

Words	Parts of Speech	Dictionary Definition	Short Sentences (bold relevant parts to show where we put stress/emphasis); divided into syllables	
personification	Noun	The representation of objects or qualities as humans, in literature.	The poet uses personification when she describes the fire as angry.	
pessimist	Noun	A person who always expects bad things to happen.	The pessimists predicted that South Africa would lose the rugby match.	Antonym: optimist
philanthropic	Adjective	The practice of helping the poor and those in need, especially by giving money.	The philanthropic man donated a hundred blankets to the homeless shelter.	Synonym: charitable Antonym: selfish
photographic	Adjective	Connected with photographs or photography.	The photographic equipment was damaged during the protest march.	
phrase	Noun	A small group of words without a finite verb that form part of a sentence.	'The yellow duck' is a phrase .	
piano	Noun	A large musical instrument that you play by pressing the black and white keys on the keyboard.	Alice plays the piano in the school orchestra.	
picnic	Noun	An outing where you pack a meal and take it to eat outdoors.	My mother boiled some eggs for our picnic in the park this afternoon.	
pierce	Verb	To make a small hole in something, or to go through something, with a sharp object.	Jenna is going to pierce her ears this afternoon at the pharmacy.	Synonym: puncture
pilgrim	Noun	A person who travels to a holy place for religious reasons.	Every year, hundreds of Islamic pilgrims travel to Mecca.	

pirate	Noun	<p>A person on a ship who attacks other ships at sea in order to steal from them.</p> <p>A person who makes illegal copies of DVDs, computer programs or books.</p>	<p>The pirate boarded the ship and ransacked the captain's treasury.</p> <p>The police confiscated hundreds of CDs that had been made by pirates.</p>	
pitcher	Noun	<p>A large clay container with a small opening and one or two handles, used for holding liquids.</p> <p>The player who throws the ball to the batter in baseball.</p>	<p>The farmer gave me a pitcher of milk.</p> <p>The pitcher hurt his arm while throwing the ball.</p>	Homonym
placing	Noun Verb	<p>The position of somebody or something in a race or a competition.</p> <p>To put something somewhere.</p>	<p>I need a high placing if I want to get into the Spelling Bee finals.</p> <p>I am placing the book on the table.</p>	<p>Homonym</p> <p>Synonym: putting Antonym: removing</p>
plankton	Noun	The very small forms of plant and animal life that live in water.	Whales eat plankton .	
planned	Verb	Having intended to do or achieve something.	I planned to visit my grandmother yesterday, but then the bus broke down.	
platter	Noun	A large plate that is used for serving food.	The cheese was arranged on a platter .	
plausible	Adjective	Reasonable and likely to be true.	Her story sounded perfectly plausible .	<p>Synonym: credible Antonym: far-fetched</p>

pleasant	Adjective	Enjoyable, pleasing or attractive. Friendly and polite	We spent a pleasant afternoon in the library. A pleasant young lady assisted me at the information desk.	Synonym: agreeable Antonym: disagreeable Synonym: affable Antonym: ill-natured
pleasure	Noun	A state of feeling or being happy or satisfied. A thing that makes you happy or satisfied.	It was a pleasure to help you. Cooking fills me with pleasure .	Synonym: contentment Antonym: displeasure
plough	Noun	A large piece of farming equipment with one or several curved blades, pulled by a tractor or by animals. It is used for digging and turning over soil, especially before seeds are planted.	The farmer bought a new plough to help him on his farm.	
pocketbook	Noun	A small book for writing in.	My mother writes down her shopping list in a pocketbook .	
possession	Noun	Having or owning something Something that you own or have with you at a particular time	The gang was caught in possession of stolen goods. My store room is cluttered with all my possessions .	
possibility	Noun	The fact that something might exist or happen, but is not certain to.	The weather report predicted a possibility of rain this weekend.	Synonym: eventuality Antonym: certainty

possible	Adjective	Something that can be done or achieved.	Eat as many vegetables as possible .	Synonym: viable Antonym: undoable
post office	Noun	The place where you buy stamps and send letters.	I mailed my uncle's card at the post office .	
postage	Noun	The cost of mailing something by post.	My mother gave me postage to mail my uncle's card.	
posted	Verb	To have mailed something by post. To be sent to work elsewhere.	I posted my uncle's card yesterday. He was posted in Zambia.	
power	Noun	Energy or electricity The ability to control people or things The political control of a country or area	We had no power because of load shedding. Jacob Zuma is a man with a lot of power . Jacob Zuma has been in power for many years.	
pranks	Noun	A trick or joke played on a person.	Young boys are fond of pranks .	
prayer	Noun	Words said to God.	I prayed that my exams would go well.	
preach	Verb	To give a religious speech in public, for example, in a church during a service.	The preacher preached a sermon about forgiveness.	
precaution	Noun	Something that is done in advance in order to prevent problems or to avoid danger.	As a precaution , I removed all my valuables from the house before the painters came.	Synonym: safeguard
prepare	Verb	To make something or somebody ready to be used or to do something.	The chef prepared the meat before the vegetables.	

presented	Verb	To have given someone something, or to have given a talk.	I presented a talk at the book club.	
presently	Adverb	Soon.	He will arrive presently .	Synonym: before long
pretend	Verb	To behave in a particular way, in order to make other people believe something that is not true To imagine that something is true as part of a game.	He pretended he had forgotten my birthday and then surprised me with flowers. The boy liked to pretend to be Harry Potter.	Synonym: bluff
prevent	Verb	To stop somebody from doing something or to stop something from happening.	Prevent your children from getting sick by feeding them oranges.	Synonym: avert
prevented	Verb	To have stopped somebody from doing something or to have stopped something from happening.	This winter I prevented my children from getting sick by feeding them oranges.	
prickle	Verb	To give somebody an unpleasant feeling on their skin, as if a lot of small sharp points are pushing into it.	The rough scarf prickled my neck.	
primary	Noun	Main, most important or basic.	My primary motivation is financial.	Synonym: main Antonym: least
principal	Adjective	Most important or main.	The principal reason she went to the mall was to see her friends.	
printer	Noun	A machine for printing on paper, especially one connected to a computer.	The printer ran out of ink.	
pristine	Adjective	Fresh and clean, as if new.	The inside of my car is pristine .	Synonym: brand-new Antonym: blemished

probability	Noun	How likely something is to happen.	There is a high probability of rain.	Synonym: likelihood Antonym: unlikelihood
probable	Adjective	Likely to happen, to exist or to be true.	It is probable that it might rain.	Synonym: credible Antonym: unlikely
problem	Noun	A thing that is difficult to deal with or to understand. A question that can be answered by using logical thought or mathematics.	His main problem is that he cannot understand maths. The mathematical problems gave him trouble.	Synonym: challenge Antonym: solution
proceeded	Verb	To have done something next, after having done something else first.	I proceeded with the holiday plans after finding out when John was free,	
process	Noun Verb	A series of things that are done in order to achieve a particular result. To subject something to a special process or treatment.	Baking a cake is an easy process . I will process the photos over the weekend.	Synonym: procedure
products	Noun	Things that are grown or produced, usually for sale. A person or thing that is the result of something. A quantity obtained by multiplying one number by another.	The grocery store sells many products . Your success is the product of your hard work. The product of two and four is eight.	

profit	Noun	The money that you make in business or by selling things.	The movie industry boasted record profits last year.	Synonym: earnings Antonym: loss
	Verb	To benefit from something.	I will profit from our friendship.	
programme	Noun	A plan of things that will be done or included in the development of something.	The programme of events included an outing to the zoo.	
		Something that people watch on television or listen to on the radio.	Isidingo is my mother's favourite television programme .	
promised	Verb	To have told somebody that you will definitely do or not do something or that something will definitely happen.	I promised that I would finish my homework this afternoon.	
		To make something seem likely to happen or to show signs of something.	The new movie promises to be excellent.	
promotion	Noun	A move to a more important job or rank in a company or an organization.	My promotion meant I moved into a bigger office.	
		Activities done in order to increase the sales of a product or service or a set of advertisements for a particular product or service.	Beyonce had many concerts for the promotion of her new album.	
		An activity that encourages people to believe in the value or importance of something, or that helps something to succeed.	The promotion of reading is central to education.	

prompt	Adjective	<p>Done without delay.</p> <p>Acting without delay or arriving at the right time.</p>	<p>Your prompt response will be appreciated.</p> <p>My friends are never prompt, so I always have to wait for them at restaurants.</p>	<p>Synonym: immediate Antonym: belated</p> <p>Synonym: alert Antonym: late</p>
promptness	Adjective	<p>Being on time or acting without delay.</p>	<p>Promptness is a crucial quality at the office.</p>	<p>Synonym: punctuality Antonym: tardiness</p>
pronounce	Verb	<p>To say a word in a certain way.</p> <p>To say or give something formally, officially or publicly.</p>	<p>One does not pronounce the 'k' in the word 'knee'.</p> <p>I now pronounce you husband and wife.</p>	
pronunciation	Noun	<p>The way in which a language or a particular word or sound is pronounced.</p>	<p>Her pronunciation made it difficult to understand what she was saying.</p>	
propel	Verb	<p>To move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction.</p> <p>To force somebody to move in a particular direction or to get into a particular situation.</p>	<p>The engine propels the car.</p> <p>I propelled him into taking the job.</p>	<p>Synonym: move</p>

proposed	Verb	<p>To have suggested a plan or an idea for people to think about and decide on.</p> <p>To have intended to have done something.</p> <p>To have asked somebody to marry you.</p>	<p>She proposed that we rethink the plan to use white paper at the office.</p> <p>I proposed that we should feed the pigeons.</p> <p>Jake proposed to Maria last night, and she accepted.</p>	Synonym: suggested
protest	<p>Noun</p> <p>Verb</p>	<p>The expression of strong disagreement with or opposition to something.</p> <p>To show your dissatisfaction with something.</p>	<p>The service delivery protest march ended in chaos.</p> <p>I protest against this unfair discrimination.</p>	Synonym: object
proven	Adjective	<p>Tested and shown to be true.</p>	Drinking Oros has been proven to be bad for your health.	
psychology	Noun	The scientific study of the mind and how it influences behavior.	The psychology of children has attracted a lot of research.	
publish	Verb	<p>To produce a book or magazine and sell it to the public.</p> <p>To print a letter or an article in a newspaper or magazine.</p>	<p>I aim to publish my novel after I have finished writing it.</p> <p>The newspaper published the letter I wrote to the editor.</p>	
punctuate	Verb	<p>To interrupt something at intervals.</p> <p>To divide writing into sentences and phrases by using special marks.</p>	<p>After running to catch the bus, our conversation was punctuated with gasps for breath.</p> <p>The teacher told the class to punctuate their essays correctly.</p>	

punctuation	Noun	The marks used in writing that divide sentences and phrases.	A comma is a punctuation mark.	
punishment	Noun	An act or a way of punishing somebody.	The punishment for committing theft is to go to jail.	Antonym: reward
purchase	Noun	To buy something. Something that you have bought.	I need to purchase a new coat for winter. He was happy with his purchase .	
purify	Verb	To remove impurities.	To purify water you put it through a filter.	Antonym: sully
purple	Noun	Having the colour of blue and red mixed together	My favourite colour is purple	
quaint	Adjective	Charming in an old-fashioned way.	The quaint shop sells vintage teapots.	
qualification	Noun	An exam that you have passed or a course of study that you have successfully completed.	I have a qualification in law.	
quality	Noun	The standard of something when it is compared to other things like it, or how good or bad something is. A thing that is part of a person's character, especially something good.	The handbag is made from high quality leather. Honesty is a good quality to have.	
quantity	Noun	An amount or a number of something.	The shop has a vast quantity of onions.	

quieting	Verb	To make something quiet.	I am quieting the baby.	
	Adjective	Something that becomes quiet.	The noise is quieting .	
quitting	Verb	To be leaving your job or school.	She is quitting her job.	
		To be in the process of stopping to do something.	My father is quitting smoking.	
quotation	Noun	A group of words or a short piece of writing taken from a book, play, or speech, and repeated because it is interesting or useful.	The quotation from Maya Angelou's poem is beautiful.	
		A statement of how much money a particular piece of work will cost.	The mechanic gave me a reasonable quotation to fix my car.	
quoted	Verb	To have repeated the exact words that another person has said or written.	When I quoted Tom's words, Jane was shocked.	
		To have told a customer how much money you will charge them for a job, service or product.	The electrician quoted the family to fix their telephone.	
railway	Noun	A track with rails on which trains run.	There was a railway accident in Spain.	