

abandon

n. [放棄] lacking restraint or control; feeling of extreme emotional intensity; unbounded enthusiasm

With her parents out of town, Kelly danced all night with abandon.

abort

v. [中止] stop; terminate before completion; terminate a pregnancy

However, most women say that the decision to abort is a difficult one.

abortion

n. [中絶] termination of pregnancy; failure of a plan

Instead of doing what many young Egyptian women in her situation do, that is, have an abortion, she went public and took the alleged father to court.

absurd

a. [不条理] preposterous; ridiculously incongruous or unreasonable; foolish

Alice thought the whole thing very absurd, but they all looked so grave that she did not dare laugh.

abuse

n. [濫用] improper use or handling; misuse

The commenter said that he had stopped seven years of girl abuse in this area, thanks to Vito.

academic

a. [学術] related to school; not practical or directly useful; relating to the scholarly organization; based on formal education

The dean's talk about reforming the college admissions system was only an academic discussion.

academy

n. [アカデミー] school for special instruction; society of scholars, scientists, or artists

The mission of our academy is actually to ensure the health and well-being of all children.

access

n. [アクセス] approach; entry; entrance

The only access to the village is by boat.

account

n. [アカウント] narrative or record of events; the reason given for a particular action or event

What is the account for this loss?

accountant

n. [会計士] one who maintains and audits business accounts

Our business and finance group is looking for a dynamic accountant to join the accounting team supporting the Company's new area.

accurate

a. [正確] capable of providing a correct reading or measurement; performing with care and precision

Can anyone tell me how accurate the English translation in the posted clip is?

accuse

v. [非難] blame; say that someone has done something morally wrong, illegal, or unkind

He then went on to accuse the West of hypocrisy in criticizing Russia's human rights record.

accused

n. [被告人] defendant or defendants in a criminal case; a person charged with an offense

The testimony expected by the accused from the witness will be regarded as having been actually taken.

acid

n. [達成] sour; water-soluble compounds having a sour taste; quality of being sarcastic, bitter, or scornful

There is a barrage of acid comments in today's newspapers.

acknowledge

v. [了承] declare to be true or admit; express obligation, thanks

Although I acknowledge that the Beatles' tunes sound pretty dated today, I still prefer them to my brothers' songs.

address

v. [アドレス] make a formal speech to; deal with or discuss; direct efforts or attention of

Brown planned to address the issue of low-income housing in his speech.

adjust

v. [調整] change something slightly, especially to make it more correct, effective, or suitable

The opera house was handed over by the builders nearly a year ago, but it's taken many months to install new stage machinery and to adjust the acoustics.

administration

n. [管理] management; supervision; people who are in charge of management; the activity of government for powers and duties

Obviously, the key person in administration is the man in the White House.

adopt

v. [採用] accept; take on; raise; take into one's family

In a late-night session, the United States, which has blocked most recent efforts to adopt resolutions on the Middle East, put forward its own proposal.

adore

v. [崇拜] worship with profound reverence; pay divine honors to; regard with the utmost esteem and affection

All the girls in our school adore the handsome mathematics teacher who happens to be a bachelor.

adult

n. [大人] one who has attained maturity or legal age; fully grown

It is not clear from the video if the adult is a man or woman, but he or she is facing charges of endangering a child's welfare.

affect

v. [影響] have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

The move is likely to affect women and girls worldwide as international brands such as Mango and Zara have signed up to the agreement.

affection

n. [愛情] fondness; tender feeling toward another; fondness

I happen to think that the physical expression of love and affection is just about the best thing we humans do.

afford

v. [余裕] pay; provide; have the financial means for; bear the cost of

The deal reduces the cost of certain AIDS drugs and gives developing countries the confidence to afford to treat citizens in the long-term.

agency

n. [代理店] a business that serves other businesses; an administrative unit of government

The FDA press office tells me the agency is aware of the incident and is currently investigating.

agenda

n. [議題] items of business at a meeting; list or program of things to be done or considered

His agenda is certainly different from the President's and the administration's, but we will seek additional opportunities to work together with him.

aggressive

a. [積極] making assaults; unjustly attacking; combative; hostile; tending to spread quickly

During his tenure in Beijing, Huntsman was an aggressive advocate for human rights and pushed to expand U.S. economic ties with China.

agreement

n. [契約] state of agreeing; harmony of opinion, statement, action, or character

We are in agreement with their decision.

aid

n. [援助] person or thing that promotes or helps in something done; helper; assistant

The company has also asked for an additional 3.50 billion dollars in aid from the government.

air

v. [空気] be broadcast on television or radio

The tidbits that will air on tonight's 6 o'clock news.

aisle

n. [通路] passageway between rows of seats, as in an auditorium or an airplane; the wing of a building

I am glad that one side of the aisle is still trying to make this country work.

alarm

n. [アラーム] any sound or information intended to give notice of approaching danger

'Come, my head is free at last!' said Alice in a tone of delight, which changed into alarm in another moment.

album

n. [アルバム] a list of names; a register for visitors; a blank book to insert autographs sketches, memorial writing, photographs

My album of boyhood photographs often reminds me of past happiness.

alien

a. [外国人] dissimilar, inconsistent, or opposed in nature; very different place, society, or person

If you think about it, that's totally alien to what a drug company might be expected to do because if you eradicate a disease, there's no need for that drug at all.

alliance

n. [アライアンス] state of being allied; the act of allying or uniting; a union of interests between families, states, parties

Now sources close to Sharon and Peres say they could lead to a long-term alliance - or even a joint party.

ally

n. [同盟] confederate; partner; collaborator

The trouble is that selling arms to this particular ally regularly involves commissions - in plain language, bribes - to well-placed people.

alone

a. [単独] solitary; by oneself, not with any other people

Alice cried with a sudden burst of tears, 'I do wish they would put their heads down! I am so very tired of being all alone here!'

alternative

n. [代替] one of two or more things, ideas, or courses of action that may be used; option or choice

Electron Instruments believed its desktop SEM was vastly superior to the next best alternative from a Japanese competitor.

amaze

v. [驚か] astonish; affect with wonder

Archaeologists amaze that such a fragile ancient document could have survived for so long and that it was then discovered as it could so easily have been overlooked.

ambassador

n. [大使] authorized messenger or representative

He was appointed ambassador to the United States.

ambulance

n. [救急車] field hospital organized as to follow an army in its movements; a wagon for conveying the wounded to hospital

His breathing had become so labored she called an ambulance to send him to the hospital immediately.

amount

n. [量] total of two or more quantities; aggregate; sum

The amount of money sent home by migrant workers to their families in Latin America has reached more than \$62 billion.

anniversary

a. [周年を] annual; yearly; annual return of the day on which any notable event took place

He gave me a necklace as an anniversary gift.

annual

a. [年間] occurring or payable every year

It says that the Queen's role in the annual state opening of parliament should be changed.

anonymous

a. [匿名] having no name; having an unknown or unacknowledged name

The buyer, who wished to remain anonymous, is a foreigner with homes in Europe.

antique

n. [アンティーク] any furniture old and valuable; out of fashion

The woeful ongoing situation of open archaeological sites, which antique smugglers are systematically plundering, will be another priority issue.

anxiety

n. [不安] concern something in a state of painful uneasiness; state of restlessness and agitation

To wait in anxiety is perhaps the hardest thing in life; tea, tobacco, and hot baths are the possible anodynes.

anyhow

ad. [とにかく] in any way or manner whatever; at any rate; in any event

I couldn't think of the name of that man anyhow.

apart

ad. [離れ] separately, regarding space or company; in a state of separation as to place; aside

In fact, I doubt anyone knew his real name apart from the security staff.

appeal

n. [アピール] attraction; charm; attract; fascinate; challenge

Oxfam is making a big appeal for humanitarian aid to Darfur and neighboring Chad, where millions of people have been made homeless by fighting.

appetite

n. [食欲] instinctive physical desire, especially one for food or drink

China's urban young are developing a growing appetite for the cool white look of platinum jewelry.

apply

v. [お申し込み] exert; put into service; avail oneself to;

You cannot apply all money to your mortgage.

appointment

n. [予約] act of putting a person into a non-elective position; arrangement

His appointment as Foreign Secretary has triggered speculation in London about the Prime Minister's motives for the change.

appreciate

v. [感謝] be thankful for; increase in worth; be thoroughly conscious of

I am truly thankful for the stocks, which would appreciate in value considerably in future years.

approach

n. [アプローチ] a way of considering or doing something

Faced with an increasingly competitive jobs market, the army is becoming more sophisticated and corporate in its approach to recruitment.

appropriate

v. [適切な] acquire; take possession of for one's own use; set apart for specific use

The ranch owners appropriate the lands that have originally been set aside for the Indians' use.

approval

n. [承認] official approbation; endorsement; an act of approving

First, Ehrlich knows it would be extremely unlikely to win approval from the Democratic-dominated General Assembly.

area

n. [エリア] a plane surface, as of the floor of a room; open space in a building; the enclosed space; extent; scope; range

His special interest lies in the area of literature.

argue

v. [主張] invent and offer reasons to support or overthrow a proposition, opinion, or measure; debate

The United States should, they argue, attempt to remain aloof.

arrogant

a. [傲慢] arising from feeling or assumption of one's superiority toward others

He often speaks in an arrogant tone, which doesn't encourage others to discuss with him.

article

n. [記事] essay; editorial; individual thing or element of a class

An article in a national newspaper caused the protests.

ashamed

a. [恥] affected by shame; abashed or confused by guilt

Are you ashamed for having lied?

aside

ad. [脇] on, or to, one side; out of a straight line, course, or direction; at a little distance from the rest

All joking aside, can you swim 15 miles?

aspirin

n. [アスピリン] white crystalline compound drug to relieve pain and reduce fever and inflammation

Plavix, along with aspirin, is widely used to prevent heart attacks and strokes.

assault

n. [暴行] a violent attack; an onslaught

He's charged with interfering with the performance of a flight crew by assault or intimidation.

assist

v. [支援する] give help or support to, especially as a subordinate

A good way to assist is to bring entrepreneurial and business skills to them.

associate

v. [アソシエイト] connect or join together; combine

The public is likely to associate a word or mark with a given company.

assume

v. [想定] suppose; presume; take on; bear

He looked at me long and hard: I turned my eyes from him, fixed them on the fire, and tried to assume and maintain a quiet.

assure

v. [保証] tell someone confidently that something is true; guarantee; convince

I know it, and I don't wish to palliate them, I assure you.

attack

n. [攻撃] offensive move; expression of strong criticism; hostile comment

A national newspaper received an anonymous phone call warning about the attack just minutes before the first device exploded.

attempt

n. [試み] the action of trying at something

I also want to claim that this attempt is a romantic one.

attend

v. [参加] be present at; go to; take care of; tend

Britain's House of Lords has been described as the best club in London, and for many of the hereditary members who rarely attend debates, that's just what it is.

attitude

n. [態度] posture, action, or disposition of a figure or a statue

One of the major reasons for this change in attitude is that there's more money around.

attorney

n. [弁護士] lawyer; one who is appointed by another to act in his place or stead; proxy

Did this attorney mean to throw away his client's life without an effort?

attractive

a. [魅力] appealing; pleasing; inviting; tempting

The mobile phone companies argue that reducing taxes will make legally imported phones more attractive than the cheaper smuggled models.

auction

n. [オークション] public sale of property to the highest bidder

The auction is over, and the winning bid was 1000 dollars.

audience

n. [視聴者] a group of people within hearing; crowd seeing a stage performance

You should have a clear idea about who your audience is and how you can exploit your product through the correct platform.

authority

n. [権限] jurisdiction; power to enforce laws, exact obedience, command, determine, or judge; government

The laws will reinforce Australia's authority to turn boats away from Australia.

available

a. [利用] convenient for use or disposal; not busy, free; obtainable; accessible

Vaccines are available but are costly and only offer relatively short-term protection, so the animals need regular booster vaccinations.

avoid

v. [回避] shield away from; prevent

If you are the press secretary to the President of the United States, the main thing to avoid is becoming the story yourself.

aware

a. [認識] knowing; having knowledge or cognizance

As you're likely aware, BPA is a chemical commonly found in plastics, food cans, and water bottles.

awful

a. [ひどい] causing fear, dread, or terror; extremely bad or unpleasant; terrible

He says the budget is in awful shape, and we need to take steps to fix it.

awkward

a. [ぎこちない] difficult to handle or manage

John Kerry recently spoke of his faith, but he's more awkward about it than President Bush's born again.

bachelor

n. [独身] unmarried men; the first or lowest academic degree conferred by universities and colleges

A soon-to-be-married man's friends throw him the ultimate bachelor party.

backward

a. [下位] directed to the back or rear; unwilling; averse; reluctant; hesitating; undeveloped

Although he is clever, he is backward in giving his views.

bacon

n. [ベーコン] back and sides of a pig salted and smoked

They built a fire against the side of a great log and then cooked some bacon in the frying-pan for supper.

badge

n. [バッジ] a distinctive mark, token, or sign worn on the person

He was awarded a merit badge for his bravery in the battle.

baggage

n. [手荷物] trunks, bags, parcels, and suitcases in which one carries one's belongings while traveling; luggage

When you fully engage in the present, there is no room for baggage from the past or fear of the future.

bait

v. [餌] harass; tease; lure, entice, or entrap

The school bully will bait the smaller children, terrorizing them.

bake

v. [焼く] prepare, as food, by cooking in dry heat, either in an oven or under coals, or on heated stone or metal

In some places, people still bake bricks in the sun.

balance

n. [バランス] being in equilibrium; equilibrium; symmetry; stability

Many here see the ruling against US cotton subsidies as just the first step in tipping the balance of future world trade talks in favour of developing countries.

balcony

n. [バルコニー] platform projecting from the wall of a building

He planted some flowers on the balcony that projects over the street.

bald

a. [ハゲ] hairless; lacking a natural or usual covering

Although he carried, under his wig, a perfectly bald and shiny head, he had only reached middle age.

ballet

n. [バレエ] a sort of theatrical representation by dancers

That school strives to be an international leader in ballet training.

band

n. [バンド] orchestra; team; strip; ribbon; belt; unite; ally

The band, made up of four previously unknown young actors, has provoked hysteria across Asia since starring in the Taiwanese TV series.

bang

n. [バン] a vigorous blow; a conspicuous success

But there are fears that if the Egyptian side doesn't play well, the crowds will stay away, and the African Cup may go off with a whimper rather than a bang.

banner

n. [バナー] flag; sign; a newspaper headline that runs across the full page

The red top refers to the color of the banner at the top of the paper.

bar

n. [バー] a counter where you can obtain food or drink; cafe; strip; stick

For low-paid male workers the cafeterias are a social focus: the equivalent of a bar or pub in non-Muslim countries, a place to meet friends and workmates.

barbecue

n. [バーベキュー] a rack to hold meat for cooking over hot charcoal usually out of doors

The authorities believe it could have been started by a barbecue that had not been put out properly and have announced that they will be questioning suspects in the morning.

bare

a. [裸] lacking the usual or appropriate covering or clothing

Silent in bare feet, he swiftly crossed the cold marble floor, sliding into bed just as the door creaked open.

barely

ad. [辛うじて] just; only; hardly; scarcely

Only a few years ago, there were no mobile phones, landlines barely worked.

bargain

n. [バーゲン] agreement between parties concerning the sale of property

'A part of me you must become,' he answered steadily; 'otherwise, the whole bargain is void.'

barn

n. [納屋] an outlying farm building for storing grain or animal feed and housing farm animals

I daresay it is only a rat scrambling along the rafters of the adjoining schoolroom: it was a barn before I had it repaired and altered, and rats generally haunt them.

barrel

n. [バレル] vessel; large cylindrical container

With the oil price soaring above thirty dollars a barrel and the pumps going nearly at full capacity, Gulf Arab coffers are overflowing with unforeseen wealth.

baseball

n. [野球] game played with a bat and ball by two opposing teams of nine players; ball used in this game

Baseball is more popular than any other sport in Japan.

basement

n. [地下] cellar; a part of a building that is below the level of the first floor

There are so many things of India which are either lying in the basement of the Victoria and Albert Museum or in the India Office Library.

battery

n. [バッテリー] beating or pounding; set of guns or heavy artillery; a dry cell that produces an electric current

I'm hoping the battery is just dead and that a quick charge will solve everything.

bay

n. [ベイ] an inlet of the sea, usually smaller than a gulf; a small body of water set off from the main body

In the library, the books on history are all kept in one bay.

beam

n. [ビーム] ray of light; a long piece of metal or wood; long piece fixed or movable in structure, machine, or tool

During a severe earthquake, each beam will absorb the shock by crumpling, thereby preventing severe damage to the tower.

bear

v. [クマ] support; sustain; carry; have; yield; give birth; hold up or support

They studied the ways in which the relativity theory can bear on the history of science.

bearing

n. [軸受] carrying another part; patient endurance; suffering without complaint; the act of producing or giving birth

The U.S. Mint is set to unveil a new \$1 coin bearing President Abraham Lincoln's image.

beat

v. [ビート] whip; strike; defeat; hit repeatedly

Speak roughly to your little boy; And beat him when he sneezes; He only does it to annoy; Because he knows it teases.

beaten

a. [殴ら] formed or made thin by hammering; totally worn-out; exhausted

Finally we saw a village located well off the beaten path.

behalf

n. [代表] represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone

And I'm going to work to assure that that voice that is heard on their behalf is a roar and not a whisper.

behave

v. [動作] perform; conduct oneself in a proper way

How we behave is up to us, □ but Nikolai believes that one's particular circumstances predetermine everything.

belly

n. [腹] part of the human body which extends downward from breast to thighs, and

contains bowels; womb

His belly is like a cooking pot, Which happens when you eat a lot.

beloved

a. [非難] greatly loved; dear to the heart

But if I go on until my beloved is my bride, and she has taken up my fate, and we are one, and the world knows no difference, what then?

bend

v. [曲げる] strain or move out of a straight line; curve; turn toward some certain point

Few will have the greatness to bend history itself, but each of us can work to change a small portion of events.

benefit

n. [空白] advantage; something that aids or promotes well-being; welfare; gain

Another benefit for business is the elimination of currency risk in the Euro area: the possibility that you might lose money in cross-border trade.

bent

a. [曲げ] determined to do or have

We are bent on going to the theater no matter how heavy the snow is.

bet

n. [炎] stake or pledge upon the event of a contingent issue; amount or object risked in a wager

I truly believe this setback; my bet is they will recover and move on, hopefully, sooner than soon.

betray

v. [裏切る] be unfaithful; reveal unconsciously or unwillingly

The two spies betray their country by selling military secrets to the enemy.

bid

v. [祝福] make an offer of; propose; offer in words; declare, as a wish, a greeting, a threat, or defiance

'Then you and I must bid good-bye for a little while?' 'I suppose so, sir.'

bite

v. [ベット] pierce the skin with teeth; seize with the teeth; sting with a stinger; eat into; have a sharp taste

Our laws must bite; that is the only language that the criminals will understand.

bitter

a. [飲料] harsh or corrosive in tone; painful; acrid; acrimonious

He is perhaps the best-qualified person for many years to solve a long-standing and bitter dispute.

bizarre

a. [奇妙] fantastic; violently contrasting; strangely unconventional in style or appearance

The plot of the novel was too bizarre to be believed.

blame

v. [参考文献] condemn; rebuke; find fault with; censure

The doctor says that natural variability in the weather is probably to blame, but human influence can't be ruled out.

blank

a. [入札] of white or pale color; without color; empty; void

But he stares out over my shoulder at the skyline, his expression blank, seemingly disinterested in whether I choose to go with him or not.

blast

n. [二国間] explode; burst; gale; a powerful gust of wind or air

The blast is the deadliest incident since a series of ones killed three people in Bangkok on New Year's Eve in 2006.

bleed

v. [伝記] emit blood; lose blood; withdraw blood from the body

All the young soldiers are ready to bleed for the country.

bless

v. [苦味] make or pronounce holy; consecrate; make happy

My family and I will be praying along with Rick that God will again bless your country.

block

v. [ブロック] hinder; obstruct; indicate broadly without great detail; sketch

He failed to get enough allies to block the reform.

blonde

a. [金髪] of a fair color; light-colored; as, blond hair; a blond complexion.

The wig this woman wore during a two-day robbery across New York earned her the name blonde bandit.

board

n. [ボード] a committee having supervisory powers; a flat piece of material designed for a special purpose

Instruments on the board include the Neutral Gas and Ion Mass Spectrometer, which will analyze the comet nucleus's chemical composition - the icy core in the comet's head.

boarding

n. [搭乗] wooden boards collectively; act of entering a ship; supplying with meals and lodgings for pay

If I had a kid like that, I'd put him in boarding school.

bold

a. [太字] brave; daring; intrepid; impudent

After five months of detention without trial, the release of the bold young newspaper editor-in-chief marks a significant victory.

bolt

v. [ボルト] dash or dart off; move or jump suddenly

Jack was set to bolt out the front door.

bond

n. [債券] link; connection; uniting force or tie; binding agreement; duty

Last year, the average short-term bond fund gained about 9%, according to Morningstar.

bonus

n. [ボーナス] an extra dividend to the shareholders; money paid in addition to a stated compensation

She's very dissatisfied with not getting a bonus.

boom

n. [ブーム] bonanza; prosperity; prosper; expand; flourish

It is a hi-tech boom town, the center for dozens of successful biotech and IT firms, and the home to an ever-expanding middle class.

booth

n. [ブース] house or shed built for temporary occupation; covered stall or temporary structure

There is a telephone booth near the cinema.

border

n. [境界線] outer part or edge of anything, as of a garment, a garden; margin; verge; brink; boundary

This table had a cover made out of beautiful oilcloth, with a red eagle painted on it and a painted border all around.

bore

v. [見つけた] drill; make a hole in or through, with or as if with a drill

Three types of protein that enable the cells to bore in and out of blood vessels.

bother

v. [気] annoy; trouble; make agitated or nervous; fluster

But that doesn't bother me because I don't want love; I want my music.

bounce

v. [バウンス] jolt; rebound after having struck an object or a surface

All patients bounce back to good health with that particular medicine.

bound

n. [バウンスポアバウンド] tied; held; committed; limit; constraint; leap; jump

Supreme Court ended a term bound to affect our lives in significant ways in the months ahead.

boutique

n. [ブティック] small shop within a large department store or supermarket

Located in historic Fabric Row, the boutique is a good place for gem buyers.

brand

n. [ブランド] a burning piece of wood; mark made by burning with a hot iron; distinctive mark upon in any way

He has his own brand of humor and always brings laugh for us.

break

n. [ブレイク] opportunity to do something; pause or interval, as from work; a sudden change

A former boxer, he got his break as an actor when he replaced Marlon Brando in the Broadway production of A Streetcar Named Desire.

breakdown

n. [内訳] process of failing to function or continue; a sudden collapse in physical or mental health; summary of itemized data

His frequent depressions were the prelude to a complete mental breakdown.

breeze

n. [風] light current of air; gentle wind; progress swiftly and effortlessly

Tomorrow Night: A light, but the steady breeze from the southwest keeps temperatures warmer than tonight.

bribe

n. [賄賂] something serving to influence or persuade; reward or gift to prevent judgment

It was easy to see the gift as a sort of bribe.

brief

a. [簡単] short in time, duration, length, or extent; concise

When my brief career as a pop star ended, I found I had done fairly well.

briefcase

n. [ブリーフケース] portable, often flat case with a handle, used for carrying papers or books

After each campaign stop, he returned to his car, where his black-leather briefcase is always in its place beside him.

brilliant

a. [華麗] full of light; shining; bright; sharp and clear in tone

The refreshing meal, the brilliant fire, the presence, and kindness of her beloved instructress had roused her powers among them.

brutal

a. [残忍な] like a brute; savage; cruel; inhuman; merciless

In many cases, a rich businessman reached the top by trampling others in the most brutal way.

bubble

n. [バブル] foam; dome-shaped covering made of transparent glass or plastic; fantastic or impracticable idea or belief

This is the most anticipated public offering since the dot-com bubble burst four years ago.

buck

v. [バック] move quickly and violently; jump vertically; strive with determination

John is trying to buck for a promotion.

bucket

n. [バケット] vessel for drawing up water from a well; a vessel for hoisting and conveying coal, ore, grain

It may be a drop in the bucket, but any drop is a dangerous one when it comes to violence.

bud

n. [芽] one that is not yet fully developed; sprout

The first thing to be thought of is to pluck the disease in its bud, which is best done by injections.

budget

n. [予算] estimate; a sum of money allocated for a particular purpose

Earlier this week, EU governments voted to bend the rules so that France and Germany wouldn't be penalized for breaking the rules on budget deficits.

bug

n. [バグ] general name applied to various insects

It might have seemed to him a waste of ammunition to kill a bug with a battery of artillery.

bull

n. [牛] male of any species of cattle; large, strong, and aggressive person; optimist regarding business conditions

We are in a medium-term bull market, a corrective move within a long-term bear market.

bully

n. [いじめ] noisy, blustering fellow; one who is threatening and quarrelsome; insolent, tyrannical fellow

I found early in life that the best way to defeat a bully is a punch to the nose.

bump

n. [バンブ] impact as from a collision; lump on the body caused by a blow

Have you ever found a small lump or a bump on your body?

bunch

n. [束] clump; cluster; gathering

They found the sharp new heap they sought and ensconced themselves within the protection of three great elms that grew in a bunch within a few feet of the grave.

bush

n. [ブッシュ] place abounding in trees or shrubs; the wild forest

When they got pretty close on to us, we dodged into the bush and let them go by and then dropped in behind them.

business

n. [ビジネス] rightful concern or responsibility; occupation, work, or trade-in which a person is engaged; commercial enterprise

I think that women doing big things in business are inspirational to others because it helps eliminate role discrimination.

bust

n. [バスト] the occasion for excessive eating or drinking; complete failure; sculpture of the head and shoulders of a person

With major debt repayments due over in 18 months, the business could go bust.

buzz

n. [話題] confusion of activity and gossip; the sound of rapid vibration

Still, despite the robust growth, if you listen closely to the analysts and bankers, you can pick up a low buzz of concern over some economic areas.

cabin

n. [キャビン] a small room on a ship or boat where people sleep

British Airways says passengers reported a slight smell of petrol in the cabin of BA flight 003 bound for New York.

cabinet

n. [キャビネット] group of persons appointed by a head of state or a prime minister; hut; cottage; small house; small room; a closet

On Wednesday, the Indian cabinet deferred the anti-corruption legislation.

cable

n. [ケーブル] solid thick rope made of twisted steel or metal wire

It provides cable television services and high-speed internet services to the community.

cafe

n. [カフェ] coffee house; restaurant where coffee and liquors are served

The police came and ejected the noisy youths from the cafe room.

cafeteria

n. [カフェ] a restaurant where you serve yourself and pay a cashier

The Medicine Hat College cafeteria offers a wide range of food services.

calendar

n. [カレンダー] the orderly arrangement as years, months, weeks, and days; a table showing months, weeks, and days

He didn't like the desk calendar and put it on the shelf.

campaign

n. [キャンペーン] battle; a series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end

The Clinton campaign has raised more money in the first three months of this year than all nine Democratic candidates combined.

campus

n. [キャンパス] the field where the buildings of a university are situated

Usually, a campus includes libraries, lecture halls, student residential areas, and park-like settings.

cancel

v. [キャンセル] revoke; call off; omit or delete

The meeting in Addis Ababa has heard Chinese promises to cancel debts and increase Chinese investments in Africa.

candidate

n. [候補] a person who is considered for something; a person who is nominated for an office, prize, or honor

The European Union is welcoming these ten candidate countries with open arms and broad smiles.

capable

a. [可能] having the ability required for a specific task

Canadian politicians have been capable of ending this primitive practice.

capacity

n. [容量] mental or physical ability; ability to accommodate

Mike had the capacity to handle several jobs at once.

cape

n. [岬] piece or point of land, extending beyond the adjacent coast into the sea or a lake; sleeveless outer garment

Out on the cape is a fine lighthouse that we admired as we came up the coast on the ship.

capital

n. [資本] wealth in the form of money or property; assets available for use; a city that is the official seat of government

It has so far received \$45 billion in capital from the Treasury, and the Treasury is insuring 300 billion dollars of its assets.

capture

n. [キャプチャ] act of seizing by force, or getting possession of by superior power;

thing taken by force, surprise, or stratagem

He presently got safely beyond the reach of capture and punishment.

carrot

n. [ニンジン] the root of cultivated varieties of the plant, usually spindle-shaped and of a reddish yellow color

The dish of boiled beef and carrot tastes good.

carry

v. [運ぶ] convey or transport in any manner from one place to another; hold or support while moving; bear

They carry the news by word of mouth to every settlement in a few days.

cart

n. [カートを見る] common name for various kinds of vehicles; two-wheeled vehicle; light business wagon

The horse pulled a cart loaded with potatoes.

carton

n. [カートン] pasteboard for paper boxes; pasteboard box

The kids drink up a whole big carton of juice after the play in the hot sun.

cash

n. [現金] money paid at the time of purchase; money in the form of bills or coins; currency

You must pay cash there; we don't offer credit.

cast

v. [キャスト] assign the roles of; choose at random

They're going to use a television reality show to cast the three actors who will play Evo Morales in the different stages of his life.

casual

a. [バウンス] informal; purposeless; occurring by chance

The wildlife officer, in casual conversation, asks Hunter Joe where that deer came from.

catch

v. [キャッチ] capture or seize, especially after a chase; take by or as if by trapping; reach just in time

A person's genetic makeup has a strong influence on the likelihood that they catch HIV.

catching

a. [引く] act of seizing or taking hold of; captivating; alluring

That is the appeal in catching them; I think it is amazing to pull something massive out of muddy water that few people actually see.

catholic

a. [カトリック] broadly sympathetic; universal; related to Roman Catholic Church

He was extremely catholic in his taste and read everything he could find in the library.

cellar

n. [ワインセラー] room or rooms under a building, and usually below the surface of the ground

The New Zealand wineries are similar to the American wineries and welcome visitors to what they call the cellar door.

cemetery

n. [墓地] place or ground set apart for the burial of the dead; graveyard

A vehicle for conveying a coffin is to a church or cemetery.

cereal

n. [穀物] grass such as wheat, oats, or corn, the starchy grains of which are used as a food

I have a bowl of cereal every morning.

ceremony

n. [式典] a formal act or set of acts performed as prescribed by ritual or custom

This afternoon, a swearing ceremony is set for a man who will replace the late Senator Ted Kennedy.

certificate

n. [証明書] the document attesting to the truth of certain stated facts; document issued to a person completing a course

A diploma or certificate is given on graduation from university.

challenge

v. [挑戦] assert a right; raise a formal objection; take exception to

Nowadays no one will challenge the fact that the earth is round.

chamber

n. [室] cell; compartment; room

Before being taken to the execution chamber, he acknowledged that he deserved punishment, but he said it was unfair that only he paid the ultimate price.

champagne

n. [シャンパン] light wine, of several kinds, originally made in the province of Champagne, in France

Why don't we crack open a bottle of champagne to celebrate?

champion

v. [チャンピオン] protect or fight for the first place

They believe he could champion the oppressed in their struggle for equality.

channel

n. [チャンネル] passage for water or other fluids to flow through; bed of a stream or river; route of communication or access

You should take her request through the official channel, and there is no private room for her issue.

chaos

n. [カオス] disorder; condition or place of great disorder or confusion; disorderly mass

Their job is to stop a repeat of the chaos that blighted the last election in 2002.

chapel

n. [礼拝堂] place of worship that is smaller than and subordinate to a church; service conducted in a chapel

Slightly smaller than the shrine, the chapel is also a domed structure cruciform in plan.

chapter

n. [章] division of a book or treatise; assembly of monks; bishop's council; organized

branch of some society

A new chapter in a novel is something like a new scene in a play.

charge

v. [料金] set or ask for a certain price; load to capacity; fill; instruct or urge authoritatively; command

The barbers share the same haircut service price: they charge six dollars for boys and ten for girls.

charity

n. [チャリティー] activity or gift that benefits the public at large

This is potentially embarrassing for those involved in the concerts, as the rock stars use charity to disguise self-promotion.

charm

n. [魅力] power or quality of pleasing or delighting; attractiveness; item worn for its supposed magical benefit

Her spirit and charm is going to be a great lesson to all young women and teens

chart

n. [チャート] graph; diagram; map showing coastlines, water depths, or other information of use to navigators

A fisherman's chart may be the crucial evidence that finally helps to rest the mystery of what happened to Roald Amundsen.

chase

v. [追跡] pursue to kill or take; hunt; follow as if to catch

He saw the policeman chase the mugger down the alley.

chat

n. [チャット] talk without exchanging too much information; informal conversation

Inviting others into the chat is as simple as sending them a human-readable URL, and nobody has to sign up or answer an invitation email.

check

v. [チェック] stop motion; curb or restrain

Young man, you'd better check your temper.

cheer

n. [応援] the lightness of spirits or mood; source of joy or happiness; festive food and drink; refreshment

The best way to spread Christmas cheer is to sing loud for everyone to hear!

cherish

v. [大切に] harbor; treasure; treat with affection and tenderness; hold dear

One aspect of my marriage that I truly cherish is how Darrell and I work together as a team.

chew

v. [かむ] bite and grind with the teeth

You must chew your food well before you swallow it.

chief

a. [チーフ] highest in office or rank; principal; head

The chief difficulty Alice found at first was in managing her flamingo.

chill

a. [チル] cool; freeze; a feeling of cold

Mists as chill as death wandered to the impulse of east winds along those purple peaks.

chin

n. [あご] the central forward portion of the lower jaw; bottom of the face

The face is mild and weak, especially in the thin short chin and feeble mouth.

chip

v. [チップ] cut small pieces from; diminish or reduce to shape; break or crack

The snow stopped, and they began to chip ice from the windows.

choir

n. [合唱] band or organized company of singers, especially in church service

Some people will say that being in a choir is lots of involvement because you have both rehearsals and services, which is true.

choke

v. [チヨーク] breathe with great difficulty, as when experiencing a strong emotion; reduce the air supply

Children can choke on peanuts.

circuit

n. [回路] electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow

On rare occasions, microscopic metal particles can lead to a short circuit within the cell, causing overheating and potentially flames.

circus

n. [サーカス] public entertainment of performances by acrobats, clowns, and trained animals

I am not an animal rights person, but training animals to perform in a circus is cruel.

civil

a. [土木] having to do with citizens or the state; courteous and polite

Although Internal Revenue Service agents are civil servants, they are not always courteous to suspected tax cheats.

civilian

a. [民間] of or relating to non-military life

The first is integrating former rebels back into civilian life.

claim

n. [請求] demand for something as rightful or due

They struck in support of their claim for a shorter workday.

classic

n. [クラシック] work of acknowledged excellence and authority, or its author; creation of the highest excellence

His face was like a Greek face, very pure in outline: quite a straight, classic nose; quite an Athenian mouth and chin.

clearance

n. [クリアランス] act of clearing; space cleared; permission to proceed or trust

Professors who wish to work with human genetic material need clearance from their university's review board.

click

v. [クリック] make a slight, sharp noise by gentle striking; tick

Students prefer to click the mouse rather than to strike the keyboard.

client

n. [クライアント] someone who pays to get goods or services

Gentlemen, my plan is broken up: what this lawyer and his client say is true: I have been married, and the woman to whom I was married lives!

clinic

n. [クリニック] healthcare facility for outpatient care

In one of the worst-hit villages in the Bachu area, authorities say about a thousand homes collapsed and at least one school and a clinic.

clip

n. [クライマックス] a small section of filmed or filed material

Phil's job at Fox Sports involved selecting the most important clip of the day's sporting highlights for later broadcast.

closet

n. [クローゼット] a small room or apartment; room for privacy

Please put the coats back into the closet.

clue

n. [手掛かり] a ball of thread or cord; thread; something guides or directs anything of a doubtful or intricate nature

The main clue is a sample of blood that was found at the scene.

coach

n. [コーチ] tutor; teacher; a vehicle carrying many passengers

When the players and coach arrive back later today, they'll be greeted as national heroes in the stadium where the first modern Olympics were held.

cocaine

n. [コカイン] drug extracted from coca leaves as a surface anesthetic or taken for pleasure, that can become addictive

The dog sniffed out more than \$1.6 million in cocaine from a sports utility vehicle, officials said.

code

n. [コード] body of law; system of rules or regulations relating to one subject; system of symbols, letters, or words

Do you know the postal code of this postal district?

coin

v. [コイン] make pieces of money from metal; invent or fabricate

Slanderers coin nasty rumors.

coincidence

n. [偶然] two or more things occurring at the same time by chance

Was it just a coincidence that she and John had chanced to meet at the market, or was he deliberately trying to seek her out?

column

n. [コラム] pillar; cylindrical or polygonal support for roof; anything resembling, in

form or position; upright body or mass

This column is the latest in our series of interview articles.

combat

v. [戦闘] struggle as with an opposing force; fight with

The ship has to combat the wind and waves this morning.

combine

v. [組み合わせ] blend; fuse; merge

Re-branded as one-army recruitment, the latest drive will, for the first time, combine recruiting to both the regular and territorial army.

comedy

n. [コメディ] light and humorous drama with a happy ending

Anne Bancroft was also a regular in the comedy films made by her beloved second husband, Mel Brooks.

comic

a. [コミック] arousing or provoking laughter; ridiculous; amusing; humorous

And, because the comic strips take place in superhero land, there are hints of the super-human.

comment

v. [コメント] express an opinion; remark

She refused to comment about David Beckham's eye injury.

commercial

a. [商業] money-making; involved in work that is intended for the mass market

China's economic growth has been fuelled by investment in new factories and other commercial premises, many of them producing low-cost goods.

commission

n. [手数料] fee for services; a group of people appointed to find out about something; authorize

China has hit back, its foreign ministry urging the Congressional commission to wipe out its prejudice, respect the truth.

commit

v. [コミット] do something that cannot be changed; cause to be admitted

And small bands of extremists may again commit heinous crimes in the name of faith.

commitment

n. [コミットメント] pledge, undertaking; an act of binding yourself to a course of action

My main commitment is to promote human values; this is what I consider the key factor for a happy life at the individual level, family level, and community level.

committee

n. [委員会] special group delegated to consider some matter

He was director of the central bank's monetary policy committee, which sets Brazil's interest rates.

communicate

v. [通信] send information about; make known; impart; reveal clearly

It came to me that the best way to communicate is to have direct, personal contact with people.

communication

n. [コミュニケーション] the activity of communicating; the activity of conveying information

They predict that mobile communication devices' vast majority of internet connections will be closer to pocket computers than portable telephones.

community

n. [コミュニティ] society; a group of people living in the same locality and under the same government

Where governments manage public life, human freedom in a community is compromised.

company

n. [会社概要] team; guard team; group of persons; business enterprise

I slipped out of the room, unobserved by any eye - for the company were gathered in one mass about the trembling trio just returned.

compare

v. [コンパス] examine and note the similarities or differences of

We compare the copy with the original, but there was not much difference.

competition

n. [力] struggle; rivalry; an act of competing as for a profit prize

There she's against tough competition such as Meryl Streep, but this award will give her extra momentum towards what's undoubtedly the bigger prize in movies.

competitive

a. [複雑] of or pertaining to competition; producing competition; showing a fighting disposition

Nobody can entirely keep away from this competitive world.

complex

a. [顔色比較] complicated in structure; a whole structure, as a building, made up of interconnected or related structures

Prescott's speech comes as ministers worldwide struggle to overcome complex arguments about how the Kyoto agreement on cutting greenhouse gas emissions should work.

complicated

a. [複雑な] difficult to analyze or understand

Legally this is a hugely complicated case, and it will take months for the judge to reach the verdict.

compliment

n. [お世辞] praise; commendation; say something to someone that expresses praise

A compliment is a gift, not to be thrown away carelessly unless you want to hurt the giver.

compromise

v. [妥協] adjust or settle by making mutual concessions; endanger the interests or reputation of

Sometimes the presence of a neutral third party can help adversaries compromise their differences.

concentrate

v. [集中] bring to or direct toward a common center; unite more closely; gather into one body

I was now able to concentrate my attention on the group by the fire.

concept

n. [コンセプト] something formed in mind; thought or notion

The local chain concept is simple: identify your customer, cater to their tastes and once successful, expand within a neighborhood.

concern

n. [懸念] interest in any person or thing; regard; solicitude; anxiety

There is no telling what might have happened, now, but luckily the concern passed out of Aunt Polly's face.

concrete

n. [コンクリート] solid mass; covering with cement; hard, strong construction material consisting of sand, conglomerate, and gravel

The anti-nuclear campaigners used concrete blocks to attach themselves to the line; it is difficult to release them without damaging the rails.

condition

n. [条件] mode or state of being; fitness; existing circumstances

The Organization Man survives as a modern classic because it captures a permanent part of our social condition.

conduct

v. [行動] direct the course of; manage or control; lead or guide

You cannot conduct business like this.

confess

v. [告白] acknowledge; admit that you have done something wrong

When any vicious simpleton excites my disgust by his paltry ribaldry, I cannot flatter myself that I am better than he: I am forced to confess that he and I are on a level.

confidence

n. [自信] feeling secure or certain about something

He said the aim was to restore baseball fans' confidence, but the new penalties for players who test positive for drugs fall far short of those in other sports.

confident

a. [自信を持って] assured; having or marked by assurance

They don't sound confident about the future of the industry.

confidential

a. [秘密] treated with confidence; trusted in; trustworthy; secret

He has been on confidential missions to Berlin; all of us don't know his secret trip.

confirm

v. [確認] support or establish the certainty or validity of; verify

In the aftermath of Saturday's mass poisoning, the authorities imposed a virtual news blackout, refusing even to confirm how many people had died.

conflict

n. [競合] fight; struggle; incompatibility of dates or events

According to the United Nations, malnutrition rates have now been cut by half since the start of the conflict.

confront

v. [対決] be face to face with; oppose in hostility or competition; deal with

Here in the heart of conservative Texas, young criminals, murderers and thugs are forced to confront military-style discipline, a traditional view of right and wrong.

confusion

n. [混乱] a mistake that results from taking one thing to be another; lack of clarity or order

My uncle got into the back of the car, scratching his head in confusion, having missed the episode completely.

congress

n. [会議] meeting of elected or appointed representatives

Just a day after congress granted him special powers, he has begun turning the screws on the international oil companies.

conscience

n. [良心] motivation deriving logically from ethical or moral principles; source of moral or ethical judgment

The truth in conscience is immediately near to me, as near the seed that rests upon the wayside.

conscious

a. [意識] awake, thinking, and knowing what is happening around you; alert

I was conscious that a moment's mutiny had already rendered me liable to strange penalties, and, like any other rebel slave, I felt resolved.

conspiracy

n. [陰謀] plot; intrigue; agreement to perform together an illegal, wrongful, or subversive act

Information minister Jerry Gana released a statement in which he says there has been an international media conspiracy against Nigeria.

constant

a. [定数] invariable; repeating; continually occurring; persistent

Yemen's state news agency says the president visited the three wounded officials at the Saudi hospital and expressed happiness about their health's constant progress.

constitution

n. [構成] law determining the fundamental political principles of a government; the act of forming something

President Putin said Britain knew Russia's constitution prohibits such extradition.

consult

v. [相談] seek advice or information of; take into account; consider

I will consult with our friends, but it's going to be what's in the interests of our country first and foremost.

consumer

n. [消費者] people who buy goods or services

Adidas and Reebok are two of the world's best-known consumer brands, but they're in the shadow of Nike, the giant of the sportswear industry.

contact

v. [お問い合わせ] get in touch with; reach

But Britney, 21, says he called her at two of her homes and even tried to contact her at her parents' house.

contempt

n. [輕蔑] state of being despised or dishonored; disgrace; disobedience to, or open disrespect of

The poor fools, who hold science in contempt, have no ability to realize that science proves them wrong at every turn.

content

n. [コンテンツ] volume; something contained; material, including text and images
The brain is hungry not for the method but for content, especially the latter, which contains powerful, precise, and explicit generalizations.

contest

v. [コンテスト] contend for; call in question; oppose; dispute
The lawyer decided to contest the claim and tried to prove that it was false.

contract

v. [契約] constrict; make smaller; compress or concentrate
The heat will contract the woolen garment.

contrary

a. [反対] relation of direct opposition; very opposed in nature or character or purpose
Our boat took a course contrary to theirs.

convention

n. [規約] social or moral custom; formal meeting of members, representatives, or delegates; agreement between states
Moreover, following this convention is our friend's normal behavior when in such a mood.

convict

v. [受刑者] find or declare guilty
If the jury decided to convict him of manslaughter, he could face up to 20 years in prison.

conviction

n. [信念] the judgment that someone is guilty of a crime; strongly held belief
Even her murder conviction did not shake Peter's judgment that Harriet was innocent of the crime.

convince

v. [納得] overpower; force to yield assent to truth; satisfy by proof; prove guilty
Your argument is too weak to convince me; we need more evidence.

cooperate

v. [協力] work or act together toward a common end or purpose
The best way to get Pakistan to cooperate is to find why it is so keen to retain influence in Afghanistan and try to meet its concerns.

core

n. [コア] basic, center, or most important part; the essence
But at the core is a story about two men who can't let go of the sense that they are dreaming their way through what might be an ultimately meaningless life.

corner

n. [コーナー/利便] position at which two lines, surfaces, or edges meet and form an angle
I sat by myself in the corner without speaking.

corporate

a. [企業] united or combined into one body; collective; belonging to a corporation or incorporated body

The demonstrators inspired thousands of allies to take to the streets to protest economic inequality and corporate greed.