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A, a /eɪ/ the first letter of the alphabet

- o-a** (also **an**) *strong form* /eɪ/ *weak form* /ə/ **determiner** **1** [BEFORE NOUN] used before a noun to refer to a single thing or person but not a particular thing or person or not one that you have referred to before *I need a new car.* ○ *I saw a woman speaking to him.* **2** [ONE] *one a hundred dollars* ○ *a dozen eggs* **3** [EVERY/EACH] *every or each A child needs love.* ○ *Take one tablet three times a (= each) day.* **4** [TYPE] used to say what type of thing or person something or someone is *It's a guinea pig.* ○ *She's a doctor.* **5** [AN ACTION] used before some action nouns when referring to one example of the action *I'm just going to have a wash.* ○ *Take a look at this.* **6** [TWO NOUNS] used before the first of two nouns that are often used together *a cup and saucer* **7** [AMOUNTS] used before some phrases saying how much of something there is *a few days* ○ *a bit of sugar* **8** [NAME] used before a person's name when referring to someone you do not know *There's a Ms Leeming to see you.*

COMMON LEARNER ERROR

a or an?

Remember to use **an** in front of words which begin with a vowel sound. These are words which start with the letters a, e, i, o, u, or a sound like those letters.

a car, an orange, an hour

a- /eɪ/ *prefix* not, without *atypical* ○ *amoral*

aback /ə'bæk/ *adverb* **be taken aback** to be very surprised or shocked *I was rather taken aback by her honesty.*

abacus /'æbəkəs/ *noun* [C] **MATHEMATICS** a square object with small balls on wires, used for counting

WORD PARTNERS FOR abandon

be forced to abandon sth • abandon an attempt/effort/idea/plan/search

abandon /ə'bændən/ *verb* [T] **1** [LEAVE] to leave someone or something somewhere, sometimes not returning to get them *They were forced to abandon the car.* **2** [STOP DOING] to stop doing something before it is finished, or to stop following a plan, idea, etc *The match was abandoned because of rain.* ● **abandoned** *adjective* ● **abandonment** *noun* [U]

abate /ə'beɪt/ *verb* [I] *formal* to become less strong *By the weekend, the storms had abated.*

abattoir /'æbətwaɪ/ *UK (UK/US slaughterhouse)* *noun* [C] **FARMING** a place where animals are killed for meat

abbey /'æbi/ *noun* [C] **RELIGION** a group of buildings that is a home for monks or nuns (= religious men or women who live separately from other people)

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abbreviate /ə'brɪviət/ *verb* [T] **LANGUAGE** to make a word or phrase shorter *The word 'street' is often abbreviated to 'St'.*

abbreviation /ə'brɪvi'eɪʃn/ *noun* [C] **LANGUAGE** a shorter form of a word or phrase, especially used in writing *A doctor is often called a 'GP', an abbreviation for 'general practitioner'.*

abdicate /'æbdɪkeɪt/ *verb* **1** [I] If a king or queen abdicates, they choose to stop being king or queen. **2** **abdicate responsibility** *formal* to decide not to be responsible for something any more ● **abdication** /'æbdɪ'keɪʃn/ *noun* [C, U]

abdomen /'æbdəmən/ *noun* [C] *formal* **ANATOMY** the lower part of a person or animal's body, containing the stomach and other organs ● **abdominal** /'æb'dɒmɪnəl/ *adjective* to do with the abdomen *abdominal pains*

abduct /əb'dʌkt/ *verb* [T] to take someone away illegally *He was abducted by a terrorist group.*

● **abduction** /'æb'dʌkʃn/ *noun* [C, U]

aberration /'æbə'reɪʃn/ *noun* [C] *formal* a temporary change from what usually happens

abet /ə'bet/ *verb* **abetting**, *past* **abetted** ☞ See: **aid?** and **abet** (sb)

abhor /əb'hoː/ *verb* [T] **abhorring**, *past* **abhorred** *formal* to hate something or someone very much ● **abhorrence** /'æb'hɒrns/ *noun* [U] *formal*

abhorrent /əb'hɒrənt/ *adjective* *formal* morally very bad *an abhorrent crime*

abide /ə'baɪd/ *verb* **can't abide sb/sth** to strongly dislike someone or something *I can't abide rudeness.*

abide by sth *phrasal verb* to obey a rule *Staff who refused to abide by the rules were fired.*

abiding /ə'baɪdɪŋ/ *adjective* [always before noun] An abiding feeling or memory is one that you have for a long time. *My abiding memory is of him watering his plants in the garden.* ☞ See also: **law-abiding**

WORD PARTNERS FOR ability

have/lack/possess ability ● innate/remarkable/uncanny ability

o-ability /ə'biləti/ *noun* [C, U] the physical or mental skill or qualities that you need to do something *athletic/academic ability* [+ to do sth] *He had the ability to explain things clearly.* ○ *The report questions the technical ability of the staff.* ☞ Opposite **inability** ☞ Compare **disability**

abject /'æbdʒekt/ *adjective* **1** **abject misery/pov-erty/terror**, etc when someone is extremely unhappy, poor, afraid, etc **2** showing that you are very ashamed of what you have done *an abject apology*

ablation /ə'bleɪʃn/ *noun* [U] **GEOGRAPHY** the loss of ice, snow or rock from melting or erosion (= being damaged and removed by wind, sea or rain)

ablaze /ə'bleɪz/ *adjective* [never before noun] burning strongly

o-able /'eɪbl/ *adjective* **1** **be able to do sth** to have the ability to do something or the possibility of doing something *He'll be able to help you.* ☞ Opposite **be unable to do sth** **2** clever or good at doing something *She's a very able student.*

able-bodied

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O⁺ Important words to learn

● **ably** *adverb* *Robson, ably assisted by Anderson, has completely rebuilt the team.*

able-bodied /'eɪbl'bɒdɪd/ *adjective* **HEALTH** O⁺ having all the physical abilities that most people have

abnormal /æb'nɔ:məl/ *adjective* different from what is normal or usual, in a way which is strange or dangerous *abnormal behaviour/ weather* ○ *They found abnormal levels of lead in the water.* ● **abnormally** *adverb*

abnormality /,æbnɔ:'mæləti/ *noun* [C, U] **HEALTH** something abnormal, usually in the body *a genetic abnormality*

aboard /ə'bo:d/ *adverb, preposition* on or onto a plane, ship, bus, or train *Welcome aboard flight BA109 to Paris.*

abode /ə'bo:d/ *noun* [C] *formal* a home

abolish /ə'bo:lɪʃ/ *verb* [T] **LAW** to officially end something, especially a law or system *National Service was abolished in Britain in 1962.* ● **abolition** /,æbɔ'li:ʃn/ *noun* [U] *the abolition of slavery*

abominable /ə'bɒmɪnəbl/ *adjective* extremely bad *abominable behaviour* ● **abominably** *adverb*

Aboriginal /,æbɔ'ridʒ'nəl/ *adjective* **SOCIETY** relating or belonging to the original race of people who lived in Australia ● **Aborigine** /,æbɔ'ridʒɪn/ *noun* [C] an Aboriginal person

abort /ə'bo:t/ *verb* [T] **1** to stop a process before it has finished *The take-off was aborted due to bad weather.* **2 HEALTH** to end a pregnancy that is not wanted using a medical operation

abortion /ə'bo:tʃn/ *noun* [C, U] **HEALTH** a medical operation to end a pregnancy when the baby is still too small to live *She had an abortion.*

abortive /ə'bo:tɪv/ *adjective* [always before noun] An abortive attempt or plan fails before it is complete.

the ABO system /,eɪbi:'əʊsɪstəm/ *noun* **BIOLOGY, HEALTH** the system that divides human blood into four main groups called A, B, AB and O

abound /ə'baʊnd/ *verb* [I] *formal* to exist in large numbers *Rumours abound about a possible change of leadership.*

○ **about**¹ /ə'baʊt/ *preposition* **1** [SUBJECT] relating to a particular subject or person *a book about the Spanish Civil War* ○ *What was she talking about?* **2** [DIRECTION] *UK (US around)* to or in different parts of a place, often without purpose or order *We heard someone moving about outside.* **3 what/how about ...?** a [SUGGESTION] used to make a suggestion *How about France for a holiday?* **b** [OPINION] used to ask for someone's opinion on a particular subject *What about Ann - is she nice?*

○ **about**² /ə'baʊt/ *adverb* **1** [APPROXIMATELY] used before a number or amount to mean approximately *It happened about two months ago.* **2** [DIRECTION] *UK (US around)* to or in different parts of a place, often without purpose or order *She's always leaving her clothes lying about.* **3** [NEAR] *UK informal (US around)* If someone or something is about, they are near to the place where you are now. *Is Kate about?* **4 be about to do sth** to be going to do something

very soon *I stopped her just as she was about to leave.*

○ **above**¹ /ə'baʊ/ *adverb, preposition* **1** [HIGHER POSITION] in or to a higher position than something else *There's a mirror above the washbasin.* ○ *I could hear music coming from the room above.* **2** [MORE] more than an amount or level *It says on the box it's for children aged three and above.* ○ *Rates of pay are above average.* **3** [RANK] in a more important or advanced position than someone else *Sally's a grade above me.* **4** [TOO IMPORTANT] too good or important for something *No one is above suspicion in this matter.* **5 above all** most importantly *Above all, I'd like to thank everyone.*

above² /ə'baʊ/ *adjective, adverb* higher on the same page *the above diagram* ○ *the address shown above*

above board *adjective* [never before noun] honest and legal *We hired a lawyer to make sure the agreement was all above board.*

above the line promotion *noun* [U] ways of advertising products that involve people outside the business, such as newspapers or TV

abrasive /ə'breɪsɪv/ *adjective* **1** [SUBSTANCE] An abrasive substance is rough and can be used for rubbing surfaces, to make them clean or smooth. **2** [PERSON] speaking or behaving in a rude and unpleasant way *an abrasive manner*

abreast /ə'breɪst/ *adverb* **1 keep (sb) abreast of sth** to make sure you or someone else knows about the most recent changes in a subject or situation *I'll keep you abreast of any developments.* **2 two/three/four, etc abreast** If people who are moving are two/three, etc abreast, that number of people are next to each other, side by side. *They were cycling four abreast, completely blocking the road.*

abridged /ə'brɪdʒd/ *adjective* An abridged book or other piece of writing has been made shorter. ☞ **Opposite unabridged** ● **abridge** /ə'brɪdʒ/ *verb* [T]

WORD PARTNERS FOR **abroad**

go/live/travel/work abroad ● a holiday/trip abroad

○ **abroad** /ə'brɔ:d/ *adverb* in or to a foreign country *He goes abroad a lot with his job.*

abrupt /ə'brʌpt/ *adjective* **1** [SUDDEN] sudden and not expected *Our conversation came to an abrupt end.* **2** [RUDE] dealing with people in a quick way that is unfriendly or rude *She has a rather abrupt manner.* ● **abruptly** *adverb*

abscess /'æbsəs/ *noun* [C] **HEALTH** a painful, swollen area on the body which contains a yellow liquid

abscond /əb'skɒnd/ *verb* [I] *formal* to leave somewhere suddenly without permission because you want to escape, or because you have stolen something

WORD PARTNERS FOR **absence**

a lengthy/long/prolonged absence ● an absence from sth ● during/in sb's absence

absence /'æbsəns/ *noun* **1** [NOT THERE] [C, U] a time when you are not in a particular place *Lisa*

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will be acting as manager in Phil's **absence** (= while Phil is not here). ○ A large number of **absences from work** are caused by back problems. **2** [NOT EXIST] [U] when something does not exist **In the absence of any proof, it is impossible to accuse her.**

absent /'æbsənt/ *adjective* not in the place where you are expected to be, especially at school or work **He has been absent from school all week.**

absentee /,æbsn'ti:/ *noun* [C] someone who is not in a place where they should be ● **absenteeism** *noun* [U] when someone is often absent from work or school

absently /'æbsəntli/ *adverb* without thinking about what you are doing **He stared absently at the television screen.**

absent-minded /,æbsnt'maɪndɪd/ *adjective* often forgetting things ● **absent-mindedly** *adverb* ● **absent-mindedness** *noun* [U]

absolute /'æbsəlu:t/ *adjective* [always before noun] **1** [COMPLETE] complete **absolute power/control** ○ **The party was an absolute disaster.** **2** [DEFINITE] definite **There was no absolute proof of fraud.**

○ **absolutely** /,æbsə'lu:tli/ *adverb* **1** completely **The food was absolutely delicious.** ○ **There's absolutely nothing** (= nothing at all) **left.** **2** **Absolutely,** used to strongly agree with someone **"Do you think it helped his career?" "Absolutely."** **3** **Absolutely not,** used to strongly disagree with someone or to agree with something negative **"Are you suggesting that we should just ignore the problem?" "No, absolutely not."**

absolute zero *noun* [U] **PHYSICS, MEASURES** the lowest temperature that scientists think is possible

absolve /əb'zɒlv/ *verb* [T] *formal* to formally say that someone is not guilty of something, or to forgive someone

absorb /əb'zɔ:b/ *verb* [T] **1** [LIQUID] If a substance absorbs a liquid, it takes it in through its surface and holds it. **The fabric absorbs all the moisture, keeping your skin dry.** **2** **be absorbed in sth** to give all your attention to something that you are doing **Simon was so absorbed in his computer game, he didn't notice me come in.** **3** [REMEMBER] to understand and remember facts that you read or hear **It's hard to absorb so much information.** **4** [BECOME PART OF] If something is absorbed into something else, it becomes part of it. **The drug is quickly absorbed into the bloodstream.** ● **absorption** /əb'zɔ:pʃən/ *noun* [U]

absorbent /əb'zɔ:bənt/ *adjective* An absorbent substance can take liquids in through its surface and hold them. ● **absorbency** /əb'zɔ:bəntsi/ *noun* [U]

absorbing /əb'zɔ:biŋ/ *adjective* very interesting **An absorbing book/game**

abstain /əb'steɪn/ *verb* [I] **1** [NOT DO] *formal* to not do something that you enjoy because it is bad or unhealthy **The doctor suggested that he abstain from alcohol.** **2** [NOT VOTE] to choose not to vote for or against something **63 members**

voted in favour, 39 opposed and 5 abstained.

● **abstention** /əb'stenʃn/ *noun* [C, U]

abstinence /'æbstɪnəns/ *noun* [U] *formal* when you do not do something that you enjoy because it is bad or unhealthy

abstract /'æbstrækt/ *adjective* **1** relating to ideas and not real things **an abstract concept** **2** **ART** Abstract art involves shapes and colours and not images of real things or people.

absurd /əb'zɜ:d/ *adjective* very silly **an absurd situation/suggestion** ● **absurdity** *noun* [C, U] ● **absurdly** *adverb*

abundance /ə'bʌndəns/ *noun* [U, no plural] *formal* a lot of something **an abundance of flowers** ○ **There was food in abundance** (= a lot of food).

abundant /ə'bʌndənt/ *adjective* existing in large quantities **an abundant supply of food** ● **abundantly** *adverb*

abuse¹ /ə'bju:z/ *noun* **1** [WRONG USE] [C, U] when something is used for the wrong purpose in a way that is harmful or morally wrong **drug/alcohol abuse** ○ **abuse of public money** **2** [VIOLENCE] [U] violent, cruel treatment of someone **child abuse** ○ **sexual abuse** **3** [LANGUAGE] [U] rude and offensive words said to another person **Rival fans shouted abuse at each other.**

abuse² /ə'bju:z/ *verb* [T] **1** [VIOLENCE] to treat someone cruelly and violently **He was physically abused by his alcoholic father.** **2** [WRONG USE] to use something for the wrong purpose in a way that is harmful or morally wrong **to abuse alcohol** **3** [LANGUAGE] to say rude and offensive words to someone **The crowd started abusing him.** ● **abuser** *noun* [C]

abusive /ə'bju:sɪv/ *adjective* saying rude and offensive words to someone **an abusive phone call**

abysmal /ə'bɪzml/ *adjective* very bad, especially of bad quality **the team's abysmal performance last season** ● **abysmally** *adverb*

abyss /ə'bɪs/ *noun* [C] **1** [SITUATION] a very bad situation which will not improve [usually singular] **The country is sinking into an abyss of violence and bloodshed.** **2** [HOLE] *literary* a very deep hole

abyssal /ə'bɪsəl/ *adjective* **GEOGRAPHY** found at the bottom of deep oceans (= big seas)

AC /,eɪ'si:/ *noun* [U] **PHYSICS** abbreviation for alternating current: electrical current which regularly changes the direction in which it moves ⇨ Compare **DC**

..ac /dɒt'æk/ **COMPUTING, INTERNET** *internet abbreviation* for academic institution: used in some internet addresses for organizations such as universities

academia /,ækə'dɪmiə/ *noun* [U] **EDUCATION** the people and organizations, especially universities, involved in studying

academic¹ /,ækə'demɪk/ *adjective* **1** **EDUCATION** related to education, schools, universities, etc **academic ability/standards** ○ **It's the start of the academic year.** **2** [SUBJECTS] related to subjects which involve thinking and studying and not technical or practical skills **academic subjects** **3** [CLEVER] clever and good at studying **4** [NOT REAL] If what someone says is

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academic

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O⁺ Important words to learn

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academic, it has no purpose because it relates to a situation that does not exist. *The whole discussion is academic since management won't even listen to us.* ● **academically** *adverb*

academic² /ˌækə'demɪk/ *noun* [C] **EDUCATION** someone who teaches at a university or college, or is paid to study there

academy /ə'kædəmi/ *noun* [C] **1 EDUCATION** a college which teaches people the skills needed for a particular job *a military academy* **2** an organization whose purpose is to encourage and develop an art, science, language, etc *the Royal Academy of Music*

accelerate /ək'seləreɪt/ *verb* **1 DRIVE** [I] to start to drive faster **2 HAPPEN** [I, T] to start to happen more quickly, or to make something start to happen more quickly *Inflation is likely to accelerate this year.* ● **acceleration** /ək'selə'reɪʃn/ *noun* [U]

accelerator /ək'selə'reɪtə/ (*also US gas pedal*) *noun* [C] the part of a car which you push with your foot to make it go faster ☞ See colour picture **Car** on page Centre 7

WORD PARTNERS FOR **accent**

have/speak with a [local/northern/strong, etc] **accent** ● **lose your accent** ● **a heavy/strong/thick accent**

accent /'æksnt/ *noun* [C] **1 LANGUAGE** the way in which someone pronounces words, influenced by the country or area they come from, or their social class *an American accent* ○ *a French accent* **2 LANGUAGE** a mark above a letter to show you how to pronounce it, for example (á) and (è) **3 LANGUAGE** the word or part of a word that you emphasize when you are speaking *In the word 'impossible' the accent is on the second syllable.* **4 the accent on sth** particular importance or attention that you give to something *a wonderful menu with the accent on fresh fish*

accentuate /ək'sentʃueɪt/ *verb* [T] to emphasize something so that people notice it *make-up to accentuate the eyes*

O⁺ **accept** /ək'sept/ *verb* **1 AGREE** [I, T] to agree to take something that is offered to you *to accept an invitation/offer* ○ *He won't accept advice from anyone.* **2 ADMIT** [T] to admit that something is true, often something unpleasant [+ (that)] *He refuses to accept that he's made a mistake.* **3 ALLOW TO JOIN** [T] to allow someone to join an organization or become part of a group *She's been accepted by two universities.* **4 accept responsibility/blame** to admit that you caused something bad that happened *The company has now accepted responsibility for the accident.* **5 UNDERSTAND** [T] to understand that you cannot change a very sad or unpleasant situation *The hardest part is accepting the fact that you'll never see that person again.*

COMMON LEARNER ERROR

accept or agree?

When you accept an invitation, job, or offer, you say yes to something which is offered. **Accept** is never followed by another verb.

They offered me the job and I've accepted it.

They offered me the job and I've accepted to take it.

When you agree to do something, you say that you will do something which someone asks you to do.

They offered me the job and I agreed to take it.

acceptable /ək'septəbl/ *adjective* **1 GOOD ENOUGH** good enough *work of an acceptable standard* ○ *We still hope to find a solution which is acceptable to both sides.* **2 ALLOWED** allowed or approved of *Smoking is less and less socially acceptable.* ☞ Opposite **unacceptable** ● **acceptability** /ək'septə'bɪləti/ *noun* [U]

WORD PARTNERS FOR **acceptance**

sb/sth gains/wins acceptance ● **general/growing/grudging/public acceptance** ● **acceptance of sth**

acceptance /ək'septəns/ *noun* [C, U] when you accept something *his acceptance of the award* ○ *There is a growing public acceptance of alternative medicine.*

accepted /ək'septɪd/ *adjective* agreed or approved by most people *an accepted spelling*

access¹ /'ækses/ *noun* [U] **1 OPPORTUNITY** when you have the right or opportunity to use or see something *I don't have access to that kind of information.* ○ *Do you have Internet access?* **2 ENTRANCE** the way in which you can enter a place or get to a place *The only access to the village is by boat.*

access² /'ækses/ *verb* [T] **COMPUTING** to find or see information, especially using a computer *You can access the files over the Internet.*

accessible /ək'sesəbl/ *adjective* **1 FIND** easy to find or reach *Information such as this is freely accessible to the public.* ○ *The hotel is in a quiet but easily accessible part of the resort.* ☞ Opposite **inaccessible** **2 UNDERSTAND** easy to understand *They are attempting to make opera accessible to a wider audience.* ● **accessibility** /ək'sesə'bɪləti/ *noun* [U]

accessory /ək'sesrɪ/ *noun* [C] **1** something extra which is not necessary but is attractive or useful *bathroom accessories* ○ *computer accessories* **2 LAW** formal someone who helps a criminal to commit a crime *an accessory to murder*

access provider *noun* [C] **COMPUTING, INTERNET** a company that makes you able to use the Internet, so that you can use email and see or show documents

WORD PARTNERS FOR **accident**

have/be involved in an accident ● **a** **fatal/serious/traagic accident** ● **[killed, paralyzed, etc] in an accident** ● **a car/traffic accident**

O⁺ **accident** /'æksɪdnt/ *noun* [C] **1** something bad which happens that is not intended and which causes injury or damage *a car/traffic accident* ○ *She had an accident in the kitchen.* ○ *I didn't mean to spill his drink. It was an accident.* **2 by accident** without being intended *I deleted the wrong file by accident.*

ɑː arm | ɜː her | iː see | ɔː saw | uː too | aɪ my | aʊ how | eə hair | eɪ day | əʊ no | ɪ near | ɔɪ boy | ʊə poor | aɪə fire | aʊə sour

accidental /əˈksɪdɪntəl/ *adjective* not intended
accidental damage ● **accidentally** *adverb* *She accidentally knocked over a glass of red wine.*

accident-prone /ˈæksɪdɪntˌprəʊn/ *adjective*
 Someone who is accident-prone often has accidents.

acclaim /əˈkleɪm/ *noun* [U] praise from a lot of people
international/critical acclaim

acclaimed /əˈkleɪmd/ *adjective* praised by a lot of people
the acclaimed singer and songwriter

acclimatize (also UK **-ise**) /əˈklaɪmətaɪz/ *verb* [I, T] to start to feel happy with the weather, the way of life, etc in a new place, or to make someone do this ● **acclimatization** /əˈklaɪmətaɪzɪʃn/ *noun* [U]

accolade /əˈkɒleɪd/ *noun* [C] *formal* a prize or praise given to someone because they are very good at something

accommodate /əˈkɒmədeɪt/ *verb* [T] 1 **[HAVE SPACE FOR]** to have enough space somewhere for a number of things or people *We need more roads to accommodate the increase in traffic.* 2 **[HELP]** to do what someone wants, often by providing them with something *He requires special equipment and, where possible, we've accommodated those needs.* 3 **[GIVE A HOME]** to provide someone with a place to live or stay *The athletes will be accommodated in a special Olympic village.*

accommodating /əˈkɒmədeɪtɪŋ/ *adjective* willing to change your plans in order to help people

accommodation /əˈkɒməˈdeɪʃn/ *noun* [U] 1 (also US **accommodations** [plural]) a place where you live or stay **rented accommodation** ○ *The price includes travel and accommodation.* 2 **BIOLOGY** the way the lens in the eye changes depending on whether the thing it is looking at is close or far away

accompaniment /əˈkʌmpəˈnɪmənt/ *noun* 1 **FOOD** [C] *formal* something that is nice to eat or drink with a particular food or drink *salmon with an accompaniment of green salad* 2 **MUSIC** [C, U] music that is played with the main instrument or with a singing voice a *song with piano accompaniment*

accompany /əˈkʌmpəni/ *verb* [T] 1 **[GO WITH]** *formal* to go somewhere with someone *We accompanied her back to her hotel.* 2 **[HAPPEN TOGETHER]** to happen or exist at the same time as something else *The teachers' book is accompanied by a video cassette.* 3 **MUSIC** to play a musical instrument with someone else who is playing or singing

accomplice /əˈkʌmplɪs/ *noun* [C] **LAW** someone who helps a criminal to commit a crime

accomplish /əˈkʌmplɪʃ/ *verb* [T] to succeed in doing something good *I feel as if I've accomplished nothing all day.*

accomplished /əˈkʌmplɪʃt/ *adjective* having a lot of skill in art, music, writing, etc an *accomplished musician/painter*

accomplishment /əˈkʌmplɪʃmənt/ *noun* 1 **[ACHIEVEMENT]** [U] when you succeed in doing something good *Finishing the course gave me a great sense of accomplishment.* 2 **[SKILL]** [C] *formal* a skill in art, music, writing, etc

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accord¹ /əˈkɔːd/ *noun* 1 **of your own accord** If you do something of your own accord, you choose to do it and no one else forces you. *Luckily, she left of her own accord.* 2 **POLITICS** [C] an official agreement, especially between countries a *peace/trade accord*

accord² /əˈkɔːd/ *verb* [T] *formal* to treat someone specially, usually by showing respect *the respect accorded to doctors*

accordance /əˈkɔːdɪns/ *noun* *formal* in **accordance with sth** agreeing with a rule, law, or wish *Both companies have insisted that they were acting in accordance with the law.*

accordingly /əˈkɔːdɪŋli/ *adverb* in a way that is suitable *We'll wait until we hear the decision and act accordingly.*

according to /əˈkɔːdɪŋtuː/ *preposition* 1 **[SAID BY]** as said by someone or shown by something *According to our records, she was absent last Friday.* 2 **[BASED ON]** based on a particular system or plan *Children are allocated to schools according to the area in which they live.*

accordion /əˈkɔːdɪən/ *noun* [C] **MUSIC** a musical instrument with a folding centre part and keyboards at both ends, which you play by pushing the two ends together

accost /əˈkɒst/ *verb* [T] If someone you do not know accosts you, they move towards you and start talking to you in an unfriendly way.

WORD PARTNERS FOR account

- 1 **give** an account of sth ● a **brief/detailed/full** account ● an **eye-witness/first-hand** account ● an account of sth
- 2 **close/open** an account ● **have** an account with [name of bank] ● a **joint/personal/savings** account ● an account **holder/number**

account¹ /əˈkaʊnt/ *noun* [C] 1 a written or spoken description of something that has happened *They gave conflicting accounts of the events.* 2 **FINANCE** (also **bank account**) an arrangement with a bank to keep your money there and to let you take it out when you need to *I paid the money into my account.* 3 **FINANCE** an agreement with a shop or company that allows you to buy things and pay for them later 4 **take sth into account; take account of sth** to consider something when judging a situation *You have to take into account the fact that he is less experienced when judging his performance.* 5 **on account of sth** *formal* because of something *He doesn't drink alcohol on account of his health.* 6 **by all accounts** as said by a lot of people *The party was, by all accounts, a great success.* 7 **on my account** just for or because of me *Please don't change your plans on my account.* 8 **on no account; not on any account** UK *not* for any reason or in any situation *On no account must these records be changed.* ☞ See also: **checking account, current account, deposit account**

account² /əˈkaʊnt/ *verb*
account for sth *phrasal verb* 1 **[BE PART OF]** to be part of a total number of something *Oil accounts for 40% of Norway's exports.* 2 **[EXPLAIN]** to be the reason for something, or to explain the reason for something *She was asked to account for the missing money.*

accountable

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O⁺ Important words to learn

accountable /ə'kaʊntəbl/ *adjective* [never before noun] having to be responsible for what you do and able to explain your actions *Hospitals must be held **accountable** for their mistakes.* ○ *Politicians should be **accountable** to the public that elects them.* ⇨ Opposite **unaccountable** ● **accountability** /ə'kaʊntə'bɪləti/ *noun* [U]

accountancy /ə'kaʊntənsi/ *UK (US accounting) noun* [U] **FINANCE** the job of being an accountant

accountant /ə'kaʊntənt/ *noun* [C] **FINANCE** someone whose job is to keep or examine the financial records of a company or organization

accounting ratio *noun* [C] **FINANCE** any of several kinds of calculation used to understand financial accounts, for instance comparing money received with money owed

accounts /ə'kaʊnts/ *noun* [plural] **FINANCE** an official record of all the money a company or organization has received or paid

accreditation /ə'kredɪ'teɪʃn/ *noun* [U] official approval of an organization ● **accredited** /ə'kredɪtɪd/ *adjective* officially approved

accrual /ə'kru:əl/ *noun* [U] **FINANCE** when something increases in number or amount over a period of time

accrue /ə'kru:/ *verb* [I] **FINANCE** to increase in number or amount over a period of time *Interest **accrues** at a rate of 6%.* ● **accrued** /ə'kru:d/ *adjective* accrued interest

accumulate /ə'kju:mjəleɪt/ *verb* [I, T] to increase in amount over a period of time, or to make something increase over a period of time *The chemicals **accumulate** in your body.*

● **accumulation** /ə'kju:mjə'leɪʃn/ *noun* [U]

accumulated fund *noun* [C] **FINANCE** the amount of money owned by an organization such as a club that does not sell things

accuracy /'ækjərəsi/ *noun* [U] how correct or exact something is *The new system should help to improve the **accuracy** of weather forecasts.*

accurate /'ækjərət/ *adjective* correct or exact ***accurate** information/measurements* ○ *She was able to give police a fairly **accurate** description of the man.* ⇨ Opposite **inaccurate** ● **accurately** *adverb*

WORD PARTNERS FOR **accusation**

make an accusation ● deny/dismiss/face/reject an accusation ● a false/wild accusation ● accusations of sth ● an accusation against sb ● an accusation by/from sb

accusation /,ækju:'zeɪʃn/ *noun* [C] when you say that someone has done something bad *He **made** a number of **accusations** against his former colleagues.*

accusative /ə'kju:zətɪv/ *noun* [U] **LANGUAGE** the form of a noun, pronoun or adjective which is used in some languages to show that the word is the direct object of a verb ● **accusative** *adjective*

○ **accuse** /ə'kju:z/ *verb* [T] to say that someone has done something bad *He was **falsely** **accused** of murder.* [+ of + doing sth] *She **accused** Andrew of lying to her.* ● **accuser** *noun* [C]

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the accused /ə'kju:zd/ *noun* formal **LAW** the person or people who are accused of a crime in a court of law

accusing /ə'kju:zɪŋ/ *adjective* showing that you think someone is responsible for something bad *Why are you **giving** me that **accusing** look?* ● **accusingly** *adverb* *She looked at me **accusingly**.*

accustom /ə'kʌstəm/ *verb*
accustom yourself to sth/doing sth *phrasal verb* to experience something often enough for it to seem normal to you

accustomed /ə'kʌstəmd/ *adjective* **accustomed to sth/doing sth** If you are accustomed to something, you have experienced it often enough for it to seem normal to you. *I've **worked** nights for years now so I've **grown accustomed** to it.*

ace¹ /eɪs/ *noun* [C] **1** a playing card with one symbol on it, that has the highest or lowest value in many games **2** **SPORT** when the first shot by a tennis player is too good for the other player to hit back

ace² /eɪs/ *adjective* informal very good

acetic acid /ə'sɪtɪk'æsɪd/ *noun* [U] **CHEMISTRY** a colourless acid with a strong smell which is contained in vinegar

acetone /'æstəʊn/ *noun* [U] **CHEMISTRY** a strong-smelling colourless liquid which is used in the production of various chemicals and is sometimes added to paint to make it thinner

acetylene /ə'setəli:n/ *noun* [U] **CHEMISTRY** a colourless gas which burns with a very hot bright flame, used in cutting and joining metal (formula C₂H₂)

ache¹ /eɪk/ *noun* [C] **HEALTH** a feeling of pain over an area of your body which continues for a long time *There's a **dull ache** in my right shoulder.* ⇨ See also: **stomach ache**

ache² /eɪk/ *verb* [I] **HEALTH** If a part of your body aches, it is painful. *My legs **ache** after all that exercise.*

○ **achieve** /ə'tʃi:v/ *verb* [T] to succeed in doing something good, usually by working hard *I've **achieved** my ambition* ○ *I've been **working** all day but I feel I've **achieved** nothing.* ● **achievable** *adjective* possible to achieve ***achievable** goals* ● **achiever** *noun* [C] *He's from a family of **high achievers*** (= very successful people).

WORD PARTNERS FOR **achievement**

a great/notable/outstanding/remarkable achievement ● sb's crowning achievement ● a sense of achievement

achievement /ə'tʃi:vmənt/ *noun* **1** [GOOD THING] [C] something good that you achieve *This film is his **greatest achievement** to date.* **2** [SUCCESS] [U] when you succeed in doing something good, usually by working hard *You get such a **sense of achievement** when you finish the course.*

acid¹ /'æsɪd/ *noun* [C, U] **CHEMISTRY** one of several liquid substances with a pH of less than 7 which react with other substances, often burning or dissolving them *hydrochloric acid*

acid² /'æsɪd/ *adjective* **1** **CHEMISTRY** (also **acidic** /ə'sɪdɪk/) containing acid, or having similar

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O** Important words to learn

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acre

qualities to an acid *acid soil* ○ *an acid smell/taste* **2 acid remark/comment, etc** an unkind remark that criticizes someone

acidify /ə'sɪdɪfaɪ/ *verb* [I, T] **CHEMISTRY** to become an acid or to make something become an acid

acidity /ə'sɪdɪti/ *noun* [U] **CHEMISTRY** the amount of acid in a substance or in your stomach

acid rain *noun* [U] **ENVIRONMENT** rain that contains chemicals from pollution and damages plants, etc

acid salt *noun* [C] **CHEMISTRY** a chemical compound that is formed when an acid has reacted with another substance to produce salt and water

acid test *noun* [C usually singular] a sure test of whether something is true or of good quality

WORD PARTNERS FOR acknowledge

be **generally/widely/universally** acknowledged • **acknowledge** sb/sth **as/to** be sth

acknowledge /ə'k'nɒlɪdʒ/ *verb* [T] **1 [ACCEPT]** to accept that something is true or exists [+ (that)] *He acknowledged that there was a problem.* **2 [LETTER]** to tell someone, usually in a letter, that you have received something *they sent you* *Send a letter acknowledging receipt of his application.* **3 [SAY HELLO]** to let someone know that you have seen them, usually by saying hello *She didn't even acknowledge my presence.*

acknowledgement (also **acknowledgment**) /ə'k'nɒlɪdʒmənt/ *noun* **1 [ACCEPT] [C, U]** when you accept that something is true or exists *There was no acknowledgement of the extent of the problem.* **2 [LETTER] [C]** a letter telling you that someone has received something that you sent them **3 [BOOK] [C]** something written at the front of a book by the author to thank people who have helped them [usually plural] *His name appears in the acknowledgements.*

acne /'ækni/ *noun* [U] **HEALTH** a skin problem that young people often have that causes spots on the face

acorn /'eɪkɔːn/ *noun* [C] **BIOLOGY** an oval nut which grows on oak trees

acoustic /ə'kɔːstɪk/ *adjective* **1 MUSIC** [always before noun] An acoustic musical instrument does not use electricity. *an acoustic guitar* **2 PHYSICS** relating to sound and hearing

acoustics /ə'kɔːstɪks/ *noun* [plural] **PHYSICS** the way in which the shape of a room affects the quality of sound *The acoustics of the hall were terrible.*

acquaintance /ə'kwentns/ *noun* [C] someone who you know but do not know well *He's just a business acquaintance.*

acquainted /ə'kwentɪd/ *adjective* [never before noun] **formal 1** If you are acquainted with someone, you have met them but do not know them well. *We're already acquainted - we met at Elaine's party.* **2 be acquainted with sth** to know about something *I'm afraid I'm not yet acquainted with the system.*

acquiesce /ækwi'es/ *verb* [I] **formal** to agree to something, often when you do not want to • **acquiescence** *noun* [U] **formal**

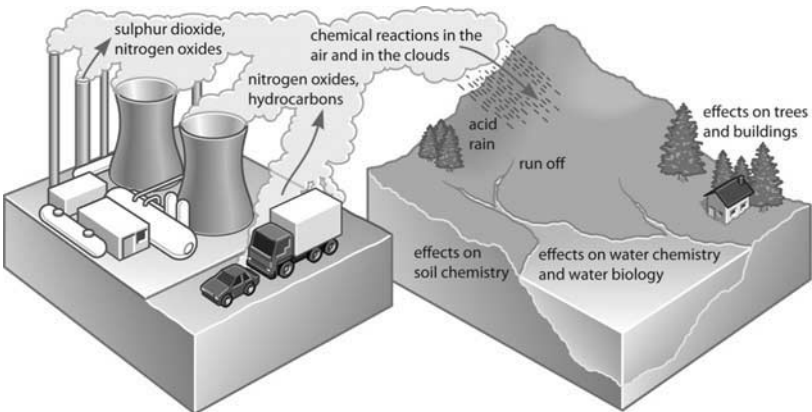
acquire /ə'kwɪə/ *verb* [T] **1 [GET]** to get something *I managed to acquire a copy of the report.* **2 [LEARN]** to learn something to **acquire knowledge/skills**

acquisition /ækwi'zɪʃn/ *noun* **1 [PROCESS] [U]** the process of learning or getting something *children's acquisition of language* **2 [NEW THING] [C]** something that you get, usually by buying it *And the hat - is that a recent acquisition?*

acquit /ə'kwɪt/ *verb* [T] **acquitting, past acquitted** **LAW** If someone is acquitted of a crime, a court of law decides that they are not guilty. [often passive] *Both men were acquitted of murder.*

acquittal /ə'kwɪtəl/ *noun* [C, U] **LAW** when a court of law decides that someone is not guilty of a crime

acre /'eɪkə/ *noun* [C] **MEASURES** a unit for measuring area, equal to 4047 square metres ☞ See Extra help page **Numbers and measurements** on page Centre 24



the formation of acid rain

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acrid /'ækrid/ *adjective* An acrid smell is unpleasant and causes a burning feeling in your throat.

acrimonious /,ækri'məniəs/ *adjective* involving a lot of anger, disagreement, and bad feelings an **acrimonious divorce** ● **acrimony** /'ækri'məni/ *noun* [U] angry, bad feelings between people

acrobat /'ækroʊbət/ *noun* [C] someone who entertains people by performing difficult physical acts, such as walking on a wire high above the ground ● **acrobatic** /,ækroʊ'bætɪk/ *adjective* ● **acrobatics** /,ækroʊ'bætɪks/ *noun* [plural] the actions of an acrobat

acronym /'ækronɪm/ *noun* [C] **LANGUAGE** a word made from the first letters of other words **AIDS** is the acronym for 'acquired immune deficiency syndrome'.

○ **across** /ə'krɒs/ *adverb, preposition* 1 [SIDES] from one side of something to the other *I was walking across the road.* ○ *They've built a new bridge across the river.* 2 [OPPOSITE] on the opposite side of *There's a library just across the street.* 3 [MEASURE] used after a measurement to show how wide something is *The window measures two metres across.*

acrylic /ə'krɪlɪk/ *noun* **DT** 1 [U] a type of cloth or plastic produced by chemical processes 2 [C usually singular] a type of paint ● **acrylic adjective** *acrylic paints*

○ **act¹** /ækt/ *verb* 1 [BEHAVE] [I] to behave in a particular way to *act responsibly* ○ *Jeff's been acting strangely recently.* ○ *Stop acting like a child!* 2 [DO SOMETHING] [I] to do something, especially in order to solve a problem *We have to act now to stop the spread of this disease.* 3 [PERFORM] [I, T] to perform in a play or film *He's acted in a number of successful Hollywood films.*

act as sth *phrasal verb* 1 [JOB] to do a particular job, especially one you do not normally do *He was asked to act as an adviser on the project.*

2 [EFFECT] to have a particular effect *Caffeine acts as a stimulant.*

act sth out *phrasal verb* to perform the actions and words of a situation or story *The children acted out a verse from their favourite poem.*

act up *phrasal verb* If someone, especially a child, acts up, they behave badly.

 **WORD PARTNERS FOR act**

an act of sth ● **commit** an act ● a **barbaric/cowardly** act ● a **criminal/terrorist** act

act² /ækt/ *noun* 1 [DO] [C] something that someone does an **act of terrorism/kindness** 2 **LAW** [C] a law made by a government an **act of Congress/Parliament** 3 **LITERATURE** [C] one of the parts a play is divided into *Her character doesn't appear until Act 2.* 4 [PERFORMERS] [C] one or several performers who perform for a short while in a show a **comedy double act** 5 [FALSE BEHAVIOUR] [no plural] behaviour which hides your real feelings or intentions *Was she really upset or was that just an act?* 6 **in the act (of doing sth)** doing something wrong *I caught him in the act of opening one of my letters.* 7 **get your act together** *informal* to organize your activities so that you can make progress 8 **get in on the act** *informal* to become involved in

something successful that someone else has started

acting¹ /'æktɪŋ/ *adjective* **acting chairman/director, etc** someone who does a job for a short time while the person who usually does it is not there

acting² /'æktɪŋ/ *noun* [U] the job of performing in plays and films *He's trying to get into acting.*

○ **action** /'ækʃn/ *noun* 1 [DO] [C, U] something that you do *She has to accept the consequences of her actions.* ○ *We must take action* (= do something) *before the problem gets worse.* ○ *So what do you think is the best course of action* (= way of dealing with the situation)? ○ *It was the first time I'd seen firemen in action* (= doing a particular activity). 2 [ACTIVITY] [U] things which are happening, especially exciting or important things *He likes films with a lot of action.* ☞ **Opposite inaction** 3 **out of action** damaged or hurt and not able to operate or play sports *They've got three players out of action.* 4 **legal action** **LAW** a legal process in a court *They are planning to take legal action against the company.* 5 [FIGHTING] [U] fighting in a war *He was killed in action* (= while fighting). 6 [PROCESS] [no plural] a movement or natural process *The rocks are smoothed by the action of water.* ☞ See also: **industrial action**, be all talk² (and no action)

action-packed /'ækʃn,pækt/ *adjective* An action-packed film or story has a lot of exciting events.

action replay *UK (US instant replay) noun* [C] when part of a film of a sporting event is shown again, often more slowly

activate /'æktɪveɪt/ *verb* [T] to make something start working *The alarm can be activated by a laser beam.*

○ **active** /'æktɪv/ *adjective* 1 [INVOLVED] very involved in an organization or planned activity *He played an active role in the campaign.* 2 [BUSY] doing a lot of things, or moving around a lot *Even at the age of 80 she's still very active.*

3 **LANGUAGE** An active verb or sentence is one in which the subject of the verb is the person or thing doing the action. For example 'Andy drove the car.' is an active sentence. ☞ Compare **passive** 4 **GEOLOGY** An active volcano could throw out rocks, fire, etc at any time.

active immunity *noun* [U] **HEALTH** when the body produces its own antibodies (= substances in the blood that fight disease)

actively /'æktɪvli/ *adverb* in a way that causes something to happen *He actively encourages me to spend money.*

active transport *noun* [U] **BIOLOGY** the process by which molecules can pass through a membrane (= thin layer of tissue) from an area where there are not many of them into an area where there are a lot of them

activist /'æktɪvɪst/ *noun* [C] **POLITICS** someone who tries to cause social or political change a **political activist** ● **activism** *noun* [U]

 **WORD PARTNERS FOR activity**

do/perform an activity ● **frantic/strenuous** activity ● **outdoor/leisure** activity ● a **flurry** of activity

- **activity** /æk'tɪvəti/ *noun* **1** [EVENT] [C] something which you do for enjoyment, especially an organized event *The centre offers a range of activities, such as cycling, swimming, and tennis.* **2** [WORK] [C, U] the work of a group or organization to achieve an aim *criminal/terrorist activities* **3** [MOVEMENT] [U] when a lot of things are happening or people are moving around *There was a sudden flurry of activity (= short period of activity) at the back of the hall.* ☞ Opposite **inactivity**
- **actor** /'æktə/ *noun* [C] someone, especially a man, whose job is to perform in plays and films
- **actress** /'æktɹəs/ *noun* [C] a woman whose job is to perform in plays and films
- **actual** /'æktʃuəl/ *adjective* **1** real, not guessed or imagined *We were expecting about fifty people, though the actual number was a lot higher.* **2** in **actual fact** UK really *It was due to start at ten, but in actual fact, it didn't begin until nearly eleven.*

COMMON LEARNER ERROR

actual or current ?

Actual means 'real'. It does not mean 'happening now'. *His friends call him Jo-Jo, but his actual name is John.*

Use **current** to talk about things which are happening or which exist now.

She started her current job two years ago.

- **actually** /'æktʃuəli/ *adverb* **1** [TRUTH] used when you are saying what is the truth of a situation *He didn't actually say anything important.* **2** [SURPRISE] used when you are saying something surprising *She sounds English but she's actually Spanish.* ○ *Did you actually meet the President?* **3** [MISTAKE] mainly UK used when you are disagreeing with someone or saying no to a request *"You didn't tell me." "Actually, I did."* ○ *"Do you mind if I smoke?" "Actually, I'd rather you didn't."*

acumen /'ækjʊmən/ *noun* [U] the ability to make good judgments and decisions *business/political acumen*

acupuncture /'ækjʊpʌŋktʃə/ *noun* [U] **HEALTH** a way of treating pain or illness by putting thin needles into different parts of the body

acute /ə'kjʊt/ *adjective*

1 An acute problem or negative feeling is extreme. *There's an acute shortage of medical staff.* ○ *acute pain* ○ *acute anxiety* **2**

MATHEMATICS An acute angle is less than 90 degrees. **3** quick to notice or understand things *an acute mind* ○ *Dogs rely on their acute sense of smell.*

acute 'accent' *noun* [C] **LANGUAGE** a mark which is written above a letter in some languages, e.g. 'é', showing you how to pronounce the letter



acute angle

acutely /ə'kjʊtli/ *adverb* very strongly *I was acutely aware of how Alex felt about the situation.*

AD /,eɪ'di:/ *abbreviation* for Anno Domini: used to show that a particular year came after the birth of Christ *1066 AD*

ad /æd/ *noun* [C] an advertisement ☞ See also: **classified ad**

adagio /ə'dɑ:ɪdʒiəʊ/ *noun* [C] **MUSIC** a piece of classical music (= serious music by a composer such as Mozart) that should be played slowly

adamant /'ædəmənt/ *adjective* very sure of what you think and not willing to change your opinion [+ (that)] *They are adamant that they have not broken any rules.* ● **adamantly** *adverb*

Adam's apple /,ædəmz'æpl/ *noun* [C] **ANATOMY** the lump in a man's throat that you can see moving up and down when he speaks or swallows

adapt /ə'dæpt/ *verb* **1** [CHANGE BEHAVIOUR] [I] to change your behaviour so that it is suitable for a new situation *It takes time to adapt to a new working environment.* **2** [CHANGE SOMETHING] [T] to change something so that it is suitable for a different use or situation *Courses have to be adapted for different markets.* **3** [BOOK] [T] to change a book or play so that it can be made into a film or television programme *Both novels have been adapted for television.*

adaptable /ə'dæptəbl/ *adjective* able to change to suit different situations or uses ● **adaptability** /ə'dæptə'bɪləti/ *noun* [U]

adaptation /,ædəp'teɪʃən/ *noun* **1** [FILM] [C] a film, television programme, or play which has been made from a book **2** [CHANGE] [C, U] the process or act of changing to suit a new situation *Evolution occurs as a result of adaptation to new environments.*

adapter (also **adaptor**) /ə'dæptə/ *noun* [C] something that is used for connecting two or more pieces of electrical equipment to an electrical supply

○ **add** /æd/ *verb* **1** [PUT WITH] [T] to put something with something else *Add the eggs to the cream.* **2** [INCREASE] [I, T] to increase an amount or level *Then there's the service charge which adds another ten percent to the bill.* **3** [SAY MORE] [T] to say another thing [+ that] *She said she liked him but added that he was difficult to work with.* **4** **MATHEMATICS** [T] to put two or more numbers or amounts together to get a total ☞ See also: **add insult** to injury

add (sth) up *phrasal verb* **MATHEMATICS** to put numbers together in order to reach a total *When you add up everything we've spent, it's cost well over £200.*

not add up *phrasal verb* *informal* If something does not add up, you cannot believe it is true. *She gave me an explanation but somehow it doesn't add up.*

adder /'ædə/ *noun* [C] a small, poisonous snake

addict /'ædɪkt/ *noun* [C] **1** **HEALTH** someone who cannot stop taking a drug *a heroin/drug addict* **2** *informal* someone who likes something very much and does it or has it very

addicted

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O⁺ Important words to learn

often a TV/computer game addict ◦ She admits to being a crossword addict.

addicted /ə'dɪktɪd/ *adjective* **1 HEALTH** not able to stop taking a drug *He later became addicted to heroin.* **2 informal** liking something very much and doing or having it too often *He's addicted to chocolate/football.*

WORD PARTNERS FOR **addiction**

fight/have/suffer from an addiction • **alcohol/drug/gambling** addiction • **addiction to** sth

addiction /ə'dɪkʃən/ *noun* [C, U] **HEALTH** when you cannot stop doing or taking something because you are addicted to it

addictive /ə'dɪktɪv/ *adjective* **HEALTH** If something is addictive, it makes you want more of it so that you become addicted. *Tobacco is highly addictive.*

addition /ə'dɪʃən/ *noun* **1 in addition (to sth)** added to what already exists or happens, or more than you already do or have *In addition to teaching, she works as a nurse in the holidays.* **2 MATHEMATICS** [U] the process of adding numbers or amounts together in order to get a total **3** [C] a new or extra thing which is added to something *Defender Matt Smith is the latest addition to the team.*

additional /ə'dɪʃənəl/ *adjective* extra to what already exists *We plan to take on an additional ten employees over the next year.* • **additionally** *adverb*

addition reaction *noun* [C] **CHEMISTRY** a chemical reaction where two whole molecules join together to form one larger molecule

additive /'ædɪtɪv/ *noun* [C] **FOOD** a chemical which is added to food in order to make it taste or look better or to keep it fresh

add-on /'ædɒn/ *noun* [C] **COMPUTING** a piece of equipment that can be connected to a computer to give it an extra use

WORD PARTNERS FOR **address**

give sb your address • **your business/home/work address** • **a change of address**

address¹ /ə'dres/ (S) /'ædres/ *noun* [C] **1 BUILDING DETAILS** the details of where a building is, including the building number, road name, town, etc **2 INTERNET** a series of letters, signs, or numbers used to send email to someone or to reach a page of information on the Internet *an email/web address* **3 SPEECH** a formal speech to a group of people ◊ See also: **forwarding address, public address system**

address² /ə'dres/ *verb* [T] **1 BUILDING DETAILS** to write a name or address on an envelope or parcel *A parcel arrived addressed to Emma.* **2 DEAL WITH** to deal with a problem *We have to address the issue/problem before it gets worse.* **3 SPEAK** formal to speak to someone, or to give a speech to an audience *Today she will be addressing a major conference in London.* **4 address sb as sth** formal to give someone a particular name or title when you speak or write to them *Do you think I should address him as 'Mr Benson' or 'Albert'?*

address book (US 'address book) *noun* [C] **1 COMPUTING** a computer document that keeps a

list of names and email addresses **2** a book in which you keep a list of names and addresses

adept /'ædept/ *adjective* good at doing something difficult *She's very adept at dealing with the media.*

adequate /'ædɪkwət/ *adjective* **1 ENOUGH** enough *I didn't have adequate time to prepare.* **2 QUITE GOOD** good enough, but not very good *The sound quality isn't exceptional but it's adequate for everyday use.* ◊ Opposite **inadequate** • **adequately** *adverb* *Make sure you are adequately equipped for the journey.*

adhere /ə'dhɪə/ *verb* [I] formal to stick to a surface

adhere to sth *phrasal verb* to obey a rule or principle *We always adhere strictly to the guidelines.*

adherence /ə'dhɪərəns/ *noun* [U] formal when someone obeys a set of rules or principles

adherent *noun* [C] formal someone who obeys a particular set of rules, principles, etc

adhesive /ə'dhɪsɪv/ *noun* [C] **DT** a substance used for sticking things together • **adhesive** *adjective*

ad hoc /'æd'hɒk/ *adjective* not regular or planned, but happening only when necessary *We meet on an ad hoc basis.*

adipose /'ædɪpəʊs/ *adjective* [always before noun] **BIOLOGY** of animal fat *adipose tissue*

adjacent /ə'dʒeɪsnt/ *adjective* formal If two things are adjacent, they are next to each other. *The fire started in an adjacent building.* ◦ *They live in a house adjacent to the railway.*

adjacent angle *noun* [C] **MATHEMATICS** one of two angles that are formed when one angle is divided by a straight line

adjective /'ædʒɪktɪv/ *noun* [C] **LANGUAGE** a word that describes a noun or pronoun. The words 'big', 'boring', 'purple', and 'obvious' are all adjectives. • **adjectival** /'ædʒɪk'tɪvəl/ *adjective* containing or used like an adjective *an adjectival phrase*

adjoining /ə'dʒɔɪnɪŋ/ *adjective* next to and joined to something *an adjoining room*

adjourn /ə'dʒɔɪn/ *verb* [I, T] formal to stop a meeting, especially a legal process, for a period of time or until a later date *The judge adjourned the case until March 31.* • **adjournment** *noun* [C]

adjudicate /ə'dʒu:dɪkeɪt/ *verb* [I, T] formal **LAW** to make an official judgment or decision about a competition or disagreement *Occasionally, he has to adjudicate on a pensions matter.* • **adjudication** /ə'dʒu:dɪ'keɪʃən/ *noun* [U] • **adjudicator** *noun* [C]

adjust /ə'dʒʌst/ *verb* **1 CHANGE** [T] to change something slightly so that it works better, fits better, or is more suitable *You can adjust the heat using this switch here.* ◦ *The figures need to be adjusted for inflation.* **2 BEHAVE** [I] to change the way you behave or think in order to suit a new situation *They found it hard adjusting to life in a new country.*

adjustable /ə'dʒʌstəbəl/ *adjective* able to be changed slightly in order to suit different people or situations *an adjustable seat*

| ə: ɑ: ɪm | ɜ: her | i: see | ɔ: saw | u: too | ɑɪ my | ɔ: how | eə hair | eɪ day | əu no | ɪə near | ɔɪ boy | ʊə poor | ɑ: ɪə fire | əʊə sour |