

## 4000 IELTS Academic Words List (3)

### **cab**

n. Syn. taxi; taxicab  
taxi; one-horse vehicle for public hire

### **cabin**

n. Syn. cottage  
small room on a ship or boat where people sleep

### **cabinet**

n.  
group of persons appointed by a head of state or a prime minister; hut; cottage; small house; small room; closet

### **cable**

n.  
very strong thick rope made of twisted steel or metal wire

### **cafe**

n.  
coffee house; restaurant where coffee and liquors are served

### **cafeteria**

n.  
restaurant where you serve yourself and pay a cashier

### **calculate**

v. Syn. compute; determine; estimate  
compute; determine; estimate

### **calculation**

n.  
planning something carefully and intentionally

### **calendar**

n.  
orderly arrangement as years, months, weeks, and days; a table showing months, weeks, and days

### **calm**

a. Syn. placid; quiet; tranquil  
freedom from motion, agitation, or disturbance; tranquility; stillness; quiet; serenity

### **calorie**

n.  
unit of heat; unit of heat equal to the amount of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 kilogram of water by 1 degree

## **campaign**

n. Syn. drive; battle

battle ;a series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end

## **campus**

n.

field where the buildings of a university are situated

## **canal**

n. Syn. tube

artificial channel filled with water; tube or duct

## **canary**

n.

pale yellowish color; wine made in the Canary Islands; canary bird; quick and lively dance

## **cancel**

v. Syn. revoke

revoke; call off; omit or delete

## **cancellation**

n.

act of cancelling; calling off some arrangement

## **candid**

a. Syn. straightforward; frank

straightforward; frank; free from prejudice; impartial

## **candidate**

n.

person who is considered for something; person who seeks or is nominated for an office, prize, or honor

## **cane**

n. Syn. stick

any plant with long, hard, elastic stems; walking stick

## **cannon**

n.

great gun; firearm for discharging heavy shot with great force; loop at the top of a bell by which it is hung

## **canon**

n.

law or rule; decision, regulation, code, or constitution made by authority; books of the Bible officially accepted; a group of literary works

## **canteen**

n.

vessel used by soldiers for carrying water, liquor, or other drink; snack bar or small cafeteria, as on a military installation

### **canvas**

n.

heavy closely woven fabric; background against which events unfold, as in a historical narrative

### **canvass**

v.

determine votes; examine carefully or discuss thoroughly; scrutinize

### **capability**

n. Syn. capacity; skill

quality of being capable; capacity; skill

### **capable**

a. Syn. competent

having the ability required for a specific task

### **capacity**

n. Syn. volume; ability; capability

mental or physical ability; ability to accommodate

### **cape**

n.

piece or point of land, extending beyond the adjacent coast into the sea or a lake; sleeveless outer garment

### **capital**

n.

wealth in form of money or property; assets available for use; city that is the official seat of government

### **caption**

n. Syn. title

title; chapter heading; text under illustration

### **captive**

n.

prisoner taken by force; one kept in power of another; one charmed or subdued by beauty, excellence, or affection

### **capture**

n.

act of seizing by force, or getting possession of by superior power; thing taken by force, surprise, or stratagem

### **card**

n.  
flat, rectangular piece of stiff paper, cardboard, or plastic; business card; credit card

### **cardinal**

a. Syn. chief  
chief; serving as an essential component

### **career**

n. Syn. vocation; occupation  
profession or occupation; individual's work and life roles over their lifespan

### **careful**

a. Syn. deliberate; cautious  
full of care; anxious; solicitous; taking care; giving good heed; watchful; cautious

### **careless**

a. Syn. negligent; heedless  
negligent; taking insufficient care

### **cargo**

n. Syn. shipload; freight  
freight carried by a ship, an aircraft, or another vehicle

### **carol**

n.  
round dance; a song of joy; song of praise or joy, especially for Christmas

### **carpenter**

n.  
skilled worker who makes, finishes, and repairs wooden objects and structures

### **carrier**

n. Syn. messenger  
one that carries or conveys; messenger

### **carrot**

n.  
root of cultivated varieties of the plant, usually spindle-shaped, and of a reddish yellow color

### **carry**

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

### **cart**

n.  
common name for various kinds of vehicles; two-wheeled vehicle; light business wagon

### **carton**

n.  
pasteboard for paper boxes; pasteboard box

### **cartoon**

n.  
design or study drawn of full size to serve as a model for transferring or copying; drawing depicting a humorous situation

### **carve**

v. Syn. cut; sculpt  
cut; sculpt

### **carving**

n.  
cutting away parts to create a desired shape

### **cash**

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

### **cashier**

n.  
one who has charge of money; cash keeper

### **cassette**

n.  
container that holds a magnetic tape used for recording or playing sound or video

### **cast**

v.  
assign the roles of; choose at random

### **casual**

a. Syn. informal; purposeless; unplanned  
informal; purposeless; occurring by chance

### **casualty**

n.  
serious or fatal accident; someone injured or killed in an accident

### **catalyst**

n. Syn. enzyme; stimulus  
agent which brings about chemical change while it remains unaffected and unchanged

### **catastrophe**

n. Syn. calamity; disaster  
calamity; disaster; state of extreme ruin and misfortune

### **catch**

v.

capture or seize, especially after a chase; take by or as if by trapping; reach just in time

## **category**

n. Syn. group

group; class; collection of things sharing a common attribute

## **cater**

v.

supply what is needed or desired; provide food professionally for special occasion

## **cathedral**

n. Syn. church; temple

church; temple

## **catholic**

a. Syn. universal

broadly sympathetic; universal; related to Roman Catholic Church

## **cause**

n.

something produces a result; basis for an action or response; a reason

## **caution**

n. Syn. care

care; being attentive to possible danger

## **cautious**

a. Syn. conservative; careful

conservative; careful

## **cavalry**

n.

part of military force which serves on horseback

## **cavern**

n. Syn. cave

cave; large underground chamber, as in a cave

## **cavity**

n. Syn. hole; cavern

hole; cavern; hollow area within the body

## **cease**

v. Syn. stop; terminate

stop; terminate; put an end to; discontinue

## **celebrate**

v. Syn. praise  
praise; assign great social importance to

## **cell**

n.  
any small compartment

## **cellar**

n.  
room or rooms under a building, and usually below the surface of the ground

## **cement**

n.  
any substances used for making bodies adhere to each other; bond of union; concrete pavement

## **cemetery**

n. Syn. graveyard  
place or ground set apart for the burial of the dead; graveyard

## **censor**

n.  
overseer of morals; official responsible for removal of objectionable or sensitive content

## **centigrade**

a.  
measure of temperature, used widely in Europe

## **cereal**

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

## **ceremonial**

n. Syn. ritual; ceremony  
ritual; ceremony or rite

## **ceremony**

n. Syn. ritual; rite  
formal act or set of acts performed as prescribed by ritual or custom

## **certainty**

n. Syn. clearness  
quality or condition of being certain; fact or truth unquestionable established; clearness

## **certificate**

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

## **certify**

v.  
give certain information to; assure; make certain

## **chalk**

n.  
soft, earthy substance, of a white, grayish, or yellowish white color, used as a drawing implement

## **challenge**

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

## **chamber**

n. Syn. cell; compartment; room  
cell; compartment; room

## **champion**

v.  
protect or fight for as first place

## **championship**

n.  
status of being a champion; position or title of a winner

## **channel**

n.  
passage for water or other fluids to flow through; bed of a stream or river; route of communication or access

## **chaos**

n. Syn. disorder  
disorder; condition or place of great disorder or confusion; disorderly mass

## **chap**

n.  
crack, as in earth surface; splitting of skin, caused by cold or exposure; one of the jaws or cheeks; man or boy

## **chapter**

n.  
division of a book or treatise; assembly of monks; bishop's council; organized branch of some society

## **character**

n. Syn. part; nature; personality  
part; nature; description of a person's attributes, traits, or abilities

## **characteristic**

n. Syn. quality;  
feature that helps to identify, tell apart, or describe recognizably; a distinguishing mark or trait

## **characterize**

v. Syn. distinguish

distinguish; be characteristic of; be a distinctive trait or mark of

## **charcoal**

n.

a stick of black carbon material used for drawing; a very dark gray color

## **charge**

v.

set or ask for a certain price; load to capacity; fill; instruct or urge authoritatively; command

## **charity**

n.

activity or gift that benefits the public at large

## **charm**

n.

power or quality of pleasing or delighting; attractiveness; item worn for its supposed magical benefit

## **chart**

n. Syn. graph; diagram

graph; diagram; map showing coastlines, water depths, or other information of use to navigators

## **charter**

v. Syn. license; authorize

license; authorize; hold under a lease or rental agreement of goods and services

## **chase**

v.

pursue for the purpose of killing or taking; hunt; follow as if to catch

## **chat**

n. Syn. talk

talk without exchanging too much information; informal conversation

## **check**

v. Syn. control; suppress; restrict

stop motion; curb or restrain

## **cheer**

n.

lightness of spirits or mood; source of joy or happiness; festive food and drink; refreshment

## **cheque**

n.

written order directing a bank to pay money

## **cherish**

v. Syn. harbor; treasure; value  
harbor; treasure; treat with affection and tenderness; hold dear

## **chew**

v.  
bite and grind with the teeth

## **chief**

a. Syn. principal  
highest in office or rank; principal; head

## **chill**

a. Syn. cool  
cool; freeze

## **chilly**

a. Syn. cold  
cold

## **chin**

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

## **chip**

v.  
cut small pieces from; diminish or reduce to shape; break or crack

## **choke**

v. Syn. asphyxiate; suffocate  
breathe with great difficulty, as when experiencing a strong emotion; reduce the air supply

## **chop**

v. Syn. cut; hew  
hew; cut by striking with a heavy sharp tool, such as an ax

## **chorus**

n.  
any utterance produced simultaneously by a group

## **circle**

n. Syn. group; society  
round; something shaped like such a ring; group of people sharing an interest, activity, or achievement

## **circuit**

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

**circular**

a. Syn. round  
round; shaped like or nearly like a circle

**circulate**

v.  
move through a space, circuit or system, returning to the starting point

**circulation**

n.  
spread or transmission of something to a wider group or area

**circumference**

n. Syn. perimeter; periphery  
boundary line of a circle, figure, area, or object

**circumstance**

n. Syn. situation; condition  
situation; condition; detail accompanying or surrounding an event

**circus**

n.  
public entertainment of performances by acrobats, clowns, and trained animals

**cite**

v. Syn. quote  
quote; adduce as an instance

**citizenship**

n.  
status of a citizen with rights and duties

**civil**

a. Syn. civic  
having to do with citizens or the state; courteous and polite

**civilization**

n. Syn. culture  
culture

**claim**

n.  
demand for something as rightful or due

**clamp**

n.  
any of various devices used to join, grip, support, or compress mechanical or structural parts

**clap**

v. Syn. applaud; slap  
applaud; slap; strike together with a sharp sound, as one hard surface on another

## **clarification**

n.  
process of making things clearer or easier to understand

## **clarify**

v. Syn. illuminate; elucidate  
make clear and comprehensible; elucidate

## **clash**

v.  
make noise by striking against something; dash noisily together; meet in opposition

## **clasp**

n.  
fastening device; firm grip

## **classic**

n.  
work of acknowledged excellence and authority, or its author; creation of the highest excellence

## **classical**

a.  
standard and authoritative rather than new or experimental; relating to the ancient Greeks and Romans, especially art, architecture, and literature

## **classification**

n.  
assigning to a class or category

## **classify**

v.  
declare unavailable, as for security reasons; arrange or order by classes or categories

## **clause**

n. Syn. sentence; phrase  
sentence; phrase; distinct article, stipulation, or provision in a document

## **clay**

n.  
very fine-grained soil that is plastic when moist but hard when fired

## **clear**

ad.  
out of the way; completely away

## **clearance**

n.  
act of clearing; space cleared; permission to proceed or trust

### **clench**

v. Syn. grasp  
close tightly; grasp or grip tightly; fasten with a clinch

### **client**

n.  
someone who pays to get goods or services

### **clientele**

n.  
clients of professional person; body of customers or patrons

### **climate**

n. Syn. atmosphere; environment  
weather condition; atmosphere; environment

### **climax**

n.  
upward movement; steady increase; the highest point; the greatest degree

### **cling**

v. Syn. stick  
hold fast or adhere to something; stick together and resist separation; remain emotionally

### **clinic**

n. Syn. dispensary; infirmary  
healthcare facility for outpatient care

### **clip**

n.  
small section of filmed or filed material

### **clockwise**

ad.  
in the direction that the hands of a clock move

### **closet**

n.  
small room or apartment; room for privacy

### **clue**

n.  
a ball of thread or cord; thread; something guides or directs anything of a doubtful or intricate nature

### **clumsy**

a. Syn. awkward; inept  
awkward; showing lack of skill or aptitude

### **cluster**

n. Syn. flowers; curls; group; bunch  
group; bunch; group of the same or similar elements gathered or occurring closely

### **clutch**

v. Syn. grasp  
grasp and hold tightly; attempt to grasp or seize

### **coach**

n. Syn. tutor; teacher  
tutor; teacher; a vehicle carrying many passengers

### **coarse**

a. Syn. rough; harsh  
rough; harsh; of low, common, or inferior quality

### **code**

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

### **codify**

v. Syn. classify  
arrange laws, rules as a code; classify; arrange or systematize

### **coherence**

n.  
logical and orderly and consistent relation of parts; state of cohering or sticking together

### **coherent**

a. Syn. adhesive; cohesive  
adhesive; cohesive; sticking together ; logical; sound; capable of thinking and expressing yourself in a clear and consistent manner

### **cohesion**

n. Syn. unity; solidarity  
tendency to keep together

### **cohesive**

a.  
cohering or tending to cohere; well integrated

### **coil**

n. Syn. ring; roll  
a series of connected spirals or concentric rings formed by gathering or winding; spiral pipe or series of spiral pipes

**coin**

v. Syn. create; invent  
make pieces of money from metal; invent or fabricate

**coinage**

n.  
coins collectively

**coincide**

v. Syn. correspond  
occur at the same time as; correspond

**coincidence**

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

**coincident**

a.  
concerning; simultaneous

**collaborate**

v. Syn. cooperate  
work together, especially in a joint intellectual effort

**collaboration**

n.  
act of working together; act of cooperating with an enemy, especially it occupying one's own country

**collapse**

v.  
breakdown; failure

**colleague**

n. Syn. associate  
fellow worker; associate; co-worker

**collective**

a. Syn. common  
common; assembled into or viewed as a whole

**collide**

v.  
bump; hit; conflict

**collision**

n. Syn. crash; impact  
crash; conflict of opposed ideas or attitudes or goals

## **colonel**

n.

a commissioned military officer

## **colonial**

a.

of or relating to or characteristic of or inhabiting a colony

## **colony**

n. Syn. group; community

region politically controlled by a distant country; a dependency; a community of social insects, as ants, bees

## **column**

n.

pillar; cylindrical or polygonal support for roof; anything resembling, in form or position; upright body or mass

## **combat**

v. Syn. fight

struggle as with an opposing force; fight with

## **combination**

n. Syn. blend; union

blend; union

## **combine**

v. Syn. blend; fuse; merge

blend; fuse; merge

## **comedy**

n.

light and humorous drama with a happy ending

## **comic**

a. Syn. funny; ridiculous

arousing or provoking laughter; ridiculous; amusing; humorous

## **commander**

n. Syn. chief; leader

chief; leader

## **commandment**

n.

order or injunction given by authority; command; charge; act of commanding; exercise of authority

## **commemorate**

v. Syn. remember; memorialize

serve as a memorial to; honor the memory of with a ceremony

## **commence**

v. Syn. originate; start; begin  
have a beginning or origin; originate; start; begin

## **commend**

v.  
commit, entrust, or give in charge for care or preservation; recommend as worthy of confidence or regard

## **comment**

v. Syn. remark; judgment  
express an opinion; remark

## **commerce**

n. Syn. trade; business  
trade; business; intellectual exchange or social interaction

## **commercial**

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

## **commission**

n.  
fee for services; group of people appointed to find out about something; authorize

## **commit**

v.  
do something that cannot be changed; cause to be admitted

## **commitment**

n.  
pledge, undertaking; act of binding yourself to a course of action

## **committee**

n.  
special group delegated to consider some matter

## **commodity**

n. Syn. goods  
goods; article of trade; advantage; benefit.

## **commonplace**

a. Syn. ordinary; common  
ordinary; having no remarkable features

## **commonsense**

a.  
exhibiting native good judgment

## **communicate**

v. Syn. convey; inform; correspond  
send information about; make known; impart; reveal clearly

## **communication**

n.  
activity of communicating; activity of conveying information

## **community**

n. Syn. society; district  
society; a group of people living in the same locality and under the same government

## **compact**

a. Syn. compressed; condensed; concise  
closely and firmly united or packed together; briefly giving gist of something

## **companion**

n. Syn. associate; partner  
associate; partner

## **company**

n.  
team; guard team; group of persons; business enterprise

## **comparable**

a. Syn. similar  
similar or equivalent; being of equal regard; worthy to be ranked with

## **comparative**

a. Syn. relative  
relative; based on, or involving comparison

## **comparatively**

ad. Syn. relatively; rather  
relatively; in comparison

## **compare**

v.  
examine and note the similarities or differences of

## **compass**

v.  
go about or entirely round; make the circuit of; enclose on all sides; surround

## **compatible**

a. Syn. harmonious  
harmonious; having similar disposition and tastes

## **compel**

v.  
force; coerce; necessitate or pressure by force

### **compensate**

v. Syn. make up; reimburse  
make amends for; reimburse

### **compensation**

n.  
something given or received as payment as for a service or loss or injury

### **compete**

v. Syn. vie; contest; fight  
contest; fight

### **competent**

a. Syn. capable; adept  
capable; adept

### **competition**

n. Syn. struggle; rivalry  
struggle; rivalry; act of competing as for profit or a prize

### **competitive**

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

### **competitiveness**

n.  
an aggressive willingness to compete

### **competitor**

n.  
one who seeks what another seeks, or claims what another claims; one who competes; rival

### **compile**

v. Syn. assemble; gather; accumulate  
put together or compose from materials gathered from several sources

### **complain**

v. Syn. lament  
make a formal accusation; bring a formal charge

### **complaint**

n. Syn. grievance; criticism  
expression of pain, dissatisfaction, or resentment; criticism

### **complement**

v. Syn. complete; consummate  
complete; consummate; make perfect

## **complex**

a. Syn. intricate; compound  
complicated in structure; a whole structure, as a building, made up of interconnected or related structures

## **complexity**

n. Syn. complication  
complication

## **compliance**

n.  
readiness to yield; happy friendly agreement

## **complicated**

a. Syn. intricate; circuitous  
difficult to analyze or understand

## **compliment**

n. Syn. praise; commendation  
praise; commendation; say something to someone that expresses praise

## **complimentary**

a. Syn. flattering; laudatory  
expressing of praise, admiration, or congratulation; given free to repay a favor or as an act of courtesy

## **comply**

v.  
yield assent; accord; agree, or acquiesce; adapt one's self; fulfill; accomplish

## **component**

n. Syn. element; ingredient  
element; ingredient; abstract part of something

## **compose**

v. Syn. write; create  
write; create; make or create by putting together parts or elements

## **composite**

a.  
made up of distinct parts or elements; compounded

## **composition**

n. Syn. makeup; constitution  
makeup; constitution; writing; essay

## **compound**

v. Syn. combine; constitute  
combine; mix; constitute; pay interest; increase

## **comprehend**

v. Syn. understand; grasp  
take in the meaning, nature, or importance of; grasp

## **comprehension**

n. Syn. grasp  
grasp; ability to understand

## **comprehensive**

a. Syn. thorough; inclusive  
thorough; including all or everything; broad in scope

## **compress**

v. Syn. squeeze; contract  
close; squeeze or press together; contract

## **compression**

n.  
applying pressure; encoding information while reducing the bandwidth or bits required

## **comprise**

v. Syn. include  
include; consist of; be composed of

## **compromise**

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

## **compulsory**

a. Syn. mandatory; obligatory  
mandatory; obligatory; required by rule

## **computation**

n. Syn. calculation  
calculation

## **compute**

v. Syn. reckon; calculate  
reckon; make mathematical calculation

## **conceal**

v. Syn. hide; secrete  
keep from being seen, found, observed, or discovered; secrete

## **concede**

v. Syn. admit; yield  
admit; yield; give up physical control of another

### **conceit**

n.  
overly high self-esteem; feelings of excessive pride

### **conceited**

a.  
endowed with fancy or imagination; entertaining a flattering opinion of one's self; vain

### **conceive**

v. Syn. design; consider  
form or develop in the mind; devise; become pregnant with; begin or originate in a specific way

### **concentrate**

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

### **concept**

n. Syn. notion; idea  
something formed in the mind; thought or notion

### **conception**

n. Syn. thought; idea  
beginning; forming of an idea; act of conceiving

### **concern**

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

### **concert**

n. Syn. harmony; accord  
performance of music by players or singers not involving theatrical staging; harmony; accord

### **concerted**

a.  
planned or accomplished together; combined

### **concession**

n.  
act of yielding; point yielded; acknowledgment or admission

### **concise**

a. Syn. succinct; terse  
brief and compact; expressing much in few words

### **conclude**

v. Syn. deduce; infer  
enclose; reach as an end of reasoning; make final determination ; judge or decide; bring to an end

### **conclusive**

a. Syn. definitive; decisive; final  
definitive; decisive; final

### **concrete**

n. Syn. cement  
solid mass; covering with cement; hard, strong construction material consisting of sand, conglomerate , and gravel

### **concurrent**

a. Syn. simultaneous; coincident  
simultaneous; coincident; occurring or operating at the same time

### **condemn**

v. Syn. blame; denounce  
blame; denounce; express strong disapproval of

### **condemnation**

n. Syn. blame  
blame

### **condensation**

n. Syn. compression  
compression

### **condense**

v.  
change from a gaseous to a liquid state and fall in drops; compress or concentrate

### **condenser**

n.  
lens used to concentrate light on an object; an apparatus that converts vapor into liquid

### **condition**

n. Syn. situation; state; fitness  
mode or state of being; fitness; existing circumstances

### **conduct**

v. Syn. accompany; direct  
direct the course of; manage or control; lead or guide

### **conductor**

n.  
a device designed to transmit electricity, heat; person who collects fares on a public conveyance

### **cone**

n.

a shape whose base is a circle and whose sides taper up to a point

## **confer**

v.

bestow; present; have a conference in order to talk something over

## **conference**

n. Syn. meeting; discussion

meeting for consultation or discussion; exchange of views

## **confess**

v. Syn. acknowledge; admit

acknowledge; admit

## **confession**

n.

public declaration of faith

## **confide**

v. Syn. disclose; reveal; tell

disclose; reveal; tell in confidence

## **confidence**

n.

feeling secure or certain about something

## **confident**

a. Syn. assured

assured; having or marked by assurance

## **confidential**

a.

treated with confidence; trusted in; trustworthy; secret

## **confine**

v. Syn. limit; circumscribe

restrict in movement; circumscribe

## **confinement**

n. Syn. restriction; limitation; imprisonment

state of being confined; restraint within limits; any restraint of liberty by force

## **confirm**

v. Syn. verify; corroborate

support or establish the certainty or validity of; verify

## **confirmation**

n.  
additional proof that something that was believed

### **conflict**

n. Syn. fight; struggle  
fight; struggle; incompatibility of dates or events

### **conform**

v.  
comply with; follow; fit; meet

### **conformity**

n. Syn. harmony; agreement  
similarity in form or character; agreement

### **confront**

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

### **confrontation**

n.  
state of being confronted, especially a meeting face to face; clash of opinions and ideas

### **confuse**

v. Syn. disorient; mix up  
cause to be unable to think with clarity or act with intelligence or understanding; mix up

### **confusion**

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

### **congestion**

n. Syn. overcrowding  
act of gathering or heaping together or forming a mass

### **congratulation**

n.  
act of acknowledging that someone has an occasion for celebration

### **congress**

n.  
meeting of elected or appointed representatives

### **congressman**

n.  
man who is a member of the U.S. Congress, especially of the House of Representatives

### **conjunction**

n.  
state of being conjoined, united, or associated; union; association; league

### **connect**

v. Syn. join; link; relate  
join, or fasten together; associate; combine; unite or link together

### **connection**

n.  
relation between things or events; shifting from one form of transportation to another

### **conquer**

v.  
gain or acquire by force; take possession of by violent means; gain dominion over

### **conquest**

n.  
success in mastering something difficult; one that has been captivated or overcome

### **conscience**

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

### **conscientious**

a. Syn. diligent; responsible; reliable  
diligent; responsible; reliable

### **conscious**

a. Syn. awake  
awake; alert

### **consciousness**

n.  
having knowledge of ; special awareness or sensitivity:

### **consecutive**

a. Syn. successive; sequential  
following one after another without interruption; sequential

### **consent**

v. Syn. accord; concur; allow  
agree in opinion or sentiment; be of the same mind; accord; concur; allow

### **consequence**

n. Syn. result; aftermath; outcome  
result; relation of a result to its cause; logical conclusion or inference

### **consequently**

ad. Syn. therefore  
therefore; as a result or consequence of something; subsequently

### **conservation**

n. Syn. preservation  
preservation or restoration from loss, damage, or neglect

### **conservative**

a. Syn. traditional; conventional  
favoring traditional views and values; tending to oppose change

### **considerable**

a. Syn. significant  
worthy of consideration; large in amount, extent, or degree

### **considerably**

ad. Syn. substantially  
substantially; significantly; to a degree worth considering

### **considerate**

a. Syn. thoughtful  
thoughtful; marked by consideration or reflection; deliberate

### **consideration**

n.  
considerate and thoughtful act

### **consign**

v.  
give, transfer, or deliver in a formal manner, as if by signing over into the possession of another

### **consist**

v.  
be made up or composed; be comprised or contained in

### **consistency**

n.  
harmonious uniformity or agreement among things or parts

### **consistent**

a. Syn. uniform; regular  
being in agreement with itself; coherent; regular

### **console**

v. Syn. relieve; comfort  
cheer from distress or depression; alleviate grief and raise spirits of; relieve; comfort

### **consolidate**

v.

make solid; unite or press together into a compact mass; harden or make dense and firm

### **consonant**

a. Syn. compatible; harmonious  
compatible; harmonious

### **conspicuous**

a. Syn. noticeable; prominent  
noticeable; prominent; easy to notice; obvious

### **conspiracy**

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

### **constant**

a. Syn. invariable; repeating  
invariable; repeating; continually occurring; persistent

### **constantly**

ad. Syn. incessantly; perpetually; continually  
in an unchangeable or invariable manner; in every case; perpetually; continually

### **constituent**

n. Syn. component; element; ingredient  
component or part; citizen, voter

### **constitute**

v. Syn. form  
make up; form something

### **constitution**

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

### **constraint**

n. Syn. bound; restraint  
something that restricts or confines within prescribed bounds

### **construct**

v. Syn. erect; build  
form by assembling or combining parts; build; create

### **construction**

n.  
act of constructing or building something

### **consult**

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

## **consultant**

n.  
an expert who gives advice

## **consume**

v. Syn. devour; eat  
devour; eat

## **consumer**

n.  
people who buy goods or services

## **consumption**

n.  
eating or drinking of something

## **contact**

v.  
get in touch with; reach

## **contain**

v. Syn. include; incorporate; house  
include; incorporate; be capable of holding

## **container**

n. Syn. receptacle  
any object that can be used to hold things

## **contemplate**

v. Syn. ponder; meditate  
look at attentively and thoughtfully; observe deep in thought

## **contemplation**

n.  
act of the mind in considering with attention; continued attention of the mind to a particular subject;  
meditation; expectation

## **contemporary**

a.  
modern; belonging to the same period of time

## **contempt**

n. Syn. disgrace  
state of being despised or dishonored; disgrace; disobedience to, or open disrespect of

## **contemptuous**

a. Syn. scornful  
scornful; expressing contempt; showing a lack of respect

### **content**

n. Syn. volume; capacity  
volume; something contained; material, including text and images

### **contest**

v. Syn. oppose; dispute  
contend for; call in question; oppose; dispute

### **context**

n. Syn. circumstance; setting  
circumstance

### **continent**

n.  
one of the large landmasses of the earth

### **continental**

a.  
being or concerning or limited to a continent

### **contingency**

n.  
condition of being dependent on chance; uncertainty; possibility

### **contract**

v. Syn. shrink; constrict  
constrict; make smaller; compress or concentrate

### **contradict**

v. Syn. confront; oppose  
confront; oppose

### **contradiction**

n.  
assertion of contrary; denial of the truth of a statement or assertion; opposition, whether by argument or conduct

### **contrary**

a. Syn. opposite  
relation of direct opposition; very opposed in nature or character or purpose

### **contrast**

n.  
act of distinguishing by comparing differences

### **contribute**

v.  
provide; bestow a quality on

### **contribution**

n. Syn. impost; levy  
act of contributing; payment exacted for special purpose; impost or levy

### **controversial**

a. Syn. controvertible; disputable  
controvertible; disputable

### **controversy**

n. Syn. contention; argument  
contentious speech act; argument

### **convenience**

n.  
state of being suitable

### **convenient**

a. Syn. handy; suitable; near; accessible  
suited or favorable to one's comfort, purpose, or needs; near; accessible

### **convention**

n. Syn. conference; norm; custom  
social or moral custom; formal meeting of members, representatives, or delegates; agreement between states

### **conventional**

a.  
based upon tradition rules; formed by agreement or compact

### **conversant**

a. Syn. skilled; proficient  
familiar, as by study or experience; able to converse knowledgeably

### **conversation**

n. Syn. dialogue; talk  
general course of conduct; intimate fellowship or association; close acquaintance; informal dialogue

### **converse**

v. Syn. chat  
chat; talk informally; engage in a spoken exchange of thoughts

### **conversely**

ad.  
in a converse manner; with change of order or relation; reciprocally.

### **conversion**

n. Syn. change; transformation  
change; transformation

### **convert**

n. Syn. transform  
change something into another form; transform

### **convey**

v.  
carry from one place to another; bear or transport

### **conveyance**

n. Syn. vehicle; transfer  
act of conveying; tools of conveying, especially vehicle for transportation

### **convict**

v.  
find or declare guilty

### **conviction**

n. Syn. assurance; confidence  
judgment that someone is guilty of crime; strongly held belief

### **convince**

v.  
overpower; force to yield assent to truth; satisfy by proof; prove guilty

### **convinced**

a.  
certain, sure

### **cooperate**

v. Syn. collaborate  
work or act together toward a common end or purpose

### **cooperation**

n.  
practice of cooperating; joint operation or action

### **cooperative**

a.  
done with or working with others

### **coordinate**

v. Syn. integrate; harmonize  
bring order and organization to; harmonize

### **coordination**

n.  
regulation of diverse elements into an integrated and harmonious operation

### **cordial**

a. Syn. gracious  
gracious; showing warm and friendliness

### **core**

n. Syn. center; essence  
basic, center, or most important part; essence

### **cork**

n.  
lightweight elastic outer bark, used especially for bottle closures, insulation, floats

### **corn**

n.  
single seed of certain plants, as wheat; grain; small, hard particle

### **corner**

n.  
position at which two lines, surfaces, or edges meet and form an angle

### **corporate**

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

### **corporation**

n.  
business firm; a group of people combined into or acting as one body

### **correlate**

v. Syn. relate; associate  
relate; associate; bring into a mutual relation

### **correlation**

n. Syn. relationship  
mutual relationship; interdependence or interconnection relationship

### **correspond**

v.  
be compatible, similar or consistent; exchange messages

### **correspondence**

n. Syn. mail  
similarity or analogy; communication by the exchange of letters

### **correspondent**

a.  
one who communicates information, especially, by letter or telegram to newspaper or periodical

## **corresponding**

a.  
accompanying

## **corrode**

v.  
destroy metal or alloy gradually, especially by chemical action; be eaten or worn away

## **corrosion**

n. Syn. decay; erosion  
decay; erosion

## **corrupt**

a. Syn. spoiled; tainted  
changed from sound to putrid state; spoiled; tainted

## **corruption**

n. Syn. bribery; fraud  
bribery; fraud

## **cosmic**

a. Syn. vast  
pertaining to the universe; vast

## **cosmopolitan**

a. Syn. sophisticated  
sophisticated; of worldwide scope

## **cosmos**

n.  
universe or universality of created things; ordered, harmonious whole

## **couch**

n.  
sofa; arrange or dispose as in a bed

## **counsel**

v. Syn. advise; suggest  
advise; suggest

## **countenance**

v. Syn. approve; tolerate  
give sanction or support to; tolerate or approve

## **counter**

n.  
flat surface on which money is counted, business is transacted; one that is an opposite

### **countermand**

v. Syn. cancel; revoke  
cancel; revoke command or order; order or direct in opposition to; prohibit; forbid

### **counterpart**

n. Syn. version; analogue; match  
duplicate copy; analogue; one that closely resembles another

### **countless**

a. Syn. innumerable; infinite  
innumerable; infinite; too many to count

### **couple**

n. Syn. pair  
a male and female associated together; a pair who associate with one another

### **court**

n.  
enclosed space; courtyard; uncovered area shut in by the walls of a building

### **courteous**

a. Syn. polite  
exhibiting courtesy and politeness; showing regard or thought for others

### **courtesy**

n.  
polite behavior; act of civility or respect; consent or agreement in spite of fact

### **cover**

v.  
overspread the surface; envelop; shelter, as from evil or danger; protect

### **coverage**

n. Syn. reportage  
extent to which something is covered; news as presented by reporters

### **coward**

n. Syn. timid  
person who lacks courage to face danger; timid

### **crab**

n.  
a stroke of the oar that either misses the water or digs too deeply

### **crack**

v.  
break into simpler molecules by means of heat; split; hit forcefully; pass through

## **cradle**

n.  
small low bed for an infant, often furnished with rockers; infancy, or very early life

## **craft**

n. Syn. vessel  
something made by people; vessel

## **crash**

n. Syn. smash; collision  
smash; collision; falling down or in pieces with a loud noise of breaking parts

## **crate**

n.  
large basket, used for moving china or similar wares; box or case whose sides are of wooden slats with interspaces

## **crave**

v. Syn. beseech; implore  
ask with earnestness or importunity; ask with submission or humility; beg

## **crawl**

v. Syn. creep  
move slowly, as people or animals with the body near the ground

## **crazy**

a. Syn. insane; deranged  
affected with madness; insane; deranged

## **create**

v.  
make or cause to be or to become; invest with a new thing

## **creation**

n.  
fact or state of having been created; act of investing with a new office or title

## **credit**

n. Syn. reputation; prestige  
arrangement for deferred payment for goods and services; money available for a client to borrow

## **creek**

n. Syn. stream; brook  
small stream, often a shallow tributary to a river; brook

## **creep**

v. Syn. crawl  
move slowly; move stealthily or cautiously

### **crew**

n.  
group of people working together, as in spacecraft, ship, plane or train

### **cricket**

n.  
outdoor game played with bats, a ball, and wickets by two teams of 11 players each

### **criminal**

n.  
one who has committed a crime; one who is found guilty by verdict, confession, or proof

### **crimson**

a. Syn. bloody  
bloody

### **cripple**

n. Syn. handicap; maim; disable  
person or animal that is partially disabled or unable to use a limb or limb

### **crisis**

n.  
dangerous situation; crucial or decisive point or situation; a turning point

### **crisp**

a.  
firm but easily broken or crumbled; brittle

### **critical**

a.  
urgently needed; absolutely necessary; essential; acute; crucial; decisive

### **crook**

v.  
bend, turn, or curve; curvature; flexure

### **crooked**

a. Syn. curved  
having or marked by bends or angles; not straight or aligned; curved

### **crop**

n.  
the top, end, or highest part of anything, especially of plant or tree; grain or other product of field while standing; anything cut off or gathered

### **crossing**

n.  
traveling across; place at which roads, lines, or tracks intersect; intersection

## **crouch**

v.  
bend down; stoop low; lie close to the ground with the legs bent, as an animal when waiting for prey, or in fear

## **crown**

n.  
ornamental circlet or head covering, made of gold with jewels and worn as a symbol of sovereignty

## **crude**

a.  
being in an unrefined or natural state; raw; lacking tact or taste; blunt or offensive

## **cruise**

v.  
sail back and forth on the ocean; sail as for protection of commerce, in search of an enemy, or for pleasure

## **crumb**

n.  
small fragment or piece, especially, a small piece of bread or other food; broken or cut off

## **crumble**

v. Syn. fall apart; disintegrate  
break into small pieces; cause to fall in pieces

## **crush**

v. Syn. squash; smash; press  
press between opposing bodies so as to break or injure; extract or obtain by pressing or squeezing

## **crust**

n. Syn. covering; coat; shell  
outer layer ; covering; coat; shell

## **crystal**

n. Syn. quartz  
quartz; glassware made of quartz; high-quality, clear, colorless glass

## **cube**

n.  
three-dimensional shape with six square or rectangular sides; cubicle, used for work or study

## **cubic**

a.  
having three dimensions

## **cubism**

n.

an artistic movement in France beginning in 1907 that featured surfaces of geometrical planes

## **cucumber**

n.

cylindrical green fruit with thin green rind and white flesh eaten as a vegetable; related to melons

## **cultivate**

v. Syn. farm; domesticate; nurture; teach

improve and prepare, as by plowing or fertilizing, for raising crops; promote the growth of

## **cultivation**

n.

production of food by preparing the land to grow crops

## **culture**

n. Syn. civilization

all the knowledge and values shared by a society ; foster; raising of plants or animals

## **cunning**

a.

knowing; skillful; artful; designing; deceitful

## **cupboard**

n.

a small room or cabinet used for storage space

## **curb**

v.

bend or curve; guide and manage, or restrain

## **cure**

n.

medical or hygienic care; remedial treatment of disease; removal of disease or evil

## **curiosity**

n.

desire to know or learn

## **curious**

a. Syn. inquisitive

difficult to please or satisfy; careful or anxious to learn; eager for knowledge; given to research or inquiry

## **curl**

v.

form into coiled or spiral shape; twist into ringlets or coils; move in curve or spiral

**currency**

n. Syn. money  
money; general acceptance or use

**current**

n. Syn. stream; flow  
stream; flow; up-to-date; present

**currently**

ad. Syn. presently  
presently; at the present time

**curse**

v.  
call upon divine or supernatural power to send injury upon; bring great evil upon

**curtail**

v. Syn. shorten; reduce  
cut short or reduce; cut off end or tail, or any part

**curve**

v.  
bend or turn gradually from a given direction, as road curves to the right

**cushion**

n.  
soft pillow or pad usually used for sitting, reclining, or kneeling

**custody**

n.  
keeping or guarding; care, watch, inspection, for keeping, preservation, or security

**custom**

n. Syn. tradition; practice  
tradition; practice followed by people of a particular group or region

**customary**

a.  
agreeing with or established by common usage; conventional; habitual

**customer**

n. Syn. patron; clientele  
patron; one that buys goods or services

**customs**

n.  
money collected under a tariff

**cycle**

n.

periodically repeated sequence of events; long period of time; entire round in a circle or a spire