

Words	Parts of Speech	Dictionary Definition	Short sentence	Lexical relationship
degrade	Verb	To treat someone in a disrespectful or humiliating way.	This film's depiction of female characters degrades women.	Synonym: demean, disgrace, humiliate Antonym: respect, exalt
degree	Noun	A unit of measure. An amount or level. The qualification earned at a college or university.	We were freezing in the 10 degree cold weather. We can only hold her responsible to a certain degree. She worked hard for her law degree .	Synonym: amount, extent
delivered	Verb	To be brought to an agreed-upon destination.	The package was delivered to her house.	Synonym: brought, provided, supplied Antonym: kept, hold, confined
denial	Noun	The state of insisting that something is not true. To refuse a person something.	He is in denial about his parents' divorce. The denial of the squatters' rights caused them to protest.	Synonym: contradiction, repudiation Antonym: confirmation, agreement
denominator	Noun	The number in a fraction indicating the whole.	In a quarter, the denominator is four.	Synonym: sum, total
deposit	Noun	The first amount of money paid in a series of payments. An amount of money that is put into a bank account. The money paid when renting something that is returned to the renter when the rented item has not been damaged.	To begin with, he asked for a deposit of R200.00. My mother makes a deposit at the end of every month after she receives her salary.	Synonym: down payment, instalment Antonym: withdrawal

depressed	adjective	The state of feeling very sad. To be lower.	He was depressed about losing his job. There was a hole in the grass where the land was depressed .	Synonym: sad, melancholy Antonym: joyful, buoyant, positive
describe	Verb	To communicate the properties of something or someone.	Can you please describe the fastest route to town?	Synonym: report, relate, outline Antonym: obscure
desert	Noun	A stretch of land in which nothing or very little can grow.	They were afraid of dying of exposure to the sun in the desert .	Synonym: wasteland Antonym: fertile, verdant
	Verb	To leave a position which one is required to occupy.	The worst thing you can do is desert your friends in their time of need.	Synonym: leave, abandon Antonym: support, reinforce
deserve	Verb	To have acted in a way that justifies the way people treat you or an item that is given to you.	We deserve a medal after all our hard work.	Synonym: earn, merit
design	Verb	To create or plan the creation of something.	Her design of the building was elegant and professional.	Synonym: plan, outline
	Noun	The plan for the creation of something.	According to his design of the wedding dress, there should be pearls on the sleeve.	Synonym: Plan, outline
detached	Adjective	To be disconnected from something.	The bathrooms were detached from the rest of the house.	Synonym: disconnected
		To be unemotional.	He found her detached expression cold and inhuman.	Antonym: attached, connected
detract	Verb	To lower the quality or enjoyment of something.	The rainy weather detracted from the perfection of his wedding day.	Synonym: lessen Antonym: add, enhance

diameter	Noun	A straight line that passes from one side of a circular shape to the other.	When we measured the hole along the diameter , it seemed big enough to hold all the water.	
diaphragm	Noun	The muscles which control breathing. A piece of material in phones or speakers used to convert signals into sound and sound into signals.	She explained how the diaphragm moves when we breathe. He was sure the phone would not work because the diaphragm was broken.	
dictionary	Noun	A book containing information providing the definitions and other information about words officially recognized as part of a language.	We looked up the meanings of difficult words in the dictionary .	
diesel	Noun	A type of fuel.	The use of diesel in cars is very harmful to the environment.	
different	Adjective	To have features that makes something unlike another thing.	The two sisters were as different as night and day.	Synonym: varied, diverse Antonym: similar
difficult	Adjective	To require effort and be uncomfortable or impossible to deal with.	My math homework was so difficult that I asked my mother to help me.	Synonym: hard Antonym: easy
dimension	Noun	The measurement of height, width and length in a space.	We decided that the dimensions of the furniture were too big for the living room.	Synonym: measurement
dinosaur	Noun	A prehistoric animal that has been extinct for millions of years.	We saw the skeletons of dinosaurs at the museum.	
direction	Noun	An indication of location.	We had to turn around when we realised we were going in the wrong direction .	Synonym: location
discourage	Verb	To make someone feel as if they cannot or should not do something.	My parents have always discouraged me from being untidy.	Synonym: dissuade Antonym: encourage

discover	Verb	To find something unknown, unexpected or hidden.	I wished to discover a place where the bullies could not find me.	Synonym: find Antonym: lose, hide
disease	Noun	A problem with the body that results in sickness.	We lost hope when we were told the disease was spreading.	Synonym: virus, sickness, infection Antonym: Cure
disguise	Noun	A way of hiding the true identity of someone or something.	Her disguise was so clever that we never recognised her.	Synonym: Mask Antonym: Revelation
	Verb	To hide the true identity of something.	Thy managed to get inside the prison by disguising themselves as guards.	Synonym: Conceal Antonym: Reveal
dispose	Verb	To get rid of something.	She instructed us to dispose of the rubbish immediately.	Synonym: discard Antonym: Keep
		To make someone likely to act a certain way.	The gift will dispose him to be kind to us.	
distance	Noun	A measurement of space between two points.	We could see her red house far off in the distance .	Synonym: space
		The difference between two things.	There is a great distance between being brave and being without fear.	
		A lack of love or friendship between two people.	There is a growing distance between the two brothers.	
distraction	Noun	Something which catches attention and directs it elsewhere. Something which takes your attention away from what needs to be done.	The explosion caused a distraction that allowed her to escape. The baby's crying was a constant distraction .	Synonym: Diversion Antonym: enthrallment

distraught	Adjective	To be distracted or irrational as a result of being very upset	He was distraught after the death of his mother.	Synonym: Upset, devastated Antonym: Calm, collected
division	Noun	The separation of one thing into two or more things that can then be separated from each other.	The division of the cake was equal so that none of the children would complain.	Synonym: separation Antonym: addition, fusion
donga	Noun	A hole in the ground caused by water.	We almost fell into the donga .	Synonym: hole
doubt	Noun	A feeling of uncertainty caused by a lack of trust or lack of faith.	I doubt we will be able to reach home before dark as he promised.	Synonym: uncertainty Antonym: certainty
drawer	Noun	A storage space in a cupboard or cabinet made with a handle that can be used for pulling it open.	Her drawers were very untidy.	
drilling	Verb	The act of making a deep hole in a hard substance with the use of a machine.	The noise of the drilling made sleep impossible.	
driving	Verb	The act of controlling a car.	My mother was driving very fast when she met up in an accident.	Synonym: Steering
duiker	Noun	A small African antelope found in wooded areas.	She moves as gracefully as a duiker .	
earned	Verb	To get something for work that you do.	She earned her living as a policeman.	Synonym: deserved Antonym: undeserved
earthquake	Noun	An event in nature that causes the ground to shake.	They lost their house in the earthquake .	
easily	Adverb	To do something with little or no effort.	She completed her homework easily .	Synonym: effortlessly

eastern	Adjective	Found in the direction of the east.	The sun always rises in the east.	
eclipse	Noun	An event in nature when the earth passes between the moon and the sun so that the sun or moon is partially covered.	During the eclipse , we felt as if the day had suddenly turned into the night.	
ecosystem	Noun	The relationship between the physical environment and all the plants and living creatures within it.	Earthworms play an important role in the ecosystem because they improve soil.	Synonym: environment
edition	Noun	A book, newspaper or magazine that is part of a series.	Today's edition of the newspaper had an article on the environment.	Synonym: copy, version
effect	Noun	The result of a cause.	The effect of her rudeness was that he never visited again.	Synonym: result Antonym: Cause
egotistical	Adjective	To be self-centred or vain.	He is so egotistical that he thinks everyone wants to be like him.	Synonym: proud, vain, arrogant Antonym: humble
eighteen	Noun Adjective	The number between seventeen and nineteen.	The number eighteen was printed across his shirt. She turned eighteen years old today.	
eland	Noun	A large antelope found in Africa.	We were excited to see the eland in the game reserve.	
elastic	Noun	A rubber material that can stretch.	She used elastic to keep all the papers together.	
elbow	Noun	The joint in the body where the upper and lower arm connects.	He kept hitting me with his elbow .	
electric	Adjective	Having to do with electricity.	We prefer electric heaters to using gas.	

elegant	Adjective	Stylishly beautiful.	He looked very elegant at his matric dance.	Synonym: Stylish, beautiful, tasteful Antonym: Tasteless, plain
elephant	Noun	A large mammal found in Africa and Asia.	The ears of the African elephant are larger than the ears of the Indian elephant.	
eleven	Noun Adjective	The number between ten and twelve.	Eleven is his lucky number. There are eleven girls taking part in the race.	
embark	Verb	To set out to do something.	We will embark on our journey tomorrow.	Synonym: begin Antonym: return, finish
empire	Noun	A group of countries that are controlled by the government or leader of one country A group of companies owned by one person or company.	Many territories of the British empire only became independent in the 1960s. She has turned her mother's business into a multi-million rand empire.	
employed	Verb	To work for someone in exchange for money. To be used.	He was employed by the company for twenty years. He employed force against them to make them stop arguing.	Antonym: Unemployed
emulsify	Verb	When two liquids of different thickness combine to form a smooth mixture.	My mistake was in not allowing the mixture to emulsify before I added the third ingredient.	

enact	Verb	To act in a play. To put a law into effect.	For drama class, we enacted a scene from <i>Macbeth</i> . There were many laws against non-white people owning land enacted under the apartheid government.	Synonym: perform
enclosed	Adjective	To be surrounded by something.	They were enclosed from the outside world by the high walls of the school.	Synonym: concealed, covered Antonym: Open
endure	Verb	To experience something with pain or difficulty.	We were forced to endure being separated from our mother.	Synonym: suffer Antonym: enjoy
engineer	Noun	A person who is qualified to design and build engines, bridges, roads etc.	She had worked as an engineer and knew how machines worked.	
engrave	Verb	To carve or cut something into a hard substance.	She asked the jeweller to engrave her mother's name on the bracelet.	Synonym: cut, carve
enjoyment	Noun	To experience something with pleasure.	My enjoyment of the party was doubled when my sister arrived.	
enlarge	Verb	To make something bigger.	We were forced to enlarge the hall to make room for more guests.	Synonym: Widen, broaden Antonym: Contract, reduce, shrink
entering	Verb	To go into a place.	We saw her just as she was entering the hall.	Antonym: Exit
entitle	Verb	To give someone the right to something.	Your sports skills do not entitle you to bully your classmates.	Synonym: deserve

episode	Noun	<p>A time in someone's life.</p> <p>An event or situation in a novel or a film.</p> <p>One of the parts of a television series.</p>	<p>It was a very difficult episode of her life.</p> <p>That is my favourite episode in the book.</p> <p>Last night's episode was very funny.</p>	Synonym: Stage
erosion	Noun	The process of wearing away or being slowly destroyed.	<p>Repeated failures caused the erosion of his cheerful attitude.</p> <p>The heavy rainfall has caused an erosion of the soil.</p>	<p>Synonym: diminishing, fading</p> <p>Antonym: swell, grow</p>
establish	Verb	To settle something officially.	We must establish the rules by which we all must live by.	<p>Synonym: settle</p> <p>Antonym: Remove</p>
estimation	Noun	A guess at the value or measure of something.	In my estimation , he was a very good-hearted boy.	Synonym: guess
evergreen	Adjective	A kind of tree or bush that remains green throughout all four seasons.	The garden has many evergreen trees and is always very shady.	
evident	Adjective	To be proven or obvious.	It is evident from the report that things got out of hand.	<p>Synonym: obvious</p> <p>Antonym: unclear</p>
examine	Verb	To study something closely.	In order to find out what is making him sick, he must be examined .	Synonym: study, scrutinise