a large and splendid house where a king or queen or other important person lives

palatable *adjective*
1 pleasant to taste
2 acceptable or satisfactory

palate (say pal-uh) *noun* **palates**
1 the roof of your mouth
2 a person's sense of taste
We have food to suit every palate.

pale *adjective* **paler, palest**
1 almost white
He had a pale face.

- 2 not bright in colour; faint
The sky was a pale blue.

WORD BUILDING **palely** *adverb*
paleness *noun*