

Trigger Words

a or **A** (ə)

indefinite article

- **1** one; one kind of [I'll bake **a** peach pie.]
- **2** any one [Pick **a** peach from the tree.]
- **3** for each [The apples cost two dollars **a** bag.] Use **a** before a word that begins with a consonant sound. Use **an** before a word that begins with a vowel sound.

about (ə baʊt')

adverb

- **1** on every side; all around [Look **about**.]
- **2** here and there; in all directions [Birds fly **about**.]
- **3** in or to the opposite direction [Turn yourself **about**.]
- **4** more or less [She's **about** ten years old.]
- **5** almost ready [I was **about** to cry.]
- **6** [an informal use] almost [I'm just **about** ready.]
- **adjective** active; awake or well again [At dawn I was up and **about**.]

preposition

- **1** around; on all sides of [Waves rose **about** the boat.]
- **2** here and there in; everywhere in [Stop running **about** the house.]
- **3** near to [He was born **about** 1920.]
- **4** taking care of [Go **about** your business.]
- **5** having to do with [Here is a book **about** ships.]

after (af'tər)

adverb

- **1** behind in place or time; coming next [You go on ahead, and we'll follow **after**.]
- **2** following in time; later [They came at noon and left three hours **after**.]

preposition

- **1** behind in place or time [The soldiers marched one **after** the other.] **2** with the purpose of catching, following, or finding [The dog ran **after** the rabbit.] **3** later than [It's ten minutes **after** four.] **4** because of [After what has happened, he won't go.] **5** in honor of [named **after** her aunt].

again (ə ɡen')

adverb

- **1** once more; a second time [I enjoyed the book so much that I may read it **again**.]
- **2** back into a former place or condition; as before [She is home **again**.]

ago (ə ɡoʊ)

- **adjective** gone by; before now [They were married ten years **ago**.]
- **adverb** in the past [That happened long **ago**.]

all (ɔːl)

adjective

- **1** the whole of or the whole amount of [I never heard such talk in **all** my life. He gave her **all** the money.]
- **2** every one of [All the people are here.]
- **3** without anything else; only [Life is not **all** fun.]

pronoun

- **1** [used with a plural verb] every one [All of us are here.]
- **2** every part or bit; everything [All of the candy is gone.]

noun

- **1** everything that a person has [He gave his **all** but still lost the game.]
- **2** the whole amount [That's **all** you are going to get.]

adverb

- **1** completely; entirely [The food is **all** gone.]
- **2** each; a piece [The score is ten **all**.]
—**all over 1** ended; finished [The game was **all over** by one o'clock.] **2** everywhere [We looked **all over** for the cat.] —**at all** in the smallest amount; in any way [I don't understand this **at all**.]
● The words **all** and **awl** sound alike. All the lettuce went into the salad. I used the awl with the broken handle.

almost (ɔːlməʊst)

- **adverb** very nearly but not completely [Sue is **almost** ten.]

also (ɔːlsəʊ)

- **adverb** in addition; too; besides [She sang and **also** played the piano at the party.]

always (ɔːlwəz)

adverb

- **1** at all times; at every time [He is **always** polite.]
- **2** all the time [Oxygen is **always** present in the air.]
- **3** forever [I will **always** love her.]

an (ən or ɛn)

indefinite article

- **1** one; one kind of [Will you bake **an** apple pie?]
- **2** any one [Pick **an** apple for me.]
- **3** for each [The perfume cost fifty dollars **an** ounce.] Use **a** before a word that begins with a consonant sound. Use **an** before a word that begins with a vowel sound.

and (ænd)

conjunction

- **1** also; in addition; as well as [They preserved plums **and** pears.]
- **2** added to; plus [6 **and** 2 equals 8.]
- **3** as a result [Help me **and** I'll be grateful.]
- **4** [an informal use] to; in order to [Try **and** get it.]

another (ə nʌθər)

adjective

- **1** one more [Have **another** cup of tea.]

- **2** a different; not the same [Exchange the book for **another** one.]

pronoun

- **1** one more [I've had two cookies, but I'd like **another**.]
- **2** a different one [If one store doesn't have the book, try **another**.]

any (en'ē)

adjective

- **1** one, no matter which one, out of three or more [Take **any** book you want.]
- **2** some, no matter how many or what kind [Do you have **any** apples?]
- **3** every [**Any** person knows this song.]

pronoun

- **1** any one or ones [I lost my pencils; do you have **any**? She plays tennis better than **any** before her.]
- **2** any amount or number [Did you eat **any** of your dinner?]
- **adverb** to any degree; at all [Do you feel **any** better today?]

anyhow (en'ē hou)

- **adverb** no matter what else is true; just the same; anyway [You may know these words, but study them **anyhow**.]

anyway (en'ē wā)

- **adverb** no matter what happens; in any case [I'm going **anyway**.]

as (az)

adverb

- **1** to the same amount or degree; equally [Are you **as** tall as your cousin?]
- **2** for instance; for example [Some plants, **as** corn and potatoes, are native to America.]

conjunction

- **1** to the same amount or degree that [I'm as hungry **as** you are.]
- **2** in the way that [Do **as** I tell you.]
- **3** at the same time that; while [She laughed **as** she spoke.]
- **4** because; since [**As** I am tired, I'll stay home.]

preposition in the role or manner of [He poses **as** a friend. That table can serve **as** a desk.]

—**as if** or **as though** as it would if; as a person would if [They acted **as if** they were tired. It looks **as though** it will rain.] —**as is** [an informal use] just as it is [This used car costs \$800 **as is**.] —**as of** up to, on, or from a certain time [You can reach me here **as of** next Friday.]

at (at)

preposition

- **1** on, in, near, or by [Are they **at** home?]
- **2** to or toward [Look **at** her. Aim **at** the target.]
- **3** attending [Virginia was **at** the party.]
- **4** busy with [Everyone was **at** work.]

- **5** in a condition of [England and France were **at** war.]

- **6** in the amount, rate, or price of [Apples sold **at** 20 cents each.]

- **7** on or close to the time or age of [We eat **at** six o'clock.]

away (ə wā')

adverb

- **1** from one place to another [Tom Sawyer ran **away** from home.]
- **2** in the right place [Put the tools **away**.]
- **3** in another direction [Turn **away**.]
- **4** off; aside [Please clear the snow **away**.]
- **5** out of one's keeping [Don't give **away** the secret.]
- **6** out of hearing or out of sight [The sound faded **away**.]
- **7** without stopping [He worked **away** all night.]

adjective

- **1** not here; absent [**away** for the day].
- **2** at a distance [The lake is ten miles **away**.] —**do away with** to get rid of; put an end to [They have **done away with** the old rules.]

back (bak)

noun

- **1** the part of the body that is opposite the chest and stomach. In most animals other than human beings, it is the part opposite the underside.
- **2** the backbone.
- **3** the part of something that is behind or opposite the front [the **back** of the room].
- **4** a football player who has a position behind the line.

adjective

- **1** at the rear or back [the **back** wheel of a bicycle].
- **2** of or for a time in the past; past; old [a **back** copy of a magazine].

adverb

- **1** at or to the back; backward [Please move **back** in the elevator.]
- **2** to the place that it came from [Throw the ball **back**.]
- **3** to an earlier condition or time [Think **back** to your earliest memories.]
- **4** in return [I paid **back** the money I had borrowed.]

verb

- **1** to move backward or to the rear [The truck **backed** up to the platform.]
- **2** to help or support [We all **backed** the plan.] —Look for the word choices box at the entry **support**. —**back and forth** to the rear and then to the front, or from side to side [The cradle rocked **back and forth**.] —**back out** to refuse to do something that one has promised to do [He's **backing out** of the agreement.] —**back up** to support or help [Will you **back** me **up** when I talk to the coach?] —**behind someone's back** without someone's knowing or allowing it. —**in back of** at or to the rear of; behind.

back ■ **noun**, plural **backs** ■ **adjective** ■ **adverb** ■ **verb** **backed**, **backing**

be (bē)

verb *Be* can join a subject with a word or words that tell something about it. *Be* can also tell that something exists or takes place. *Be* can also be a linking verb and a helping verb. *Be* may mean:

- **1** to live [Lincoln *is* no more.]
 - **2** to happen or take place [The wedding will *be* next Sunday.]
 - **3** to stay or continue [I will *be* here until Monday.]
 - **4** to have a place or position [The door *is* on your left.]
- When *be* is a linking verb, it joins a subject with:
- **1** a noun [He *is* a student.]
 - **2** an adjective [Ingrid *is* tall.]
 - **3** a pronoun [Who *is* he?] When *be* is a helping verb, it is used with:
- **1** a past participle [The diamonds *are* gone!]
 - **2** a present participle [I *am* going.]
 - **3** an infinitive [We *are* to see the movie later.]

INFLECTED FORMS OF THE VERB **be**

Present Tense

First Person *singular* **am**
Second Person *singular* **are**
Third Person *singular* **is**

First Person *plural* **are**
Second Person *plural* **are**
Third Person *plural* **are**

Present Participle

First Person **being**
Second Person **being**
Third Person **being**

Past Tense

First Person *singular* **was**
Second Person *singular* **were**
Third Person *singular* **was**

First Person *plural* **were**
Second Person *plural* **were**
Third Person *plural* **were**

Past Participle

First Person **been**
Second Person **been**
Third Person **been**

am (am)

□ **verb** the form of the verb **be** that is used to show the present time with I [I *am* happy.]

are (ār)

□ **verb** the form of the verb **be** that is used to show the present time with *you*, *we*, and *they*. This form is also used with plural nouns. [*Are* we late? These trees *are* maples.]

is (iz)

□ **verb** the form of the verb **be** that is used to show the present time with *he*, *she*, or *it*. This form is also

used with singular nouns [The sky *is* blue. She *is* friendly. It *is* raining.]

was (wuz or wāz)

□ **verb** the form of the verb **be** that is used to show past time with *I*, *he*, *she*, and *it*. This form is also used with singular nouns [*Was* I late? She *was* so kind. This tree *was* beautiful last fall.]

were (wār)

□ **verb** the form of the verb **be** that is used to show past time with *you*, *we*, and *they*. This form is also used with plural nouns [*Were* we late? You *were* so kind. These trees *were* beautiful last fall.]

being (bē'īŋ)

□ **verb present participle of be.**
□ **noun 1** the state or fact of existing; existence or life [Our club came into *being* last year.] **2** a living creature [a human *being*].

been (bin)

□ **verb past participle of be.**

because (bē kōz' or bē kāz')

Conjunction

□ **1** for the reason that; since [I'm late *because* I overslept.]
—**because of** on account of; as a result of [He was absent from school *because of* illness.]

became (bē kām')

verb past tense of become.

become (bē kum')

verb

□ **1** to come to be [She *became* ill last week. My baby brother had *become* a young man.]
□ **2** to be right or suitable for [That dress

becomes you.]

—**become of** to happen to [What *became of* that movie star?]

becoming (bē kum'īŋ)

adjective.

□ **1** right or suitable; attractive [a *becoming* dress].

before (bē fôr')

preposition

□ **1** ahead of [The valley stretched *before* us.] **2** in front of [We paused *before* the door.] **3** earlier than; previous to [Will you finish *before* noon?]

adverb

□ **1** in the past; earlier [I've heard that song *before*.] **2** at an earlier time; sooner [Come to see me at ten, not *before*.]

conj.

- 1 earlier than the time that [Think *before* you speak.]
- 2 sooner than [I'd die *before* I'd tell anyone your secret.]

be•fore ■ **preposition** ■ **adverb** ■ **conj.**

between (bē twēn')

preposition

- 1 in the space that separates [a lake *between* the U.S. and Canada].
 - 2 in the time that separates [The doctor has office hours *between* one and five o'clock.]
 - 3 in the amount that separates or in one of the steps that separate [a number *between* three and eight; a color *between* blue and green].
 - 4 having to do with; involving [the war *between* the North and the South].
 - 5 connecting [a road *between* Boston and New York].
 - 6 with a part for or from each of [We split the money *between* us.]
 - 7 from one or the other of [You must choose *between* chocolate and caramels.]
- between you and me** as a secret that you and I share. —**in between** in a middle position.

be•tween ■ **prep.**

but (but)

preposition except; other than [Nobody came *but* me.]

- 1 yet; however [The story is long, *but* it is never dull.]
- 2 as opposed to what has been said [I am old, *but* you are young.]
- 3 unless; if not [It never rains *but* it pours.]

adverb

- 1 only [If I had *but* known, I would've gone.]
 - 2 no more than [He is *but* a child.]
- The words **but** and **butt** sound alike.
Listen, *but* don't say anything.
Rest the rifle *butt* on your arm.
Rams will *butt* heads when they fight.

by (bī)

preposition

- 1 near or beside [Sit *by* the fire.]
- 2 in or during [We traveled *by* night.]
- 3 for a fixed time [Bill is paid *by* the hour.]
- 4 no later than [Be back *by* ten o'clock.]
- 5 going through; by way of [We drove to New Jersey *by* the Holland Tunnel.]
- 6 past; beyond [He walked right *by* me.]
- 7 through the means or work of [I like to travel *by* car. We've read books *by* famous authors.]
- 8 according to [Mother learned to play piano *by* ear.]
- 9 in the measure or amount of; in units of [Do you sell apples *by* the pound?]
- 10 to the extent of [She's older than Mary *by* three months.]
- 11 and in another dimension [a room that is 15 feet *by* 20 feet].

adverb

- 1 near; close at hand [Stand *by*!]
- 2 away; aside [Put some money *by* for an emergency.]
- 3 past [We watched the bus go *by*.]

- The words **by** and **buy** sound alike.
It's midnight *by* my watch.
Are grapes a good *buy* this week?

can¹ (kan)

verb (helping verb) This verb is used with other verbs to show that the subject:

- 1 knows how to [I *can* speak Russian.]
- 2 is able to [The baby *can* walk.]
- 3 is likely to [*Can* that be true?]
- 4 has the right to [You *can* vote when you are eighteen years old.]
- 5 has permission to; may [*Can* I go out to play?] The word "to" is not used between *can* and the verb that follows it.

can ■ **verb** past tense **could**; he/she/it **can**

could (kʊd)

verb (helping verb)

- 1 past tense of **can¹**.
- 2 a helping verb with about the same meaning as **can¹**, but showing less force or sureness [You *could* be right. I *could* do it tomorrow.] The word "to" is not used between *could* and the verb that follows it.

can't (kant)

- 1 cannot.

cannot (kan'ät or kə nāt')

- 1 can not.

come (kʊm)

verb

- 1 to move from "there" to "here" [The dogs *come* to me quickly when I whistle.]
 - 2 to reach a certain place or result; arrive or appear [She *came* home late.]
 - 3 to be descended or be a native; originate [Her family □ **comes** from Colorado.]
 - 4 to be in a certain order [After 9 *comes* 10.]
 - 5 to be caused [Poor grades may *come* from lack of study.]
 - 6 to get to be; become [My shoelaces have *come* untied.]
- to be made or sold [This shoe *comes* □ in brown or black.]
- come across** to meet or find by accident [I *came across* some old pictures in the drawer.] —**come back** to return [I will *come back* after lunch.] —**come in** 1 to enter [The burglar *came in* through the window.] 2 to

arrive [Their plane **comes in** at noon.] **3** to finish in a contest [I **came in** third.] —**come to**

1 to add up to [The bill **came to** \$9.75.] **2** to become conscious again [The wounded soldier finally **came to**.] —**come up with** to find or produce [Can you **come up with** the answer?] —**how come?** [an informal use] why?

come ■ **verb** **came, come, coming**

came (kām)

□ **verb** past tense of **come**.

do¹ (dō)

verb *Do* can be both a main verb and a helping verb.

When *do* is a main verb, it means:

- **1** to carry out or perform [Do what I tell you.]
- **2** to work at; have as an occupation [What does he **do** for a living?]
- **3** to bring about; to cause [The storm **did** a lot of damage.]
- **4** to put forth; put into use [She **did** her best.]
- **5** to take care of; see to [I'll **do** the dishes tonight.]
- **6** to work out; solve [He **did** the math problem in no time at all.]

□ **7** to get along [The patient is **doing** well.]

□ **8** to be right for a purpose; to suit [Will this dress **do** for the party?] When *do* is a helping verb, it is used to:

1 ask a question [Do you want some candy?] **2** give force to what is being said [I **do** have to go.] **3** make a negative command or statement [I **do** not know the answer.] The word "to" is not used between the helping verb *do* and the verb that follows it.

—**do without** to get along without. —**have to do with** to be related to or connected with.

do ■ **verb** **did, done, doing, does**

did (did)

□ **verb** past tense of **do¹**.

does (duz)

□ **verb** the form of the verb **do¹** that is used to show the present time with *he, she, or it*. This form is also used with singular nouns.

done (dun)

□ **verb** past participle of **do¹**.

□ **adjective** cooked long enough [The roast is **done**.]

don't (dōnt)

□ do not.

down¹ (daun)

adverb

- **1** from a higher to a lower place [If you can't jump **down**, climb **down**. Pull **down** the shades.]
- **2** to or in a lower position, level, or condition [He told the children to sit **down**. The train has slowed **down**.]
- **3** to or on the floor or ground [He fell **down**.]

□ **4** from an earlier to a later time [The wedding gown was passed **down** from mother to daughter.]

□ **5** in or to a worse condition [She came **down** with a cold.]

□ **6** from a greater to a smaller amount, size, or strength [The price of oil has gone **down**.]

□ **7** to a more quiet or serious condition [The children settled **down** to study.]

□ **8** as partial payment at the time of purchase [Pay \$50 **down** and \$10 a week.]

□ **9** in writing [Take **down** his name.]

adjective

□ **1** moving or going downward [the **down** escalator].

□ **2** being in a low position or on the ground, floor, or bottom; not up [The shades are **down**. The sun is **down**.]

□ **3** not feeling well; ill [She is **down** with the flu.]

□ **4** out of order [The bank's computer has been **down** all morning.]

preposition

□ **1** from a higher to a lower place or position on, over, or along [The bus rolled **down** the hill. Tears ran **down** her face.]

□ **2** along [He walked **down** the street to the store.]

verb

□ **1** to bring, put, or knock down [The boxer **downed** his opponent.]

□ **2** to swallow quickly [She **downed** a glass of milk.]

noun

□ **1** in football, one of the four plays in a row during which a team must either score or move the ball forward by at least ten yards. If the team fails, it must give up the ball to the other team.

□ **2** a turn for the worse or a piece of bad luck [Her career has had its ups and **downs**.]

down ■ **adverb** ■ **adjective** ■ **preposition** ■ **verb** **downed, downing** ■ **noun**, plural **downs**

each (ēch)

□ **pronoun** every one of two or more things, thought of separately [Each of these books is special. **Each** is special.]

□ **adjective** every one of two or more, thought of separately [Each book has something special to teach us.]

□ **adverb** for every one of two or more things, thought of separately; apiece [Tickets are a dollar **each**.]

—**each other** one another [We love **each other**. They gave presents to **each other**.]

either (ē'thər or ī'thər)

adjective

□ **1** one or the other of two [You may use **either** door.]

□ **2** both one and the other; each [She had a tool in **either** hand.]

□ **pronoun** one or the other of two persons or things [Either of these recipes will work.]

□ **conjunction** taking the first of two choices. Used in phrases with *or* [I'll buy **either** roses or daisies.]

- **adverb** any more than the other; also [If you don't go, I won't go *either*.]

else (els)

adjective

- **1** not the same; different or other [I thought you were someone *else*.]
- **2** in addition; more [Do you want anything *else*?]

adverb

- **1** in a different time, place, or way [Where *else* did you go?]
- **2** if not; otherwise [Study or *else* you will fail.]

even (ē'vən)

adjective

- **1** flat, level, or smooth [an *even* surface].
- **2** regular or steady; not changing [an *even* flow of air; an *even* temper].
- **3** on the same level [The water was *even* with the brim.]
- **4** capable of being divided by two without leaving a remainder [2, 4, 6, and 8 are *even* numbers.]
- **5** equal [*even* shares].
- **6** exact [an *even* mile].
- **7** just; fair [an *even* contest].
- **8** having the same score; tied [The teams were *even* at half time.]

adverb

- **1** though it may seem unlikely; indeed [*Even* a child could do it.]
- **2** by comparison [She knows *even* less about music than I do.]
- **3** at the same time; while [*Even* as she spoke, the bell rang.]
- **verb** to make or become even [*Even* off the ends of the logs. His home run *evened* the score.]

e•ven ■ **adjective** ■ **adverb** ■ **verb** **evened**, **evening**

ever (ev'ər)

adverb

- **1** at any time [Have you *ever* seen a movie star?]
- **2** at all times; always [They lived happily *ever* after.]
- **3** in any way; at all [How can I *ever* repay you?]

every (ev'rē)

adjective

- **1** all or each one of the people or things that are part of a group; each with no exceptions [*Every* student must take the test.]
- **2** all that there could be [You've been given *every* chance.]

everything (ev'rē thiŋ)

pronoun

- **1** every thing that there is [Did you remember to bring *everything* for the picnic?]

- **2** the most important thing [His daughter is *everything* to him.]

for (fôr or fər)

preposition

- **1** meant to be received by or used in [a present *for* you; money *for* paying bills].
- **2** because of [He was praised *for* his honesty.]
- **3** in search of [hunting *for* berries].
- **4** in place of; instead of [Let's use our coats *for* blankets.]
- **5** on the side of; in support of [I will vote *for* the new tax for the library.]
- **6** in honor of [The baby was named *for* her aunt.]
- **7** in order to be, have, or get [We left *for* home. I asked *for* Mae.]
- **8** with regard to; concerning [a need *for* understanding].
- **9** if a person considers; considering [She's tall *for* her age.]
- **10** as compared with [Try to save a dime *for* every dollar you earn.]
- **11** in the amount of; equal to [a bill *for* \$20].
- **12** at the price of [He's selling them *for* ten cents each.]
- **13** to the distance of; as far as [Every day we walk *for* two miles.]
- **14** as long as; through the time of [The movie runs *for* an hour.]
- **15** at a certain time [I have an appointment *for* one o'clock.]
- **conjunction** because; since [Help her, *for* she is in pain.]
- The words **for** and **four** sound alike. The recipe calls *for* one cup of sugar. The recipe calls *for* *four* eggs.

from (frum or främ)

preposition

- **1** beginning at [*from* Boston to New York].
- **2** starting with [*from* noon to midnight].
- **3** out of [The prisoner was released *from* jail.]
- **4** out of the chance of [They kept the baby *from* danger.]
- **5** made, sent, or said by [I got a letter *from* my friend in Spain.]
- **6** at a place that is not near to [Stay away *from* the dog.]
- **7** out of the whole of [Subtract 2 *from* 4.]
- **8** as not being like [I can't tell one car *from* another.]
- **9** because of [We trembled *from* fear.]

front (frunt)

noun

- **1** the part that faces forward; most important side [The *front* of the house usually faces the street.]
- **2** the first part; beginning [That chapter is toward the *front* of the book.]
- **3** the place or position directly before a person or thing [There was a crowd in *front* of the theater.]

- **4** a forward or leading position [Is our team still in *front*?]
- **5** land that lies next to a road, street, or body of water [There are docks on the lake *front*.]
- **6** the part where the actual fighting is going on during a war [The general sent more troops to the *front*.]
- **7** the boundary between two large masses of air [a cold *front*].

adjective in, on, near, or facing the front [the *front* door; the *front* page of a newspaper].

front ■ **noun**, plural **fronts** ■ **adjective**

full (fool)

adjective

- **1** holding or containing as much as possible; filled [a *full* jar].
- **2** having much or many in it [a pond *full* of fish].
- **3** having eaten all that one wants ["I'm *full*," he said after eating his dinner.]
- **4** whole or complete [a *full* dozen; a *full* set of teeth].
- **5** filled out; plump [She has a round, *full* face.]
- **6** with loose, wide folds [a *full* skirt].

adverb

- **1** completely [a *full*-grown animal].
 - **2** straight; directly [The ball struck her *full* in the face.]
 - **3** very [You know *full* well that you should have called her.]
- in full** **1** to the complete amount [The bill was paid *in full*.] **2** not abbreviated [Write your name *in full*.]

full ■ **adjective** **fuller**, **fullest** ■ **adverb**

get (get)

verb

- **1** to become the owner of by receiving, buying, or earning; to gain or obtain [We *got* a new car.]
- **2** to arrive at; reach [They *got* home early.]
- **3** to reach or receive by telephone, radio, or TV [I *got* John the first time I dialed.]
- **4** to go and bring [*Get* your books.]
- **5** to catch; gain hold of [*Get* her attention.]
- **6** to persuade; make willing [I can't *get* him to leave.]
- **7** to cause to be [We couldn't *get* the door open. He *got* his hands dirty.]
- **8** to be or become [She *got* caught in the rain. Don't *get* angry.]
- **9** to prepare; make ready [I'll *get* dinner tonight.]
- **10** to become ill with [I *got* a cold over the weekend.]
- **11** [an informal use] to be forced or required: used with *have* or *has* [I've *got* to pass the test.]
- **12** [an informal use] to own or possess: used with *have* or *has* [He's *got* a hundred dollars.]
- **13** [an informal use] to understand [Did you *get* the joke?]

—**get along** **1** to manage [Can they *get along* on \$110 a week?] **2** to be on friendly terms; agree [We can't *get along* with the new neighbors.] —**get away with** [a slang use] to manage to do without being found out or

punished [They *got away with* the prank.] —**get in** **1** to enter. **2** to arrive. —**get out** **1** to go out. **2** to go away. **3** to become known. —**get out of** to escape or avoid. —**get over** to recover from [I've just *gotten over* the mumps. You'll *get over* our quarrel.] —**get up** to rise from bed [He □ **gets up** early every day.]

got (gät)

□ **verb** past tense and a past participle of **get**.

get ■ **verb** **got**, **gotten** or **got**, □ **getting**

WORD CHOICES

Synonyms of **get**

The words **get**, **acquire**, and **obtain** share the meaning "to come to have or own."

You must *get* a job. She worked to *acquire* an education. How do you *obtain* a passport?

go (gō)

verb

- **1** to move along or pass from one place, point, or person to another [I must *go* to the store today. He *went* to New York last night. The rumor *went* all over town.]
- **2** to move away; leave [I must *go* now or I'll be late.]
- **3** to slip by; pass [Time *goes* fast.]
- **4** to be spent, lost, or used up [Her money is all *gone* now.]
- **5** to be given [The prize *goes* to you. Most of her allowance *goes* to buy books.]
- **6** to be sold [The chair *went* for \$30.]
- **7** to turn out; to result [Our plans *went* wrong.]
- **8** to work, run, or operate [His car wouldn't *go*.]
- **9** to be or become [The explorers *went* hungry for days. She's *gone* mad.]
- **10** to begin or take part in a certain activity [Will you *go* to college? Let's *go* swimming.]
- **11** to belong in a certain place [The brooms *go* in that closet.]
- **12** to fit or suit [Does this tie *go* well with my shirt?]
- **13** to extend; reach [The road *goes* from one end of town to the other.]
- **14** to come to an end; cease [Has the pain *gone*?]
- **15** to make a certain sound [The gun *went* "bang!"]

—**go into** to be contained in [5 *goes into* 10 twice.]

—**go off** to be fired; explode [The gun *went off* by accident.] —**go on** **1** to continue [The movie *went on* past my bedtime.] **2** to happen ["What's *going on*?" she asked.] —**go out** to go to a party, the theater, or another place for entertainment [Her parents *go out* almost every night.] —**go through** to undergo; to experience [The early settlers of America *went through* many hardships.] —**let go** **1** to stop holding; release ["Let *go* of my arm!" he said angrily.] **2** to dismiss from a job; fire [Business was bad and many workers were *let go*.]

go ■ **verb** **went, gone,** □ **going, goes**

WORD CHOICES

Synonyms of **go**

Many words share the meaning "to move along from one place to another."

(advance, proceed, pass, progress, proceed)

goes (gōz)

□ **verb** the form of the verb **go** that is used to show the present time with *he, she,* or *it.* This form is also used with singular nouns.

gone (gōn or gān)

□ **verb** past participle of **go.**

went (went)

□ **verb** past tense of **go.**

have (hav)

verb *Have* can be both a main verb and a helping verb. When *have* is a main verb, it means:

- **1** to be the owner of; possess [She **has** a car.]
- **2** to contain; include [A week **has** seven days.]
- **3** to hold in the mind [I **have** an idea.]
- **4** to go through; undergo [I **have** the measles.]
- **5** to get or take [The mechanic will **have** a look at our car.]
- **6** to take or accept to eat or drink [**Have** some cookies and milk.]
- **7** to be the parent of [Mrs. Moore **has** twins.]
- **8** to cause to do, be, or go [**Have** the plumber fix the leak. He **had** his shoes shined.]
- **9** to put up with; allow ["I won't **have** any more arguing," said the teacher.] *Have* as a helping verb is used with:**1** a past participle showing that an action has been completed [They **have** gone. They left before we **had** talked to them.] a verb form preceded by the word *to* showing that something is required or needed [We **have** to go. You will **have** to do it.]
—**have on** to be wearing [The teacher **has on** a red tie today.]

have ■ **verb** **had,** □ **having, has**

- The words **have** and **halve** sound alike. I *have* a red and white house. He will *halve* prices during the sale.

WORD CHOICES

Synonyms of **have**

The words **have, own,** and **possess** share the meaning "to be the one that something belongs to."

Mike *has* just one pair of shoes. My dad *owns* a sailboat. Einstein *possessed* great intelligence.

had (had)

□ **verb** past tense and past participle of **have.**

has (haz)

□ **verb** the form of the verb **have** that is used to show the present time with *he, she,* and *it.* This form is also used with singular nouns [She **has** a new bike.]

he (hē)

□ **pronoun** the man, boy, or male animal that is being talked about [Jim thought **he** was right.]
□ **noun** a man, boy, or male animal [This dog is a **he**.]

he ■ **pronoun, plural they** ■ **noun, plural hes**

he's (hēz)

□ **1** he is.
□ **2** he has.

her (hər)

pronoun the form of **she** that is used:

- **1** after certain verbs [The dog bit **her**. I saw **her**. We have known **her** for many years.]
- **2** after prepositions [Tell the story to **her**. The song was written by **her**. Without **her** we would not have a team.]
- **adjective** done by her or having to do with her [**her** work; **her** shoes].

hers (hərz)

□ **pronoun** the one or the ones that belong to her [I know that this book is **hers**. We all planted flowers, but **hers** haven't come up.]

here (hir)

adverb

- **1** at or in this place [Who lives **here**?]
 - **2** to or into this place [Come **here**.]
 - **3** at this point; now [The speaker paused **here**, and everybody applauded.]
- interjection.** a word that is used to get attention, call an animal, or answer a roll call.
- **noun** this place [Let's get out of **here**.]
 - The words **here** and **hear** sound alike. Plant the flowers *here*, under the tree. I can't *hear* you when the water is on.

him (him)

pronoun The form of **he** that is used:

- **1** after certain verbs [The dog bit **him**. I saw **him**. We knew **him** for many years.]
- **2** after prepositions [Tell the story to **him**. The song was written by **him**. Without **him**, we would not have a team.]

- The words **him** and **hymn** sound alike. Tell *him* to wash the car today. We will now sing *Hymn* number 40.

his (hɪz)

- **pronoun** the one or the ones that belong to him [I know that this book is *his*. We all planted flowers, but *his* haven't come up.]
- **adjective** done by him or having to do with him [*his* work; *his* shoes].

how (haʊ)

adverb

- **1** in what way [*How* do you start the motor? She taught him *how* to dance.]
- **2** in what condition [*How* is your mother today?]
- **3** for what reason; why [*How* is it that you don't know?]
- **4** to what degree [*How* high will it fly?]
- **5** it is very; used to make an exclamation stronger [*How* nice!]
—**how about** how do you think or feel about? [*How about* going to the zoo?]
—**how come?** [an informal use] why?

I² (i)

- **pronoun** the person who is speaking [I like candy. It is *I* who will go.]

I ■ **pronoun**, plural **we**

if (ɪf)

conjunction

- **1** in case that; supposing that [*If* I were you, I would quit.]
- **2** whether [I wonder *if* it will rain.]
- **3** allowing that [*If* he was there, I didn't see him.]
- **4** I wish that [*If* only I had known!]

in (ɪn)

preposition

- **1** contained by [There are five fish *in* the bowl.]
- **2** covered by [dressed *in* fine clothes].
- **3** surrounded by [We were caught *in* a storm.]
- **4** during [It was done *in* a day.]
- **5** after [Let's leave *in* an hour.]
- **6** working at or involved with [She's *in* business.]
- **7** having or showing [*in* trouble; *in* tears].
- **8** having to do with; with regard to [*in* my opinion].
- **9** using; by means of [written *in* ink].
- **10** because of [He cried out *in* pain.]
- **11** living or located at [They are *in* Chicago.]
- **12** into [Get *in* the house now," she said.]

adverb

- **1** inside or toward the inside [Walk *in* slowly.]
- **2** to or toward a certain place or direction [We flew *in* today.]
- **3** within a certain place [Keep the cat *in*.]

adjective

- **1** having power or control [the *in* group].
- **2** [an informal use] now popular or in fashion [Is that hairdo still *in*?]
—**in on** having a share or part of [George was *in on* the secret.]
- The words **in** and **inn** sound alike. Put the money *in* the drawer. We stayed overnight at the *inn*.

into (ɪn'tuː or ɪn'tə)

preposition

- **1** to the inside of [Let's go *into* the house.]
- **2** to the form or condition of [They turned the empty lot *into* a park. I got *into* trouble.]
- **3** in such a way as to strike; against [The car skidded *into* a tree.]
- **4** This word is used to show division in arithmetic [Two *into* ten equals five.]

isn't (ɪz'ənt)

- is not.

it (ɪt)

- **pronoun** the thing or animal that is being talked about [I read that book and *it* taught me something new. The driver didn't see the deer, and the car hit *it*.] This pronoun has many other uses in certain kinds of phrases and sentences [*It* is snowing. *It* is warm in this room. *It's* all right; I'm not hurt.]

it ■ **pronoun**, plural **they**

its (ɪts)

- **pronoun** the one or the ones that belong to it.
- **adjective** done by it or having to do with it [Every plant has *its* particular needs for soil, light, water, and food.]
- The words **its** and **it's** sound alike. The hamster has *its* own cage. *It's* been a good summer.

just (dʒʌst)

adjective

- **1** right or fair [a *just* decision].
- **2** doing what is right or honest [a *just* person] — Look for the word choices box at the entry **good**.

adverb

- **1** neither more nor less than; exactly [It's *just* two o'clock now.]
- **2** almost at the point of; nearly [I was *just* leaving.]
- **3** no more than; only [I'm *just* teasing you.]
- **4** by a very small amount; barely [I *just* missed the bus.]
- **5** a very short time ago [The plane *just* took off.]
- **6** [an informal use] quite; really [You look *just* fine.]

WORD CHOICES

Synonyms of **just**

The words **just**, **fair**, and **impartial** share the meaning "treating both sides or all sides in the same honest way." a *just* decision, a *fair* trial, an *impartial* judge

last¹ (last)

adjective

- **1** being or coming after all others [the *last* month of the year; the *last* word in an argument].
- **2** being the only one left [the *last* cookie].
- **3** being the one just before this one in time [I was ill *last* week.]
- **4** being the least likely or expected [He's the *last* person I would invite.]

adverb

- **1** after all others [Our team came in *last*.]
- **2** most recently [When did you see them *last*?]

noun

- **1** someone or something which comes last [The *last* of the guests has left.]
- **2** the end [They were friends to the *last*.]
—**at last** after a long time [At *last* we reached the top of the hill.]

last² (last)

verb

- **1** to go on; continue [The play *lasts* only an hour.]
- **2** to stay in good condition; wear well [Stone *lasts* longer than wood.]

last ■ **verb** lasted, lasting

leave¹ (lēv)

verb

- **1** to go away or go from [Rosa *left* early. Anthony *leaves* the house at 8 p.m.]
- **2** to stop living in, working at, or belonging to [He *left* his job at the grocery store.]
- **3** to let stay or be [*Leave* the door open.]
- **4** to cause to remain behind [He *left* his name with the receptionist. They *left* footprints on the floor.]
- **5** to let another do something; entrust: used with *to* or *up to* [They *leave* such decisions to me.]
- **6** to give as a remainder in subtraction [Five minus two *leaves* three.]
- **7** to give at one's death; to give by a will [She *left* her money to charity.]
—**leave off** to stop [We started the lecture where we had *left off* the day before.] —**leave out** to fail to include [Whoever made the list *left out* my name.]

leave ■ **verb** left, □ **leaving**

leave² (lēv)

noun

- **1** permission [May I have your *leave* to go?]
- **2** permission to be absent [She was granted *leave* by the lieutenant.]

leave ■ **noun**, plural **leaves**

leaves (lēvz)

□ **noun** plural of **leaf**.

left (left)

- **verb** past tense and past participle of **leave**¹.
- **adjective** on or to the side that is toward the west when a person faces north [the *left* hand; a *left* turn].

noun

- **1** the left side [Forks are placed to the *left* of the plate.]
- **2** a turn toward the left side [Take a *left* at the next intersection.]
- **adverb** on or toward the left hand or side [Turn *left* here.]

least (lēst)

adjective

- **1** a superlative of **little**.
- **2** smallest in size, amount, or importance [He didn't show the *least* interest in going.]

adverb

- **1** superlative of **little**.
- **2** in the smallest way or amount [the *least* attractive fabric].
- **noun** the smallest in amount, size, or importance [The *least* you can do is apologize.]
—**at least** in any case [At *least* I tried.]

less (les)

adjective

- **1** a comparative of **little**.
- **2** not so much; smaller in size or amount [drink *less* soda; take *less* time].
- **3** fewer [6 is *less* than 8.]

adverb

- **1** comparative of **little**.
- **2** not so much; to a smaller or lower amount or extent [Please talk *less* and work more.]
- **noun** a smaller amount [He ate *less* because he was not hungry.]
- **preposition** minus [5 *less* 1 equals 4.]
—**less and less** to an ever smaller amount or extent [I like TV *less and less*.]

let (let)

verb *Let* can be both a main verb and a helping verb. When *let* is a main verb, it means:

- **1** to give permission to; allow [They *let* me help.]
- **2** to allow to pass, come, or go [*Let* them in.]
- **3** to cause to; make: usually used with *know* or *hear* [*Let* me know when you're ready. *Let* me hear from you when you get back.] When *let* is a helping verb, it is used to: **1** give commands [*Let* us give all that we can. *Let's* go now!] **2** make suggestions or dares [Just *let* them try to stop us!] The word "to" is

not used between the helping verb *let* and the verb that follows.

—**let down** to disappoint [She *let* me *down* by not phoning.] —**let off** to treat in a mild or gentle way [The noisy group was *let off* with a warning.] —**let on** [an informal use] to show that one is aware of something [Kim didn't *let on* that he was part of the joke.] —**let out 1** to give forth; utter [She *let out* a scream.] **2** to make a garment larger [He *let out* the sleeves.] —**let up** to slow down or stop [After three days the rain *let up*.]

let ■ **verb** **let**, □ **letting**

WORD CHOICES

Synonyms of **let**

The words **let**, **allow**, and **permit** share the meaning "to give someone permission to do something."

Will you *let* us go to the zoo?, Honor students are *allowed* to miss exams., I was *permitted* to see the prisoner.

lets (lets)

□ to give forth; utter [She *lets* a scream.]

let's (lets)

□ let us.

like¹ (lik)

preposition

- **1** similar to; somewhat the same as [hands *like* claws].
- **2** in the same way as [crying *like* a baby].
- **3** typical of; to be expected of [It isn't *like* her to be late.]
- **4** in the mood for [He felt *like* eating.]
- **5** as if there will be [It looks *like* rain.]
- **6** as for example [We had fruit, *like* pears and peaches, for dessert.]

conjunction [an informal use]

- **1** the same as [It was just *like* you said.]
- **2** as if [It looks *like* you'll win.]

likes (likes)

- **verb** to be fond of or pleased with; enjoy [She *likes* dogs. I *like* to read.]
- likes and dislikes** things that a person enjoys together with things that a person does not enjoy [I can give a long list of her *likes and dislikes*.]

like ■ **verb** □ **liked**, **liking**

WORD CHOICES

Synonyms of **like**

The words **like**, **enjoy**, and **love** share the meaning "to get joy or pleasure from."

I *like* the sound of a marching band., My parents *enjoy* gardening., Don't you just *love* to walk in the rain?

liking (lik'ing)

□ **noun** the fact of enjoying or being fond of something [a *liking* for bright colors].

make (māk)

verb

- **1** to bring into being; build, create, produce, or put together [She *made* a new dress. Let's *make* a fire. He *made* plans to go to New Mexico.]
- **2** to bring about; cause to exist, happen, or appear [Please don't *make* trouble for us. The children *made* a lot of noise last night.]
- **3** to cause to be or become [His giggling *makes* me nervous.]
- **4** to turn out to be [Her book will *make* a great movie.]
- **5** to do, perform, or carry on [Make a right turn at the next traffic light. The principal *made* a speech at the party.]
- **6** to get or gain for oneself; earn [She *made* a lot of money in real estate. How does he *make* so many friends?]
- **7** to prepare for use; arrange [He *made* the bed.]
- **8** to amount to; total [Two pints *make* a quart.]
- **9** to cause or force to [Don't *make* me laugh. *Make* them put their toys away.]
- **10** [an informal use] to succeed in becoming a member of or being mentioned in [Ten of us *made* the honor roll. The earthquake *made* the headlines.]

noun

- **1** the way something is made or put together [a machine of a very simple *make*].
- **2** a brand or type of product [What's the *make* of your new car?]

make ■ **verb** **made**, □ **making** ■ **noun**, plural for sense 2 only **makes**

made (mād)

- **verb** past tense and past participle of **make**.
 - The words **made** and **maid** sound alike. He *made* breakfast for us. She hired a butler and a *maid*.

many (men'ē)

- **adjective** a large number of; not few [*many* boxes; *many* times].
- **noun** a large number [*Many* of us plan to go.]
- **pronoun** a large number of persons or things [*Many* came to see our play.]

man•y ■ **adjective** **more**, **most** ■ **noun** ■ **pronoun**

WORD CHOICES

Synonyms of **many**

The words **many**, **multiple**, and **numerous** share the meaning "a large number of." *many* pets, *multiple* cuts and bruises, *numerous* complaints

may (mā)

verb (*helping verb*) The verb *may* is used with other verbs to show that the subject:

- **1** can or is likely to [I *may* stay home. It *may* rain.]
- **2** is allowed or has permission to [You *may* go now.]
- **3** is able to as a result [Be silent so that we *may* hear.] *May* is used in exclamations to express a wish or hope [*May* you win!] The word "to" is not used between *may* and the verb that follows it.

may ■ **verb** past tense **might**; he/she/it **may**

maybe (mā'bē)

- **adverb** it may be; perhaps.

may•be ■ **adverb**

me (mē)

pronoun the form of **I**¹ that is used:

- **1** as the object of a verb [The dog bit *me*. He saw *me*.]
- **2** as the object of a preposition [Tell the story to *me*.]
 - The words **me** and **mi** sound alike. Mom gave *me* a kiss on the cheek. Do, re, *mi*, fa, sol, la, ti, do.

mine¹ (mīn)

- **pronoun** the one or the ones that belong to me [I know this book is *mine*. We all planted flowers, but *mine* haven't bloomed.]

mine² (mīn)

verb

- **1** to get from a mine [The company *mines* copper in Arizona.]
- **2** to put explosive mines in or under [The navy *mined* the harbor.]

noun

- **1** a large hole made in the earth so that minerals or other matter may be removed [a coal *mine*].
- **2** a large supply; a good source [The library is a *mine* of information.]
- **3** an explosive hidden in the ground or under the water to blow up an enemy.

mine ■ **noun**, plural **mines** ■ **verb** **mined**, **mining**

more (môr)

adjective

- **1** comparative of **much** or **many**.

- **2** greater in amount or degree or in number [He has *more* free time than I do. We need *more* helpers.]

- **3** further; added [We'll have *more* news later.]

noun

- **1** a greater amount or degree [She spends *more* of her time playing than studying.]
- **2** [*used with a plural verb*] a greater number [*More* of us are going this time. *More* are going this time.]
- **3** something extra or further [I'll have *more* to say later.]

adverb

- **1** in or to a greater degree or extent [Judy laughs *more* than she used to.]
- **2** in addition; again [Do it once *more*.] *More* is also used before many adjectives and adverbs to form comparatives, just as *most* is used to form superlatives [*more* quickly]

most (mōst)

adjective

- **1** superlative of **much** or **many**.
- **2** greatest in amount or degree or in number [Who won the *most* money? *Most* people like summer.]

noun

- **1** the greatest amount or degree [We spent *most* of our money.]
- **2** [*used with a plural verb*] the greatest number [*Most* of us are going this time. *Most* are going this time.]

adverb

- **1** in or to the greatest degree or extent [The music pleased me *most*.]
- **2** very [*a most* beautiful dress]. *Most* is also used before many adjectives and adverbs to form superlatives, just as *more* is used to form comparatives [*most* horrible; *most* quickly].

much (mʌch)

adjective great in amount or degree [*much* applause; *much* joy].

adverb

- **1** to a great degree or extent [I feel *much* happier.]
- **2** just about; almost [The patient is *much* the same.]
- **3** often [Do you go out *much* in the evenings?]

noun

- **1** a great amount [We learned *much* from the teacher.]
- **2** something great or important [Our car is not *much* to look at.]
—**not much of a** not so good as a [I'm *not much of a* pitcher.]

much ■ **adjective** & ■ **adverb** **more**, **most** ■ **noun**

my (mī)

□ **adjective** done by me or having to do with me [*my* work; *my* shoes].

neither (nē'thər or nī'thər)

- **adjective** not one or the other of two; not either [*Neither* boy went to the park.]
- **pronoun** not one or the other of two persons or things [*Neither* of them was invited.]
- **conjunction** not either: used in phrases with *nor* [I'll buy *neither* roses nor daisies.]

nei•ther ■ **adjective** ■ **pronoun** ■ **conjunction**

never (nev'ər)

adverb

- **1** at no time; not ever [I *never* saw her again.]
- **2** not at all; under no conditions [*Never* mind what he says.]

no (nō)

adverb

- **1** not so; the opposite of *yes*. It can mean things like "I won't," "I can't," "I refuse," or "it isn't."
- **2** not at all [He is *no* worse today.]
- **adjective** not a; not any or not one [He is *no* dancer. There are *no* errors in this letter.]

noun

- **1** the act of saying "no"; the act of refusing or denying.
- **2** a vote against something.

no ■ **adverb** ■ **adjective** ■ **noun**, plural **noes**

- The words **no** and **know** sound alike. There are *no* sandwiches left. Do you *know* how to read music?

none (nun)

pronoun

- **1** not one or not any [*None* of these books is new. *None* of the cake was eaten.]
- **2** no one [*None* but the brave will try.]
- **adverb** in no way; not at all [We arrived *none* too soon.]
- The words **none** and **nun** sound alike. *None* of us wanted to go home. Our fifth-grade teacher was a *nun*.

nor (nôr)

- **conjunction** and not; and not either [I know neither José *nor* Frank.]

not (năt)

- **adverb** in no way; to no degree [Do *not* talk. They are *not* happy.]
- The words **not** and **knot** sound alike. I will *not* be coming to dinner. The child has a *knot* in her shoelace.

now (nou)

adverb

- **1** at this moment; at the present time [They are eating *now*.]
- **2** at once; immediately [We'd better leave *now* before it starts to rain.]
- **3** at that time; then [*Now* their happiness was complete.]
- **4** with things the way they are [*Now* we'll never know what happened.] *Now* is also used without a definite meaning at the beginning of a sentence, to emphasize a thought or feeling [*Now* see here! *Now* stop that!]
- **conjunction** since; seeing that [*Now* that you're here, we can start.]
- **noun** the present time [That's all for *now*.]

of (ʊv or äv or əv)

preposition

- **1** resulting from; caused by [He died *of* a fever.]
- **2** at a distance from [a mile east *of* town].
- **3** written or made by [the novels *of* Dickens].
- **4** from the whole that is or the total number that are [part *of* the time; one *of* his sisters].
- **5** made from [a sheet *of* paper].
- **6** belonging to [the pages *of* a book].
- **7** containing [a bag *of* nuts].
- **8** that is [a height *of* six feet; the State *of* Iowa].
- **9** having as a goal or object [a reader *of* books; the education *of* children].
- **10** having as an important quality [a man *of* honor].
- **11** about; concerning [Think *of* me when I'm away.]
- **12** before: this sense is used in telling time [It's ten *of* four.]

off (ôf)

adverb

- **1** away; to or at some other place [They moved *off* down the road.]
- **2** so that it is or they are no longer on or attached [Please take *off* your hat.]
- **3** at a later time [My birthday is only two weeks *off*.]
- **4** so that it is or they are no longer working or going on [Turn the motor *off*.]
- **5** away from work [Let's take the day *off*.]

preposition

- **1** not on or attached to; away from [There's a car *off* the road.]
- **2** branching out from [a lane *off* the main road].
- **3** free or released from [*off* duty].
- **4** below the usual level [20% *off* the usual price].

adjective

- **1** not on or attached [My shoes are *off*.]
- **2** not working or taking place [The motor is *off*. Our trip is *off*.]
- **3** wrong; in error [Your figures are a little *off*.]

- 4 below the usual level [Business is *off* a little.]
—**off and on** now and then.

on (än)

preposition

- 1 held up by or attached to [a picture *on* the wall].
- 2 in contact with; covering [a cloth *on* the table].
- 3 in the surface of [a scratch *on* her arm].
- 4 near to; by [the seat *on* my right].
- 5 having as its location [a house *on* Main Street].
- 6 at or during the time of [We got our books *on* the first day of school.]
- 7 in a condition or state of [*on* sale; *on* vacation].
- 8 in the direction of; toward [The soldiers crept up *on* the fort.]
- 9 by using; by means of [Most cars run *on* gasoline.]
- 10 seen or heard by means of [Have you ever been *on* TV?]
- 11 having to do with; concerning [a book *on* birds].

adverb

- 1 in a position of covering, touching, or being held up by something [Put your shoes *on*.]
- 2 in a forward direction; ahead [Move *on*!]
- 3 without stopping [The band played *on*.]
- 4 into operation or action; so that it is working [Turn the light *on*.]

adjective

- 1 in action; working or acting [The radio is *on*.]
- 2 planned for [Is the party still *on*?]
—**on and off** stopping and starting; from time to time. —**on and on** without stopping.

one (wun)

adjective

- 1 being a single thing or unit [*one* vote].
- 2 being a certain, but not named, person or thing out of a group [Choose *one* dessert or the other.]

noun

- 1 the number that names a single thing; the first cardinal number; 1.
- 2 a single person or thing [That's the best *one*.]

pronoun

- 1 a certain person or thing [*One* of us must go.]
- 2 any person or thing; anyone or anything [What can *one* do about it?]
—**one and all** everybody. —**one another** each other [They love *one another*.] —**one by one** one after the other.
● The words **one** and **won** sound alike. I only need *one* penny. Our school *won* the State Championship.

onto (än'tōō or än'tə)

preposition

- 1 to a position on [The cat climbed *onto* the roof.]
- 2 [a *slang use*] aware of [I'm *onto* your tricks this time!]

or (ôr or ər)

conjunction a word that is used before:

- 1 the second of two choices or possibilities [Do you want milk *or* cocoa?]
- 2 the last of a series of choices [Is the light green, yellow, *or* red?]
- 3 a word or phrase that has the same meaning [biology, *or* the study of life].
- 4 the second of two choices when the first comes after *either* or *whether* [Take *either* this one *or* that one. I don't know whether to laugh *or* cry.]
● The words **or**, **oar**, and **ore** sound alike. She will be leaving today *or* tomorrow. Waves knocked the *oar* from my hand. They take iron *ore* from the mine.

other (uth'ər)

adjective

- 1 not this one or the one just mentioned, but a different one [Stand on one foot and lift the *other* one. It was not Sue but some *other* girl.]
- 2 being the one or ones remaining [Bill and the *other* boys went fishing.]
- 3 additional; extra [I have no *other* hat.]

pronoun

- 1 the other one [Each loved the *other*.]
- 2 some other person or thing [That's what *others* say. I want that puppy and no *other*.]
—**the other day** not long ago; recently.

oth•er ■ **adjective** ■ **pronoun**, plural □

others

otherwise (uth'ər wīz)

adverb

- 1 in some other way; differently [He liked the movie, but I felt *otherwise*.]
- 2 in all other ways [She has a cough, but feels fine *otherwise*.]
- 3 or else [I'm tired; *otherwise* I would join you.]

our (our)

adjective done by us or having to do with us [*our* work; *our* cars].

- The words **our** and **hour** sound alike. *Our* mayor was reelected. It is now five minutes past the *hour*.

ours (ourz)

□ **pronoun** the one or the ones that belong to us [This book is *ours*. Everyone planted flowers, but *ours* haven't bloomed.]

out (out)

adverb

- **1** away from or beyond a certain position, place, or situation [Open the window and look **out**. Spit it **out**. How will I get **out** of this mess?]
- **2** away from home, work, or the usual place [We went **out** for dinner.]
- **3** into being, view, or action [A fire broke **out**. The sun came **out**.]
- **4** so as to be no longer active or available [The fire died **out**.]
- **5** completely; thoroughly [I'm tired **out**.]
- **6** loudly [Call **out** to them.]
- **7** from among several or many [Pick **out** the one you want.]
- **8** in a way that makes an out in baseball [He struck **out**.]
- **9** into an unconscious condition [She passed **out**.]

adjective

- **1** away from home, school, work, or the usual place [I was **out** when he called. He's **out** with the flu.]
- **2** not inside [Turn off the lights after everyone is **out**.]
- **3** known or made public [The story is **out**.]
- **4** not working or in use [The lights are **out**.]
- **5** having made an out in baseball [She was **out** at second base.]

□ **preposition** through to the outside; out of [She walked **out** the door.]

noun in baseball, a failure to get on base or to the next base safely.

—**out of 1** from inside [He went **out of** the room.] **2** through to the outside [thrown **out of** the window]. **3** from the number of [chosen **out of** a crowd]. **4** beyond [**out of** sight]. **5** from; using [made **out of** bricks]. **6** because of [He did it **out of** spite.] **7** not having any [**out of** gas].

out ■ **adverb** ■ **adjective** ■ **preposition** ■ **noun**, plural **outs**

over (ō'vər)

preposition

- **1** in, at, or to a place above; higher than [Hang the picture **over** the fireplace.]
- **2** so as to cover [Put a blanket **over** my legs.]
- **3** along [I've driven **over** this road before.]
- **4** to or on the other side of [Jump **over** the puddle.]
- **5** across and down from [The car went **over** the cliff.]
- **6** during; through [**over** the past five years].
- **7** more than [It cost **over** \$20.]
- **8** rather than [We chose the brown rug **over** the blue one.]
- **9** concerning; about [Don't fight **over** it.]
- **10** by means of [We talked **over** the telephone.]

adverb

- **1** above or across [A plane flew **over**.]
- **2** across the brim or edge [The soup boiled **over**.]
- **3** across a distance or space between two points [Come **over** to my house.]

- **4** from a standing position; down [The tree fell **over**.]
- **5** so that the other side is up [Turn the plate **over**.]
- **6** again [Do the lesson **over**.]
- **adjective** finished; done with [The game is **over**.] —**over and over** again and again.

put (poot)

verb

- **1** to cause to be in a certain place or position; place [Put soap in the water. Put the books side by side.]
- **2** to cause to be in a certain condition [The sound of the waves put me to sleep.]
- **3** to say or express; to state [Can you put the problem in simple words?]
- **4** to bring about; make happen [That should put an end to the problem.]
- **5** to give or assign; attach [The store put a price of \$10 on the rug.]

put ■ **verb** □ **puts**, □ **putting**

run (run)

verb

- **1** to go by moving the legs faster than in walking. When a person runs, both feet are off the ground at the same time for a moment with each step.
- **2** to move or go in a swift, easy, or free way [He ran his eyes down the page quickly.]
- **3** to make a quick trip [Let's run down to the seashore for the weekend.]
- **4** to go away quickly; flee [Run for your life!]
- **5** to take part in a race or contest [Lou ran in the 100-yard dash. Shannon ran for mayor.]
- **6** to go or travel in a regular way [Buses run between Detroit and Pittsburgh.]
- **7** to keep on going; continue or extend [The play ran for a year. This path runs through the woods.]
- **8** to pass [The years ran by so quickly.]
- **9** to operate; to work [Run the electric saw with care. This car runs well.]
- **10** to flow or cause to flow [Run the water until it gets hot.]
- **11** to be in charge of; manage [We run the household very well.]
- **12** to perform or do by running or in a way that is like running [He ran the mile very fast. I have many errands to run.]
- **13** to bring, pass, or force into a certain condition or position [He ran the business into debt. You're going to run into trouble.]
- **14** to spread into other parts [The colors ran when the plaid shirt was washed.]
- **15** to give out liquid [My nose is running.]
- **16** to come apart or ravel [Her stocking ran.]
- **17** to get past or through [The ship ran the enemy's blockade.]

- **18** to cost [Such boots can **run** as much as \$150 a pair.]
 - **19** to be affected by; undergo [He was **running** a fever.]
 - **20** to publish [We **ran** an ad in the newspaper.]
- noun**
- **1** the act of running [Let's take a **run** around the block.]
 - **2** a running pace or speed [The horses broke into a **run**.]
 - **3** a trip; a journey [a plane on the regular **run** to Boston].
 - **4** the distance that is covered or the time that is spent in running [a four-mile **run**; a thirty-minute **run**].
 - **5** a series of happenings or performances that goes on without a change or break [I had a **run** of good luck. The play had a long **run**.]
 - **6** a sloping path or course [a ski **run**].
 - **7** freedom to move about as one pleases [We had the **run** of the house.]
 - **8** a place in knitted material where the threads have come apart [a **run** in a stocking].
 - **9** a point that a baseball player scores by touching all the bases in order.

run ■ **verb** ran, run, running ■ **noun**, plural except for senses 2 and 7 □ **runs**

ran (ran)

- **verb** past tense of **run**.

running (run'ing)

- **noun**. the act of a person or thing that runs [Running is a popular form of exercise.]
- adjective**
- **1** going at a run or moving fast.
 - **2** flowing [running water].
 - **3** letting out a liquid such as pus or mucus [a running sore].
 - **4** in operation; working [Do not touch a running engine.]
 - done by starting with a run [a running jump].
 - **6** going on without a break; continuous [his running commentary during the movie].
 - **7** having to do with the run of a train or bus [The running time is two hours.]
- adverb** one after another [It has snowed for five days running.]
- in the running** having a chance to win. —**out of the running** having no chance to win.

same (sām)

adjective

- **1** being the very one [She is the **same** girl who runs on this track every day.]
- **2** alike in some way; similar [He has the **same** bike as Martin.]
- **3** without any change; not different [She is the **same** happy person today.]

- **pronoun** the same person or thing [Marie wants a vanilla milkshake and I'll have the **same**.]
- **adverb** in the same way [Treat us all the **same**; that's all we ask.]

WORD CHOICES

Synonyms of **same**

The words **same**, **identical**, and **very** share the meaning "being the exact one and not another."

That is the **same** man who called last night. This is the **identical** bed Lincoln slept in. He bought the **very** house we once lived in.

see (sē)

verb

- **1** to be aware of through the eyes; have or use the sense of sight [We **saw** two robins. I don't **see** so well.] —Look for the word choices box at the entry **perceive**.
- **2** to get the meaning of; understand [I don't **see** the point of his story.]
- **3** to find out; learn [**See** what they want.]
- **4** to make sure [**See** that the door is locked.]
- **5** to undergo or live through; to experience [He has **seen** some hard times.]
- **6** to go along with; accompany [I'll **see** you to the door.]
- **7** to visit with [We stopped to **see** our friend.]
- **8** to go to for information or advice; consult [You should **see** a doctor about your cough.] —**see off** to go with to a place of departure to say goodbye [We **saw** them **off** at the airport.] —**see to** to take care of; look after [**See to** the baby while I answer the phone.]

see ■ **verb** saw, seen, seeing, □ **sees**

- The words **see** and **sea** sound alike. Can you see the bus from here? A storm threatened the ship at sea.

saw (sô or sä)

- **verb** past tense of **see**.

seen (sēn)

- **verb** past participle of **see**.

she (shē)

- **pronoun** the woman, girl, or female animal that is being talked about [Annette thought **she** heard a noise.]
- **noun**. a woman, girl, or female animal [This dog is a **she**.]

she ■ **pronoun**, plural **they** ■ **noun**., plural **shes**

she's (shēz)

- **1** she is.

- 2 she has.

shall (shal)

□ **verb** (helping verb) *Shall* is used with other verbs to show future time. The word "to" is not used between *shall* and the verb that follows it [I *shall* leave tomorrow. *Shall* we eat?]

shall ■ **verb** past tense **should**; he/she/it **shall**

should (shood)

verb (helping verb) past tense of **shall** [I thought I *should* never see her again.] *Should* as a helping verb is used:

- 1 to talk about something that might happen or is likely to happen [If I *should* go, would you care?]
- 2 to talk about something that one ought to do [We *should* obey the law.] The word "to" is not used between *should* and the verb that follows it.

so (sō)

adverb

- 1 to the degree or amount that has been expressed [She is not *so* tall as I am. Why are you *so* late?]
- 2 as a result; therefore [He couldn't swim and *so* was drowned.]
- 3 very [They are *so* happy.]
- 4 also; in the same way [I am hungry and *so* is she.]
- 5 more or less; just about [I spent a dollar or *so* on candy.]
- 6 after all; then [*So* you really don't care.]
- 7 as it has been shown or told; in this or that way [Hold your pencil just *so*.]

conjunction

- 1 for the reason that; in order that [Talk louder *so* that I can hear you.]
- 2 [an informal use] with the result that [She didn't study, *so* she failed the test.]
- **pronoun** the same [I am his friend and will remain *so*.]
- **interjection** a word that is used to show surprise, dislike, or doubt [*So!* I caught you!]

adjective

- 1 being a fact; true [I guess it's really *so*.]
- 2 in proper order [Everything for his boss must be just *so*.]
—**and so forth** and the rest; and others. —**and so on** and the rest; and others. —**so as** in order; for the purpose [She left early *so as* to be on time.]
 - The words **so**, **sew**, and **sow** sound alike. How can you be *so* mean? It's easy to *sew* on buttons. Sow flower seeds in the spring.

some (sum)

adjective

- 1 being a certain person or thing that is not named or not known [*Some* man just stole my purse!]

- 2 being a certain group of persons or things that are not named or not known [*Some* people were playing ball.]
- 3 being of a certain, but not definite, number or amount [Have *some* candy.]
- 4 [an informal use] outstanding or remarkable [That was *some* party!]

pronoun

- 1 a certain person, thing, or group that is not named or not known [*Some* agree.]
- 2 a certain number or amount, but not all [Take *some*.]

adverb

- 1 about [*Some* ten people were hired.]
- 2 [an informal use] to some degree or limit [I slept *some*.]
- 3 [an informal use] to a great degree [You must run *some* to catch up.]
 - The words **some** and **sum** sound alike. *Some* people never learn. The *sum* of 20 and 30 is 50.

soon (soōn)

adverb

- 1 in a short time; before much time has passed [Spring will *soon* be here.]
- 2 fast or quickly [as *soon* as possible].
- 3 ahead of time; early [She left too *soon*.]
—**sooner or later** in the end; finally.

soon ■ **adverb** **sooner**, **soonest**

stand (stand)

verb

- 1 to be in or get into an upright position on one's feet [*Stand* by your desk.]
- 2 to be or place in an upright position or on its base or bottom [Our trophy *stands* on the shelf. *Stand* the broom in the corner.]
- 3 to hold a certain opinion or attitude [I *stand* with you in this matter.]
- 4 to be in a certain rank or level [Where do you *stand* in your class?]
- 5 to be placed or located [Our house *stands* on a hill.]
- 6 to put up with; tolerate; endure [I can't *stand* rude people.]
- 7 to be not affected by; to resist or tolerate [Can you *stand* the pain? This sofa will *stand* a lot of abuse.]
- 8 to stay without change [My orders *stand* until I cancel them.]
- 9 to be forced to go through [She is charged with theft and must *stand* trial.]

noun

- 1 a stop or halt for defense [The soldiers made their last *stand* near the hill.]
- 2 an opinion or position [What is your *stand* on longer school hours?]
- 3 a place where someone is supposed to stand or sit [Please take the witness *stand*.]

- **4** often **stands** the benches or seats in rising rows in a stadium or at a playing field.
- **5** a booth or counter where items are sold [a candy **stand**].
- **6** a rack for holding something [a music **stand**].
—**stand by 1** to be near and ready if needed. **2** to help, support, or defend [We **stood by** him when he was accused of cheating on his test.] —**stand for 1** to be a sign for; represent [The mark "&" **stands for** the word "and."] **2** [an informal use] to put up with; tolerate [We won't **stand for** this lack of respect.] —**stand in for** to take the place of; act for. —**stand out** to be easily noticed; be easy to see [His red shirt makes him **stand out** in the picture.]

stand ■ **verb** □ **stood**, □ **standing** ■ **noun**, plural for all senses except 1 □ **stands**

such (sʊtʃ)

adjective

- **1** of this or that kind [Such rugs are expensive.]
- **2** like those mentioned or meant [It was on just **such** a night that he was born.]
- **3** so much or so great [We had **such** fun that nobody left.]
- **pronoun** a person or thing of that kind [We have fruit juices and soft drinks and **such**.]
—**such as** for example [She speaks several foreign languages, **such as** French and German.]

sure (ʃʊə)

adjective

- **1** not capable of failing; safe or certain [a **sure** cure; a **sure** friend].
- **2** firm or steady [**sure** footing on the steps].
- **3** without doubt; true or certain [I am **sure** we can go.]
- **4** not possible to avoid [a **sure** defeat].
- **adverb** [an informal use] without a doubt; indeed [**Sure**, I'll go.]

take (teɪk)

verb

- **1** to get hold of; grasp [Take my hand as we cross the street.]
- **2** to get by force or skill; capture; seize; win [Our team **took** the first game. The soldiers **took** the town.]
- **3** to get as one's own [She **took** the job. When does the senator **take** office?]
- **4** to buy, rent, or subscribe to [We **take** the daily newspaper.]
- **5** to be used with [This bolt **takes** a larger nut. The verb "hit" **takes** an object.]
- **6** to travel by or on [We **took** the bus. I **took** a short cut.]
- **7** to call for; require; need [It **took** courage to do that.]

- **8** to study [We **take** geography next year.]
- **9** to write down [We **take** notes in class.]
- **10** to receive or accept [He **took** her advice.]
- **11** to have or feel [Take pity on me.]
- **12** to do, make, or use [Take care. **Take** a look at this. She **took** a picture.]
- **13** to remove or steal [Someone **took** my coat.]
- **14** to carry [Take your skis with you.]
- **15** to bring or lead [I **took** her to a movie.]
—**take after** to be, act, or look like [He **takes after** his father.] —**take down** to write down [The police officer **took down** my name and address.] —**take in 1** to make smaller [The tailor **took in** the pants at the waist.] **2** to visit [We **took in** all the sights.] —**take off 1** to rise from the earth [The jet **took off**.] **2** to remove [Take off your muddy shoes.] **3** to go away; leave [They **took off** about an hour ago.] —**take one's time** to be in no hurry. —**take over** to begin managing [She will **take over** the family business.] —**take up 1** to become interested in [I **took up** golf this summer.] **2** to fill [This job **takes up** all my time.]

take ■ **verb** **took**, **taken**, □ **taking**

took (tu:k)

- **verb** past tense of **take**.

than (ðən or ðæn)

conjunction

- **1** compared to. This word is used before the second part of a comparison [I am taller **than** you.]
- **2** besides; except [What could I do other **than** stop?]

that (ðæt or ðət)

pronoun

- **1** the person or thing that is being talked about [That is José.]
- **2** the thing farther away or different in some way [This is smaller than **that**.]
- **3** who, whom, or which [She's the one **that** we don't like. Here's the book **that** I borrowed.]
- **4** when [It snowed on the day **that** we left.]

adjective

- **1** being the person or thing talked about [That girl is Sue.]
- **2** being the person or thing farther away or different in some way [This bicycle cost more than **that** one.]

conjunction **that** is used before:

- **1** a noun clause that states a fact [It's clear **that** you are wrong.]
- **2** a clause showing a purpose [They died **that** we might live.]
- **3** a clause showing a result [I ate so much **that** I was sick.]
- **4** a clause showing the cause of something [I'm sorry **that** you fell.]

5 an incomplete sentence showing a wish or feeling
[Oh, **that** it could be spring!]

- **adverb** to the degree or extent being expressed;
so [I can't see **that** far.]
—**that's that!** that is decided! that is finished!

that ■ **pronoun**, plural **those** ■ **adjective**,

that's

- that is.

the (thə or thē)

definite article

- **1** that one which is here or which has been mentioned [**The** day is hot. **The** story ended.]
 - **2** one and only [**the** universe].
 - **3** that one of a number or group [Open **the** front door. Take **the** one on top.]
 - **4** that one which is thought of as best or outstanding [**the** football player of the year].
 - **5** any one of a certain kind [**The** goat is a mammal.]
- adverb**
- **1** that much; to that degree [**the** better to see you with].
 - **2** by that much [**the** sooner **the** better].

their (ther)

- **adjective** done by them or having to do with them [**their** work; **their** shoes].
 - The words **their**, **there**,

theirs

- belong to them.

them (them)

pronoun the form of **they** that is used:

- **1** after certain verbs [The dog bit **them**. I saw **them**.]
- **2** after prepositions [Give it to **them**.]

then (then)

adverb

- **1** at that time [We were young **then**.]
- **2** soon afterward; next in time [The party ended, and **then** we left.]
- **3** next in order [Our house is on the corner and **then** comes the neighbor's house.]
- **4** in that case; therefore [If you read it, **then** you'll know.]

noun that time [They were gone by **then**.]
—**then and there** at once.

there (ther)

adverb

- **1** at or in that place [Who lives **there**?]

- **2** to, toward, or into that place [Let's go **there**.]

- **3** at that point; then [I read to page 51 and stopped **there**.]

- **4** in that matter [**There** you are wrong.]

- **5** right now [**There** goes the bell.]

- **noun** that place [We left from **there**.]

- The words **there**, **their**, and **they're** sound alike. **There** is no place like home. Sometimes, they eat **their** lunch outside. I don't know how **they're** doing.

there's (therz)

- there is.

these (thēz)

- **pronoun**, **adjective** plural of **this**.

they (thā)

pronoun

- **1** the persons, animals, or things that are being talked about [The players knew **they** had won the game. Put the keys back where **they** were.]
- **2** people in general [**They** say it will be a very cold winter.]

they ■ **pronoun**, singular **he**, **she**, or **it**

they're (ther or thā'er)

- they are.

this (this)

pronoun

- **1** the person or thing that is being talked about or that is understood [**This** is Juan. What is the meaning of **this**?]
- **2** the thing that is present or nearer [**This** is prettier than that.]
- **3** the fact or idea that is about to be told [Listen to **this**.]

adjective

- **1** being the person or thing that is being talked about or that is understood [Copy down **this** rule.]
- **2** being the person or thing that is present or nearer [**This** house is newer than that one.]
- **adverb** to the degree that is being pointed out; so [It was **this** big.]

this ■ **pronoun**, plural **these** ■ **adjective** ■ **adverb**

those (thōz)

- **pronoun**, **adjective** plural of **that**.

through (thrū)

preposition

- **1** in one side and out the other side of; from end to end of [The nail went *through* the board. We drove *through* the tunnel.]
- **2** from one part of to another [Birds fly *through* the air.]
- **3** by way of [a route to Boston *through* New York].
- **4** to many places in; around [We toured *through* Utah.]
- **5** from the beginning to the end of [We stayed in Maine *through* the summer.]
- **6** up to and including [This sale is on *through* Friday.]
- **7** by means of [We heard the news *through* friends.]
- **8** as a result of; because of [He won out *through* great courage.]
- **9** without making a stop for [He went *through* a red light.]

adverb

- **1** in one side and out the other [The target was pierced *through* by the arrow.]
- **2** from the beginning to the end [He saw the job *through*.]
- **3** in a complete and thorough way [We were soaked *through* by the rain.]

adjective

- **1** leading from one place to another; open [a *through* street].
- **2** going on to the end without a stop or change [a *through* train to Boston].
- **3** finished [I'm *through* with my work.]
 - The words **through** and **threw** sound alike. Are you *through* with your homework? She *threw* out yesterday's newspaper.

to (tōō or too or tə)

preposition

- **1** in the direction of [Turn *to* the right.]
- **2** as far as [when we got *to* Boston; wet *to* the skin].
- **3** until [from dawn *to* dusk].
- **4** before [The time is ten *to* nine.]
- **5** on, onto, against, or at [Put your hand *to* your mouth. Apply the lotion *to* the skin.]
- **6** for the purpose of [Come *to* lunch.]
- **7** having to do with; involving [That's all there is *to* it.]
- **8** causing or resulting in [torn *to* pieces; *to* my surprise].
- **9** with; along with [Add this *to* the others.]
- **10** belonging with [Here's the coat *to* that suit.]
- **11** compared with [The score was 8 *to* 0.]
- **12** in agreement with [That's not *to* my taste.]
- **13** in or for each [two pints *to* a quart].

—**to and fro** back and forth; from side to side.

- **To** is also used as a sign of the infinitive form of verbs [That was easy *to* read.]
 - The words **to**, **too**, and **two** sound alike. Does this bus go *to* Cleveland? Are you a freshman, *too*? I took *two* sandwiches for lunch.

too (tōō)

adverb

- **1** in addition; also [He came *too*.]
- **2** more than enough [This hat is *too* big.]
- **3** very [You are *too* kind.] This word can also be used as an adjective with *much* or *many* [We have *too* much to do.]
 - The words **too**, **to**, and **two** sound alike. Are you a freshman, *too*? Does this bus go *to* Cleveland? I took *two* sandwiches for lunch.

two (tōō)

- **noun.** the cardinal number between one and three; 2.
- **adjective** being one more than one [*two* apples]. —**in two** in two parts [It was cut *in two*.]

unless (un les')

- **conjunction** in any case other than; except if [I won't go *unless* you do.]

until (un til')

preposition

- **1** up to the time of; till [Wait *until* noon.]
- **2** before [Don't tell her *until* tomorrow.]

conjunction

- **1** up to the time when [We were enjoying ourselves *until* it began to rain.]
- **2** to the point, degree, or place that [She ate *until* she was full.]
- **3** before [Don't start *until* he tells you.]

up (ʌp)

adverb

- **1** to, in, or on a higher place or position [She climbed *up*. The sun comes *up* at dawn.]
- **2** to a larger amount or size; to a greater degree [Gas went *up* in price. My ankle swelled *up*.]
- **3** in or into an upright position [Please stand *up*. I got *up* from the floor.]
- **4** into action, discussion, or view [You bring *up* a good point. Let's put *up* a sign.]
- **5** in order to be even with [He ran to keep *up* with her.]
- **6** in a complete way [He ate *up* all the food.]
- **7** apiece; each [The score is six *up*.]

preposition

- **1** to or at a higher place in or on [We climbed *up* the ladder.]
- **2** to or at the higher or farther part of [They bicycled *up* the hill.]

adjective

- **1** put, brought, going, or gone up [Her hand is *up*. The sun is *up*. Prices are *up*.]
- **2** out of bed [Aren't you *up* yet?]
- **3** above the ground [The new grass is *up*.]
- **4** at an end; over [Time's *up*.]

- **5** at bat in baseball [You're *up* next.]
- **6** working and available for use [After some quick repairs, the computer was back *up* again.]
- **7** [an informal use] going on; happening [What's *up*?]

noun a turn for the better or a piece of good luck [Life has its *ups* and downs.]

—**up to** [an informal use] **1** doing or getting ready to do [He is *up to* some mischief.] **2** as many as [Up to four can play.] **3** as far as [My land runs *up to* those trees.] **4** to be decided by [It's *up to* you.]

up ■ **adverb** ■ **preposition** ■ **adjective** ■ **noun**, plural **ups**

upon (ə pən')

□ **preposition** on or up and on [He put the box *upon* the table.]

up•on ■ **preposition**

us (us)

pronoun the form of **we** that is used:

- **1** after certain verbs [The dog bit *us*. He saw *us*. Tell *us* the truth.]
- **2** after prepositions [Tell the story to *us*. The song was written by *us*.]

very (ver'ē)

adverb

- **1** in a high degree; to a great extent [*very* cold; *very* funny; *very* sad].
- **2** truly; really [This is the *very* same place.]

adjective

- **1** in the fullest sense; complete [This is the *very* opposite of what I wanted.]
- **2** same; identical [She is the *very* person I talked with.]—Look for the word choices box at the entry **same**.

we (wē)

□ **pronoun** the persons speaking or writing [*We* like candy. Are *we* still friends?]

we're (wir)

□ we are.

what (hwut or wut)

pronoun

- **1** which thing, happening, or condition? [*What* is that thing? *What* did he ask? *What* is your name?]
- **2** that which or those which [I heard *what* she said.]

adjective

- **1** which or which kind of [*What* dog is your favorite? I know *what* cookies you like.]
- **2** as much as or as many as [Borrow *what* books you need.]

- **3** how great! so much! [*What* nonsense he's talking!]

adverb

- **1** in what way? how? [*What* does it help to complain?]
- **2** in some way [*What* with all our joking, the time passed quickly.]

interjection a word that is used to express surprise or anger ["*What!* Late again?"]

—**what for?** for what reason? why? —**what if** what would happen if; suppose.

when (hwen or wen)

□ **adverb** at what time? [*When* did they leave?]

conjunction

- **1** at what time [They told us *when* to come.]
- **2** at which time [The rooster crowed at six, *when* the sun rose.]
- **3** at or during the time that [*When* I was your age, I couldn't swim.]
- **4** although [She's reading *when* she could be playing.]
- **5** if [How can we finish, *when* you don't help?]
- **pronoun** what time or which time [Until *when* will you be here?]

where (hwer or wer)

adverb

- **1** in or at what place? [*Where* is the car?]
- **2** to what place? [*Where* did he go next?]
- **3** in what way? how? [*Where* is she at fault?]
- **4** from what place, person, or source? [*Where* did you find out?]

conjunction

- **1** in or at what place [I know *where* it is.]
- **2** in or at the place in which [Stay home *where* you belong. Moss grows *where* there is shade.]
- **3** to the place to which [We'll go *where* you go.]
- **4** in or at which place [We came home, *where* we had dinner.]

pronoun

- **1** what place? [*Where* are you from?]
- **2** the place at which [It is a mile to *where* I live.]

whether (hweth'ər or weth'ər)

conjunction

- **1** if it is true or likely that [I don't know *whether* I can go.]
- **2** in either case that [It makes no difference *whether* he comes or not.]

which (hwich or wich)

pronoun

- **1** what one or what ones out of those that are being talked about or suggested? [*Which* will you choose?]
- **2** the one or the ones that [I know *which* I like best.]

- **3** that [The story *which* we all believed turned out to be a lie.]
- **adjective** what one or ones [*Which* apples are best for baking?]

while (hwīl or wīl)

- **noun** a period of time [I waited a short *while*.]
- conjunction**
- **1** during the time that [I read a book *while* I waited.]
- **2** in spite of the fact that; although [*While* the car isn't large, it will hold five persons.]
- **3** and on the other hand [She likes chocolate ice cream, *while* I like strawberry.]
- **verb** to spend or pass in a pleasant way [We *whiled* away a few hours.]
—**worth someone's while** worth the time that it takes someone.

while ■ **noun** ■ **conjunction** ■ **verb** **whiled**, **whiling**

who (hōō)

pronoun

- **1** what or which person or persons? [*Who* helped you? I know *who* she is.]
- **2** that [the girl *who* lives next door].

who's (hōōz)

- **1** who is.
- **2** who has.
● The words **who's** and **whose** sound alike.
He's the one *who's* selling tickets.
He's the one *whose* bike is on the lawn.

whose (hōōz)

- **pronoun** the one or the ones that belong to whom [*Whose* are these books?]
- **adjective** done by whom or which, or having to do with whom or which [*Whose* work is this? This is the person *whose* words inspired me.]

why (hwī or wī)

- **adverb** for what reason, cause, or purpose? [*Why* did he go?]
- conjunction**
- **1** because of which [There is no reason *why* you shouldn't go.]
- **2** the reason for which [That is *why* we went.]
- **noun** the reason, cause, or purpose [Never mind the *why* of it.]
- interjection** a word that is used to express surprise or annoyance or to show that a person is pausing to think [*Why*, I didn't know it was so late!]

why ■ **adverb** ■ **conjunction** ■ **noun**, plural
whys ■ **interjection**

will¹ (wil)

noun

- **1** the power that the mind has to choose, debate, or control a person's own actions [He has a weak *will* when there's chocolate around.]
- **2** something that is wished or ordered; a wish or desire [What is your *will*?]
- **3** strong and firm purpose; the quality of being determined to do something ["Where there's a *will*, there's a way."]
- **4** a legal paper in which a person tells what should be done with his or her money and property after the person's death.

verb

- **1** to decide or choose [Let her do as she *wills*.]
- **2** to leave to someone by a will [Mother *willed* the house to me.]

will ■ **noun**, plural for sense 4 only **wills** ■ **verb** **willed**, **willing**

will² (wil)

- **verb** (*helping verb*) *Will* is used with other verbs to show future time. The word "to" is not used between *will* and the verb that follows it [We *will* leave next week. *Will* you please save some dessert for me?]

will ■ **verb** past tense **would**; he/she/it **will**

with (with or wīth)

preposition

- **1** in the company of [Come *with* me.]
- **2** in the care of [Leave the baby *with* Aunt Jane.]
- **3** as part of; into [Mix blue *with* yellow to get green.]
- **4** as a member of [She sings *with* the choir.]
- **5** having the same opinions or beliefs as; on the side of [I'm *with* you.]
- **6** against [Don't argue *with* them.]
- **7** in regard to [Deal *with* that problem by yourself.]
- **8** in the opinion of [It's all right *with* me.]
- **9** as a result of [He was pale *with* fear.]
- **10** by means of [Paint *with* a large brush.]
- **11** by [a pail filled *with* sand].
- **12** having received [*With* their help we finished on time.]
- **13** having or showing [She has a dress *with* red buttons. He greeted her *with* a big smile.]
- **14** in spite of [*With* all his faults, I still love him.]
- **15** at the same time as [*With* the coming of spring, the birds returned.]
- **16** to or onto [Join this end of the pipe *with* that one.]
- **17** as well as [She can run *with* the best of them.]
- **18** from [I parted *with* him in July.]
- **19** after [*With* that remark, I left.]

within (with in' or wīth in')

preposition

- **1** in the inner part of; inside [Stay *within* the house.]
- **2** not more than; not beyond [They live *within* a mile of us.]
- **3** inside the limits of [Stay *within* the law.]
- **adverb** in or to the inside [It is cold outside but warm *within*.]

with•in ■ **preposition** ■ **adverb**

without (wɪθ aʊt or wɪð aʊt)

preposition

- **1** free from; not having [a person *without* a worry; a cup *without* a saucer].
- **2** in a way that avoids [We pass by each other *without* speaking.]

with•out ■ **preposition**

won't (wɒnt)

- will not.

would (wəʊd)

verb (helping verb) Past tense of **will**² [They thought they *would* enjoy the circus, but they didn't like it.]

Would as a helping verb is used:

- **1** to talk about something that depends on something else [I *would* have helped if you had asked me.]
- **2** to ask something in a polite way [*Would* you please leave?] The word "to" is not used between *would* and the verb that follows it.

would ■ **verb** he/she/it **would**

- The words **would** and **wood** sound alike. *Would* you go to the movies with me? He carved a duck from a block of *wood*.

yet (jet)

adverb

- **1** up to now; so far [He has not gone *yet*.]
- **2** at the present time; now [We can't leave just *yet*.]
- **3** even now; still [There's *yet* some hope.]
- **4** at some time to come [We'll get there *yet*.]
- **5** in addition; even [She had *yet* another reason to refuse.]
- **6** now, after a long time [Haven't you finished *yet*?]
- **7** but; nevertheless [He is comfortable, *yet* lonely.]
- **conjunction** nevertheless; however [She seems happy, *yet* she is worried.]

you (ju)

pronoun

- **1** the person or persons that are being spoken to. *You* is used as the subject of a verb and also as the object of a verb or preposition. *You* is both singular

and plural [*You* are a good friend. I saw *you* both. There's room for three of *you* in the car.]

- **2** a person; one [*You* seldom see a horse and buggy now.]

you ■ **pronoun**, plural **you**

- The words **you**, **ewe**, and **yew** sound alike. Will *you* and I be going to the movies? The *ewe* strayed from the other sheep. We planted maple and *yew* trees.

your (jʊər)

- **adjective** done by you or having to do with you [*your* work; *your* shoes].

- The words **your** and **you're** sound alike. *Your* car is being towed away. *You're* not going anywhere.

you're (jʊər or jʊəɹ)

- you are.

yours (jʊəz)

- **pronoun** the one or the ones that belong to you [I know that this book is *yours*. *Yours* costs more than ours.]

Parts of Speech

adjective (ədʒɪk tɪv)

- a word that is used to picture or add to a meaning of a noun (a *red* house, the *tallest* mountain). An adjective may describe, point out, or tell how many (*six* cows, *less* money, *my* family).

adverb (əd'vɜ:b)

- a word used to add to the meaning of a verb. An adverb may do this by answering a question: How? (going *fast*, running *swiftly*) How much? (*very* quickly, *slightly* angry) Why? Where? (Come *here*. Go *home*.) When? (*always* sad)

conjunction (kən ʃʊŋk'shən)

- a joining word, for joining words, groups of words, and sentences. The words *and* and *if* are conjunctions.

interjection

- a words used to express feelings.

noun (naʊn)

- a word used to name a person, place, thing or idea.

preposition (prep ə zish'ən)

- a word used as the door to a phrase (in first position). "To," "in," and "for" are prepositions.

pronoun (prō'noun)

- a word used in stead of a noun. In the sentence "Who sold it to her yesterday?" the words "who," "it," and "her" are pronouns.

verb (vɜrb)

- a word used to bring a noun to life – into action (I *walked*. You *slept*. Jane *makes* good cookies.) It also tells the condition, or state, of someone or something (We *are* here. They *became* rich. It *happened*.) It can also help another verb show special features (He *will* walk. Joe *did* see it. They *have* gone.)