A GENERAL SERVICE LIST
OF ENGLISH WORDS
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WITH SEMANTIC FREQUENCIES AND
A SUPPLEMENTARY WORD-LIST
FOR THE WRITING OF POPULAR SCIENCE
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FOREWORD

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During the first half of the present century great progress has been made in the development of language teaching techniques, and a great deal of this has been applied to English, which has now become the most widely-used language. A language is so complex that selection from it is always one of the first and most difficult problems of anyone who wishes to teach it systematically. It has come to be more and more generally realised that random selection is a wasteful approach, and that only a complete system capable of continuous enlargement can form a satisfactory objective for the first stage in any attempt to grasp as much of the entire language as may ultimately be necessary. Roughly a language system may be considered as consisting of words entering into grammatical constructions spoken with conventional stress and intonation. To find the minimum number of words that could operate together in constructions capable of entering into the greatest variety of contexts has therefore been the chief aim of those trying to simplify English for the learner. Various criteria have been employed in choosing the words, but the dominant activity throughout the period among all those concerned with systematic teaching of English has been vocabulary selection.

All the vocabularies produced were useful, but their multiplicity confused the teachers they were designed to help. Co-ordination of effort was desirable, and in October, 1934, a conference, sponsored by the Carnegie Corporation, was held in New York on the selection of vocabulary as a stage in the teaching of English. It was attended by most of the leading workers on the problem, and it entrusted the preparation of its report to a committee consisting of Dr. L. W. Faucett, Dr. Michael West and Dr. H. E. Palmer, with Professor E. L. Thorndike as consultant. Meeting in London, together with Professor Fife, Dr. Keppel and Professor Thorndike, the committee arranged for the preparation of a tentative word-list. The Carnegie Corporation made a grant to cover the cost of publishing the list and asked the University of London Institute of Education to administer the grant, which was to provide also for the expenses of further conferences on the use of English as a world language.
FOREWORD

The list was published in 1936 as the Interim Report on Vocabulary Selection (P. S. King & Son, Ltd., London). Under that title it has become well known to all teachers of English. It has long been out of print, however, and it was never considered to be more than an interim report. By 1939 arrangements had been made for its revision, and, with the agreement of the Carnegie Corporation, Dr. Michael West was invited to carry out the work. The war intervened, and it was not until the end of the war that any progress could be made. Dr. West then laboured hard at the formidable task, and the result is the present volume.

Dr. West is entirely responsible for the revised list. He has had the advantage of using a semantic frequency count by Professor I. Lorge of Columbia University, who generously made the work available before it was published. The Institute of Education has sponsored this publication as trustees for the fund originally established by the Carnegie Corporation, but it is not in any way committed to the list, for which full credit should be given to Dr. West. As a member of the distinguished band of workers in the field of vocabulary selection who attended the New York Conference in 1934, and one who has continued to interest himself in the subject, it is fitting that he should bring this phase of research into the teaching of English to what looks like being a culmination, since attention is now shifting to structural problems. All who are concerned with the spread of English throughout the world must be grateful to him for the energy and experience he has brought to his task. The generosity of Professor Lorge has added to the value of the present list and lightened Dr. West's labours. Dr. West has no doubt been conscious of the whole movement which has contributed to the clarification of the issues involved in vocabulary selection, and his work in the present volume may be regarded as a tribute to a period of research into language teaching, as well as his own latest judgment on the selection of English most suitable to set as a first objective for foreign learners.

Thanks are due to Dr. W. E. Flood, Lecturer on Science-teaching in the Department of Education, Birmingham University, for permission to include the vocabulary used in An Explaining and Pronouncing Dictionary of Scientific and Technical Words (Flood & West, Longmans, 1952). We wish also to express our appreciation of the care and labour of Mrs. R. Gunther in reading and criticising the work; and of Miss Gertrude Thresher in typing and checking.

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The Interim Report on Vocabulary Selection (1936, P. S. King & Co.) presented a list of 2000 "General Service" words considered suitable as the basis of vocabulary for learning English as a foreign language. The compilation of this list was rendered possible by a grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

The semantic count was a count of the frequency of the occurrence of the various meanings and uses of words as found in a study of five million (or for some words, 2½ million) running words. A note by Dr. Irving Lorge on the procedure in making this count will be found on page xi below.

In this re-issue of the Carnegie Report on Vocabulary Selection the various meanings and uses of the selected words have been rearranged in the light of the Semantic Count, and the figures of the Semantic Count have been added to indicate their relative importance.

In the original Semantic Count very fine distinctions of meaning were made and the frequencies were expressed per mille (e.g. of 1000 occurrences of the word GAME, 5 were in the meaning Fun, e.g., Make game of).

In the present report these meanings have been grouped more coarsely and the frequencies expressed as percentages, so that the teacher and textbook writer may find it easier to understand and use the list.

An example will make the meaning clear:

**GAME** 638

1. (amusement, children's play)
   Fun and games
   It's not serious; it's just a game 9%

2. (with the idea of competition, e.g., cards, football, etc.)
   A game of football
   Indoor games; out-door games 38%

3. (a particular contest)
   We won, six games to three
   I played a poor game
   Play a losing game (10.5%)
   23%

4. (games = athletic contest)
   Olympic Games
   ? [= animals, 11%; game-/, game-birds, etc., 5%]
   (= fun, Make game of, 0.5%)

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This means: In a count of 5 million words the word Game occurred 638 times. In 9% of these occurrences it meant children’s play, amusement: in 38% of the occurrences it had the idea of competition as in football, card games, etc.

The sign ?[ ] shows a suggestion on the part of the compiler that the meaning Game = animals, e.g., Big game, which accounted for 11% of the occurrences, may be omitted by the teacher; so also game-/ as in game-birds, game-preservation, etc.

The sign [ ] is a definite recommendation by the compiler that Game = fun, as in such phrases as “Make game of,” should not be taught.

On the subject of these suggestions and recommendations see the note on “Factors Other than Frequency” below.

(Certain minor meanings have been omitted, so the percentages do not add up to 100.)

IN STUDYING THESE PERCENTAGES the total frequency of the word should be considered: thus 1% of a word such as Pull may be important, but 1% of Drag is definitely not so. This does not mean that all the Total Frequencies can be multiplied by the percentages to yield exact values for every item in this list, for the actual numbers are sometimes too small to be reliable; the smaller products would merely show that the items are unimportant.

THE CHIEF VALUES OF THE LIST ARE that it shows:

(1) how very heavy is the learning-burden of the major words compared with all the others, and how very much the learner’s task may be lightened by cutting out everything which is not really essential, especially in those heavy words.

(2) how much less frequent and less important are the minor items of words than one would have expected. Indeed it may be taken as a general rule that anything which seems in the least degree unusual or doubtful should certainly be excluded from the teaching course.

IN INTERPRETING THE LIST it is to be remembered that it is based on printed and written material, and it therefore rather tends to undervalue those items used more in speech than in writing, e.g., the direct interrogative Who?, names of foods, greetings, and colloquialisms: and it sometimes has a tendency to overweight the purely literary item (e.g., Preserve = save): these latter cases have been annotated.

Where American and British usage differ, this has been pointed out (e.g., Can).

Months, days of the week and numbers are not shown.

NO ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO BE RIGIDLY CONSISTENT in the method used for displaying the words: each word has been treated as a separate problem, and the sole aim has been clearness.
S I G N S

A broken line across the page shows a separate entry in the dictionary and therefore the start of a new percentage, e.g.,

EXPRESSION

A—B—C e.g., A. Expression (= pithy, etc.)
B. Expression (of the face)
The lettering shows that the difference in meaning is so great that, for purposes of teaching and of word-counting, these are equivalent to two separate words.

[ ] In the opinion of the editor this item should not be taught.

? [ ] In the opinion of the editor it is doubtful whether this item is worth teaching. On this point see the Note on "Factors other than Frequency."

c after a number, e.g., IMAGINE, 288c; this means that the word occurred 144 times in a count of 2½ million words; the estimated frequency in 5 million words is therefore 288.

* after a number, e.g., GARDEN, 574,* means that this figure is based upon an unknown number of counted words.

F A C T O R S (O T H E R T H A N F R E Q U E N C Y)
WHICH ARE TO BE CONSIDERED IN VOCABULARY SELECTION

FREQUENCY IS NOT, OF COURSE, THE ONLY POINT to be considered in selecting items for teaching English. Other considerations are:

(1) Ease or difficulty of learning (=Cost). Thus the item Claim (mining) is very closely related to Claim the title, and so would cost but little in learning effort, though its value is low.

(2) Necessity. An item of relatively low frequency may be selected because it alone covers a certain range of necessary ideas. Thus Preserve (food), 7% of 350 is the only satisfactory cover for canning, bottling, salting, freezing, jam making: the rest of the word is merely a literary synonym of Keep safe, and is of doubtful value. So also Vessel (blood-vessel).

(3) Cover. This is the converse of Point 2 above (Necessity). An item may be frequent but unnecessary. Thus "for the time being" is not uncommon, but is adequately covered by "for the present." "For the time being" is costly, since the word "being" here is remote in meaning from To be, whereas "present" is used in its normal, root sense. It is a useful general rule to prefer the item nearest to the root sense: tricky idioms are often of less value than an extra word as cover for an idea.
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(4) *Stylistic level*. Such duplicates as the above often arise from different stylistic levels; thus Personage is the written and rather literary (high stylistic) equivalent of person; Fellow or Chap is the colloquial (low stylistic) equivalent. The foreign learner does not at this (2000 word) stage need either high or low equivalents in his conversation, but should keep a middle path. (But some high equivalents are needed in the reading vocabulary, e.g., in popular science.)

(5) *Intensive and emotional words*. The foreigner is learning English to express ideas rather than emotion; for his emotional expression he has the mother-tongue. English is a rather unemotional language, but it has its intensive words and items whose only function is to be the equivalent of underlining, or an exclamation mark, e.g., “simply useless” = quite useless plus annoyance. It is a useful general rule that intensive words and items are of secondary importance to the foreign learner, however common they may be.

Some guidance in respect of the above considerations is given by enclosing in square brackets, [ ] or ?[ ], items which we suggest as undesirable; in this we have erred on the side of caution (of rejecting too little rather than too much).

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THE SEMANTIC COUNT

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The selection of words for the teaching of English to foreigners, to a large degree, has been based on the frequency of the occurrence of words in printed English. Such facts about word frequency have been useful in the choice of basic vocabularies of specified sizes. The teaching of these words, however, left much to the judgment of the teacher, for he had to choose which meaning or meanings of these words to impart. In general, the more frequent the occurrence of a word, the greater is the variety of meanings in which it is used.

To establish the relative frequency of the occurrence of the different meanings of all multi-meaning words, the Institute of Psychological Research under a generous grant from the Rockefeller Foundation for "Studies of English Usage" and with the personnel made available by the Works Division, Emergency Relief Bureau of New York City and its successor agencies, was enabled to collect the facts of the relative occurrence of the different meanings of English Words. These facts were reported in 1938 by Irving Lorge and Edward L. Thorndike in A Semantic Count of English Words. This count was supplemented this year with the publication of The Semantic Count of the 570 Commonest Words by Irving Lorge. This latter study was, in part, supported by a grant-in-aid for the study of "English as a Foreign Language" by the American Council on Education through the Carnegie Corporation of New York and by support from the General Fund of the Institute of Psychological Research at Teachers' College, Columbia University.

The grant-in-aid from the American Council on Education, however, was used primarily to arrange the facts about the frequency of the meanings of words for the use in the new Carnegie Report on Vocabulary Selection. A brief description of the basic procedure involved in semantic counts will illustrate the entire process.

First, it was necessary to select a sample of material to be read. For this purpose many sources, such as encyclopaedias, magazines, textbooks, novels, essays, biographies, books about science, poetry and the like, were sampled. Altogether, the original sample included about two and a half million words. This sample was later supplemented by another sample of the same size.

The semantic count is based on the differentiation of the meanings in The Oxford English Dictionary. The thirteen-volume dictionary was split into folios of 32 pages. Each person selected to do the semanticizing was
of high intelligence and especially trained for the task. He proceeded to read the materials. Whenever he found a word in his section of the dictionary he made a record of it, giving its location by unit, page and column in the sample. He then studied its apparent meaning in context to assign its proper meaning, number and letter as given in the Oxford Dictionary. The semanticist usually read all of the five million words for this purpose.

When all the material was assembled, the record looked like this:

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The data for *game* are interpreted as follows:

(a) The rubrics (Th lb*) indicate that in the word count made by Dr. Thorndike *game* was in the second five hundred in frequency.

(b) The (638) indicates that *game* occurred in five million words with a total frequency of 638.

(c) The (29) indicates that the word was semanticized for twenty-nine units, i.e., all the units in the five million sample.

(d) The references in the column headed "O. E. D. Code" are the rubrics for each separate meaning in *The Oxford English Dictionary*.

* The "l" refers to most frequent thousand words, the letter "b" to the second half of them.
(e) The numbers in the column headed “Per Mille” refer to the relative frequency of each meaning. For instance, meaning 4 had a frequency of 271.

(f) The numbers under the column headed “No. of Units” refer to the number of different units in which the meaning was found. In general the data give some indication of the different kinds of material in which the meaning is used.*

The data for game give twenty-four different meanings. Some of the distinctions, however, are too fine for general use. To make the Semantic Count more useful, members of the staff of the Institute of Psychological Research tried to relate the Oxford meaning classifications to those that were made in the Interim Report. They found, sometimes, that the Interim Report included meanings which rarely or never were found and left out some meanings that were fairly frequent. For instance, in the Interim Report on Vocabulary Selection the facts about game are:

- A game of football
- Playing a losing game
- Having the game in one’s hand
- (X) [game = animals used for sport; game = tricks; have a game with = make fun of]

A semanticist estimated how frequently each of the semantic count meanings accorded with the meanings selected for the Interim Report. Thus, it was found that the sense of “A game of football” occurred as meaning 4 with a per mille of 271; or “Play a losing game” occurred as meaning 5 with a per mille of 105.

Meanings like “Have the game in one’s hands” occurred infrequently, i.e., two times in a thousand, while meanings like “animals used in sports” or “Olympic Games” occurred with much greater frequencies. These facts became, in part, the basis for revising the selection of meanings to be exemplified in this report.

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* Whenever the relative occurrence of the meanings of a word was based on less than the total sample, estimates of its frequency in a five million sample are also provided.
A, AN,  (89,572*)

1. (a certain one)
   A book
   (indicating a class)
   An insect has six legs 90%

Special use
   Many a —, such a —, so large a 5%

2. (with numbers)
   A hundred, a dozen
   A good many 2%

3. (distributive)
   Once a day; sixpence an hour 1%
   [Bells a-ringing, 0.7; = of, 0.7]

ABLE, adj.  940

1. Able to take care of 89%
2. An able man 11%
   [Able-bodied, 0.1%]

ability, n.  340

1. (cleverness)
   A man of great ability
   Musical ability 58%

2. (power to)
   Ability to learn 40%
   [legal sense, 2%]

ABOUT  (7819*)

about, adv.

1a. (on every or any side; sometimes
   with the idea of carelessness)
   Stand, sit, lie about
   Is the manager anywhere about? 2%

1b. (hither and thither; sometimes
   implying mishandling)
   Move things about; knock about 3%
   ? [Special use
   Bring about; come about (= happen) 6%

2. (approximately)
   About right; about the biggest;
   about finished 25%

3. (future tense)
   I am about to tell you 3%

about, prep.

1. (showing proximity)
   Flowers dotted about the grass
   Standing about the door 6%

2. (approximately)
   About 3 o'clock; about 12 ounces 12%
about, prep. (continued)  
(3a) (in connexion with)  
Something dishonest about it  
8%  
(3b) (concerning)  
Quarrels about money  
31%  

ABOVE  
above, adv.  
(978*)  
(in a higher position)  
In heaven above  
18%  
Special use  
See page —, above (in a book, etc.)  
The above facts (adj.)  
17%  
above, prep.  
(1a) Above the trees  
Kingston is above London on the river  
25%  
(1b) (figurative)  
His voice could be heard above the noise  
17%  
(2) (idea of superiority)  
Above my station  
Above dishonesty  
4%  
(3) (more than)  
Above 500  
Above all  
18%  
[Over and above, 0.5%]

ABROAD, adv. 268  
(1) (idea of foreign country)  
Travel abroad  
News from abroad  
80%  
(2) (idea of scattering as in Broadcast)  
Preach abroad  
11%  
[(3) (out of the home)  
I never venture abroad without an umbrella  
9%]

ABSENCE, n. 213  
(1) (lack of)  
Absence of self-respect  
Total absence of hair  
50%  
(2) (state of not being present)  
No one noticed his absence  
In the absence of the manager  
49%  
[Absence of mind, 0.5%]
absent, adj. 91
(1) (not present)
Absent from the meeting 44%
(2) (lacking, not existing)
In these animals the tail is entirely absent 44%
[Absent-minded, 2%; to absent oneself, v., 2%]

ABSOLUTELY, adv. 234
(1) (to the fullest extent, entirely)
Absolutely necessary, right 85%
(2) (with a negative)
Absolutely nothing 7%
[expressing surprise—Absolutely kissed him! 1.7%]

ACCEPT, v. 732
(1) (take a thing, person, offer, office)
Accept a gift 50%
Accept £10 for it
Accept the post of headmaster
(2) (agree to an idea or belief)
Accept the suggestion 47%
The accepted opinion
[Accept a bill, 1%]

ACCIDENT, n. 275
(1) (disaster)
Meet with an accident 72%
Accident on the railway
(2) (unintended event)
It was a mere accident that we met 20%
(3) By accident 7%
[inessential property. Accidents of birth and fortune, 1%]

accidental, adj. 39
(happening by chance) 90%
[inessential, 8%]

accidentally, adv. 22 (by chance)
ACCORD, v. 1446
[Honours accorded to a hero 3%]
[His deeds do not accord with his principles 1%]

according to
According to my ideas 88%
According to Smith
According to plan
? [according as, 1%]

? [accordingly, adv. 167]
(in agreement with the facts or circumstances)
He is a thief and ought to be treated accordingly
He gave us his reasons and we acted accordingly

ACCOUNT, v. 968
(give reason for, explain)
How do you account for it? 15%
[Accounted as = thought to be, 2%]

account, n.
A. (money, and connected phrases)
Open, close, pay, settle, send in an account
Cash account, Profit & Loss Account, keep accounts 10%

Phrases:
(a) Put it on my account (= charge to me)
I did it on my own account (= at own cost, on own responsibility) 3%
(b) On account of (= because of)
[On no account (= in no circumstances)] 22%
(c) Give an account of (money, your stewardship)
(d) Take into account, take account of 2%

B. [Turn to good account, . . .]
(story)
Give an account of the journey 35%

ACCUSE, v. 142
(1) Accuse a person of a crime 73%
(2) The accused 18%
(3) (blame)
My pen is broken; I accuse you 6%
ACCUSTOM, v. 162  Accustom our eyes to, ourselves to 7%
Accustomed to see; accustomed to the cold 85%
[In its accustomed place, 8%]

ACHE, v. 58   My arms ache 75%
ache, n.  
An aching tooth
Aches and pains
Toothache, headache 14%

ACROSS, (1140*)
adv. & prep.  Go across the road 91%
His house is just across the road
We shall soon be across
[Come across = find, 9%]

ACT, n. 2184 (1) (thing done)
A noble act 14%
The act of a madman
(2) (legal act)
The bill became an act 22%
(3) (part of a play)
The third act of Hamlet 31%

act, v. (1) (behave)
Men are judged not by what they say but how they act 11%
Act for the headmaster; acting headmaster 7%
My advice is not always acted upon 2%
* (This includes "Acting strangely," etc. = behaving -, U.S.A.).

(2) (have an effect)
The brake doesn't act 6%
This acid acts on zinc
(3) (theatre)
A well acted play 4%
Act the part of

actor, n., 163; actress, n., 65

action, n. 1079 (1) (opposite of thought, planning, etc.)
What we need is not talk, but action
action, n. (continued)

The organization is now in action
Out of action  26%

(2) (way of acting, result)
The action of sulphuric acid on zinc  14%
The action of the heart, of a machine  6%

(3) (deed)
A kind action  34%

(4) (war)
The losses in this action were ten wounded  9%

(5) (law)
Bring an action against  3%

active, adj. 338

(1) (opposite of passive)
Smith is the sleeping partner, Jones is the active person in the business  52%

(2) (opposite of sluggish)
An active demand
The market is very active  44%

actively, adv. 44

inactively

(1) (opposite of passively)  25%

(2) (with energy)  75%

activity, n. 477

(1) (state of using energy, opposite of quietness)
The activity of the creatures depends on the temperature of the water
A state of great activity  43%

(2) (forms of work or play)
He has many activities besides his work—such as music, gardening, tennis  57%

ACTUAL, adj. 380

(opposite of ideal or theoretical)
The sad difference between our high aims and our actual deeds
The actual leader of the party at present is Mr. Z.
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<td>(in fact) Money, not merely promised, but actually paid</td>
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<td>? [(for emphasis or surprise) He actually had the impudence to blame me!]</td>
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<td>(1) (join to, make an increment to) This adds to my labours</td>
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<td>Special use “And,” he added, “I haven’t the money”</td>
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<td>(2) Add 2 + 2</td>
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<td>Address a person</td>
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<td>[skill, 4.6%; way of speaking, 1.2%]</td>
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<td>ADMIRE, v.</td>
<td>(observe with pleasure and surprise)</td>
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<td>admiration,</td>
<td>(feeling of pleasure and surprise)</td>
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<td>[The picture is the admiration of all, 8%]</td>
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<td>ADMIT, v.</td>
<td>(1) (allow to enter) Admitted to the gallery; to the third performance (figurative, e.g. to a Club or institution)</td>
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<td>(2) (grant to be true) I admit the truth of the story I admit it to be true</td>
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<td>[Admits of no delay, 5%; = allow, 2%]</td>
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<td>admission, n.</td>
<td>(reception to an institution) Admissions to the college will be made in January</td>
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<td>(granting a thing to be right or true) His silence is an admission of guilt</td>
<td>21%</td>
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ADOPT, v. 580  (1) (take as a son; or daughter)  6%
(2) The right course to adopt
Adopt the habits and customs of
the country  89%
adopted, adj
adoption, n.
My adopted son  5%
(This word seems of rather doubtful value at this stage)

ADVANCE, v. 817  (1) (go forward. progress)  23%
(2) (push forward, cause to progress,
cause to increase)  13%
(3) (pay money before it is due)
Advance him money on his wages  3%
?[(4) (put forward an idea)
Advance a suggestion  3%]
advance, n.
(1) (forward movement)
The army has made an advance
(figurative)  10%
This invention is a great advance  12%
(2) (increase)
An advance of prices  4%
(3) (prepayment)
An advance on royalties  2%
Payment in advance  7%
in advance
in advance of
H. G. Wells was in advance of his
times  3%
advanced, adj.
Advanced opinions  10%
[Make advances, 1%]

ADVANTAGE, 556  (superior or favoured position)
Gain an advantage
He has the advantage of good
education  65%
? [Special uses
Take advantage of (= make unfair
use of)  17%
Will hear something to his ad-
vantage  10%
Sets off her pretty hair to ad-
vantage  7%

disadvantage, n. 64
| ADVENTURE, n. 413 | (1) (dangerous feat, exciting experience) A story of adventures in Africa 70%  
(2) (daring, willingness to take risks) Spirit of adventure 17%  
[risk, chance, as in "peradventure," 6%] |
| ADVERTISE, v. 174 | (give public notice of, e.g. in journals) It pays to advertise  
Advertise a house for sale 29%  
(giving public notice) 55% |
| ADVERTISEMENT, n. 66 |
| ADVICE, n. 279 | (opinion, suggestion) Take, give, act on advice  
A piece of advice 85%  
Against, in accordance with my advice  
[= information, 12%] |
| ADVISE, v. 188 | Act as I advise  
I advise you to go 68%  
I advise caution 6%  
[= inform, 19%; well-advised, 1%] |
| AEROPLANE, n. AIRPLANE, 181 |
| AFFAIR, n. 758 | (1) (activities, concerns, business matters) One's private affairs  
Affairs of state 75%  
That's my affair!  
(2) A love affair 18%  
[vaguely = task, thing, a laborious affair, 3%; an affair of a few shillings; the new table was a badly made affair, 3%] |
AFFORD, v. 385  
1. (have money, time, etc., enough to spare for the purpose)  
I can't afford to have a holiday  
I can't afford a car  
[grant, give, supply, etc., 70%]  
* (Meaning 1 was intended by the Report).

AFRAID, pred. adj. 232  
1. (frightened)  
Troubled and afraid  
Come on! Who's afraid?  
19%  
Afraid of the truth  
Afraid of seeing him  
33%  
Afraid to tell the truth  
17%  
2. (anxious or apologetic)  
Afraid (that) we may be late  
I'm afraid we are rather late  
31%

AFTER  
after, adv.  
Jill came tumbling after  
He came soon after  
6%  
(behind)  
Follow, go, send after him  
3%  
Special use  
Named after his father (U.S.A. "for")  
2%  
2. (idea of seeking)  
She has lots of men after her  
2%  
3. (idea of care for)  
Look after; see after  
9%  
4. (of time)  
After a meal; after hours  
Months after that  
68%  
5. (in spite of)  
I can't say anything after that (insult)  
After all  
3%  
After he was dead  
4%

AFTERNOON  
(see NOON)

AGAIN  
(3283*)  
1. (repetition)  
Do it again  
Again and again  
72%
AGAIN... (continued)
? [Special use, adding a further argument:
And, again, it is not strictly legal, 9%]
[As much again, 0.3%]
(2) (back to a former state)
Come to life again 16%

AGAINST (1925*)

(1a) (idea of opposition—without hostility)
Ran against him in the street
Lean against a post
The yellow stands out against the black 8%

(1b) (in the opposite direction to)
Against the lie of the hairs
Against my conscience 5%

(2) (idea of hostility)
Fight against, vote against, warn against
A law against; protection against 85%
? [Weigh against, 2%]
[Work against time, . . .]

AGE, n. 1244

(1) (length of life)
What is your age?
Under age. Age of discretion 36%

(2) (period of life)
Old age, middle age 20%

(3) (length of time, period)
Bronze Age
The Middle Ages 38%

? [aged, An aged man, 3%]

AGENT, n. 428

(1) (person who causes an effect)
The human agents, not the machines which they use 27%

(2) (thing which causes an effect)
Chemical agent 26%

(3) (Business representative) 44%

agency, n. 266

(1) (abstract)
Through the agency of 36%

(2) (business use)
Remington typewriter agency 64%
AGO, adv. 988  
Ten years ago  
Long ago  
A long time ago

AGREE, v. 672  
1. (consent)  
He agreed to give it a trial  
He was asked to do it, and he agreed  
20%  
2. (concur in an opinion, be of one mind)  
He agreed that it should be given a trial  
He agreed with Jones on (as to, about) the proposed new building; —in opposing the plan  
65%  
3. (be in harmony)  
Birds in their nests agree  
The figures don't agree  
13%

agreement, n. 296  
1. (bargain or joint decision)  
Come to an agreement  
Make an agreement  
An agreement between A and B  
84%  
2. (state of concord)  
We cannot hope for perfect agreement among so many people  
There is little agreement between these two sets of figures  
15%

disagree, v., 35; disagreement, n., 22; [disagreeable, adj., 47]

AGRICULTURE, 189  
n.
agricultural, adj.

AHEAD, adv. 230  
1. (at the front)  
Danger ahead; ahead of us  
31%  
2. (to the front)  
Look ahead; go ahead; full speed ahead  
65%
AIM, v. 277
(1) (direct one’s course at)
Aim at being perfect
Aim at perfection 33%
(2) (point a gun at)
Aim a gun at
Fire without aiming 14%
aim, n.
(1) (act of pointing a gun)
Take aim at, take a good aim 6%
(2) (purpose, objective)
My aim in life
My aim is to prevent trouble 46%
aimless 5

AIR, n. (1060*)
(1) (the gaseous substance)
The air we breathe 47%
(2) (the atmosphere; often hardly
distinguishable from (1))
Travel by air
The upper air 31%
? [There is a feeling of suspicion in the
air]
[= manner, 5%; = trace, 3%]
air-tight 7

AIRPLANE, (see AEROPLANE)

ALIKE, adj. & adv. 176
These things are alike, are both alike 28%
They (both) behaved alike 72%

ALIVE, pred. adj. 213
(1) (living)
It’s a wonder I’m still alive to tell
the tale 71%
(2) (figurative)
Freedom is still alive in men’s hearts
11%
? [(3) (swarming)
River alive with fish
[Man alive! 4%; alive to the fact, 5%]
ALL (13,824*)

all, adj.
(1) (idea of wholeness)
   All England; all day
   With all my heart
   All this
   38%
(2) (with a plural)
   All men; all those; we all
   38%
(3) (with a relative)
   All that I own
   3%
(4) Phrases:
   That's all! None at all. Best of all
   [All of this, 2%; In all, 0.4%]
   15%

all, adv.
Dressed all in white
All painted up with rouge
All at once (= suddenly)
[all, n. My all, 0.4%]

ALLOW, v. 751

(1) (permit)
   Smoking is not allowed here
   You are not allowed to come here
   I don't allow myself to get lazy
   82%
(2) (concede; provide for)
   Allow 10% off for cash
   Allow for future development
   [I'll allow his cleverness, 2%; allow
   that he's very clever, 2%; machine
   does not allow of rough treatment,
   2%; allow him £50 a year, 2%]

allowance, n. 69

(1) (Money for a special purpose)
   My wife's dress-allowance
   30%
(2) (Food, etc., for a special purpose)
   Allowance of food for the prisoners
   10%
(3) (provision of extra money, space,
   etc., for)
   Make allowance for future developments
   9%
(4) (consideration, e.g., as extenuating)
   I must make allowance for your illness

Phrases:
   Make allowances
   Make every allowance
   48%
ALMOST, adv. (1939*)  Almost perfect; almost always

ALONE, adj. (1263*)  (1a) (unaccompanied)
  He lives alone  33%
  Phrase:
  Let alone; leave alone  7%
  (1b) (different from all others)
  He is (not) alone in that opinion  16%
  (2a) (= only)
  He alone is the sufferer  14%
  (2b) (without anything else)
  Riches alone cannot bring happiness  27%

ALONG, adv. & prep. (1430*)  (1) (stretched out)
  Trees (all) along the road  22%
  [Knew it all along, 1.5%]
  (2) (of movement; opposite of Across)
  Hurry along
  Run along the road  63%
  ? [Special use, implying informality, I'll go along to his house this evening, ...
  ? ? ? ]

along-/
along with

Along-side, etc.  4%
Go along with him  2%
[along with = added to, 7.8%; get along with you! = I do not believe you, part of 2%]

ALOUD, adv.  93

ALREADY, adv. 1082  (before a certain time)
I've seen it already
(so soon)
Have you done it already!  99%

ALSO, adv. & conj. (870*)  I saw him and his sister also
I shall telephone and also write

ALTHOUGH (see THOUGH)
ALTOGETHER, 239

adv. (completely)
Altogether bad
[Well, altogether = all things considered, ... ? ...]

ALWAYS (2764*)

(1) (at all times, all the time)
He is always kind
He is always working  94%
(2) (for all time)
He will be remembered always  6%
[= whatever happens: Well, I can always become a navy, 0%]

AMBITION, n. 155
(desire for high position)
A seat in Parliament is his ambition.
It is his ambition to have a seat in Parliament
Ambition for power
Political ambitions

ambitious, adj. 82

AMONG, prep. (1062*)

(1) (surrounded by, as a part of, in relation to)
Live among friends
Among others at the party I saw X.  94%
(2) (idea of distribution)
Divide it among you  3%
(3) (mutual action)
Quarrel among themselves  2%

* ? (Use "Amongst" for Meaning 2.)

AMONGST, prep. 284

(1) (surrounded by, as a part of, in relation to)
Live amongst friends
Amongst others at the party I saw X  87%
(2) (idea of distribution)
Divide it amongst you  11%
(3) (mutual action)
Quarrelled amongst themselves  2%

* ? (Query reserve "Amongst" for Meaning 2, Distribution.)
AMOUNT, v. 996
(1) (add up to a total)
The cost amounts to £1,000
The whole amount 16%

(2) (comes to be, comes to mean)
This almost amounts to a threat
It doesn’t amount to much (is not important) 6%

amount, n.
(1) (quantity)
A small amount of sugar may be needed 61%

(2) (total)
What’s the whole amount?
Will not take a great amount of money 15%
[capital & interest, 2%]

AMUSE, v. 123
(1) (pass the time, cause to pass the time)
Amused ourselves by singing
Amuse the children 24%

(2) (cause to laugh)
The story amused me 43%
[causing laughter] 31%

amusing, adj.

amusement, n. 91
(1) (relaxation, diversion)
He does it for his own amusement, not for money 19%

(2) (games, diversions, etc.)
Not many amusements in this town 56%

(3) (idea of laughter)
Caused me much amusement 23%

ANCIENT, adj. 671
(1) (far back in history, belonging to the past)
History of Ancient Rome
Ancient civilization 48%

(2) (long standing)
Our ancient rights 47%
[= old, an ancient man, 2%]

AND, conj. (106,064*)
(1a) (connective)
Two and two make four 43%

(1b) (— of more than two items)
Men and dogs and horses 8%
| Word | Definition | Frequency | Example
|------|------------|-----------|---------
| ANGER, n. | 119 | 83% | (to make angry) |
| anger, v. | | 11% | |
| ANGRY | (see ANGER) | | |
| ANIMAL, n. | 849 | 16% | Animal and vegetable |
| animal, adj. | | 69% | The dog is an animal |

### ANGRY, n. (continued)

1c. (implying many) Days and days; miles and miles, etc. 1%
1d. (making the first of two adjectives into an adverb) Nice and sweet (= nicely sweet) 1%
2a. (connecting sentences) He came and then he went 40%
2b. (showing a consequence) He stood up, and all were silent. Say that again and I'll hit you 2%
2c. (with Go, Come, Send, showing purpose) Come and see us 1%

### ANGEL, n.

1. (angry)
   - I'm very angry 67%
   - Angry with 67%

2. (of mood, easily angered)
   - He's in an angry mood 8%

3. (figurative)
   - Angry sky, sea, wound 25%

### ANGLE, n.

1. (in geometry)
   - An angle of 90 degrees; a right angle 57%
   - Angle of incidence, of vision 57%
   - At an angle with (to) 57%
   - (corner) 57%

2. The angle of the jaw 29%
   - Inside angle of a room 29%
   - Outside angle of a building 29%
### ANNOY, v. 55

1. (irritate)
   - Annoy a person
   - Be annoyed about a thing, with a person  60%

2. (worry, disturb)
   - Annoy the bull with a red rag  10%
   - A very annoying person, thing  20%

### annoying, adj.

- thing which annoys, state of being annoyed

### annoyance, n. 32

- thing which annoys, state of being annoyed

### ANOTHER, adj. (2233*)

1. (a second)
   - Have another cup of tea
   - You're a fool!—You're another!  57%

2. (a different)
   - At another time and in another place
   - One man's meat is another man's poison  28%

**Phrases:**
- Walked one after another  4%
- Love one another  10%

### ANSWER (1833*)

#### answer, n.

- The answer to a question, prayer, speech  35%

#### answer, v.

- Answer: a question, prayer, speech  63%
  - [Answered his purpose, 2%; answer the helm, door, to a description, 0%]

### ANXIETY 112

1. (uneasy fear)
   - Anxiety about the future  86%

2. (eager desire)
   - Over-anxiety to please  12%

### anxious 203

1. (uneasy)
   - Feeling very anxious—about the future
   - An anxious moment  48%

2. (eager)
   - I am most anxious to please you  52%
ANY, det.  (5238*)  
(1) (undetermined amount, 'in negative interrogative and conditional sentences) 
Few, if any, snakes in Ireland 
Have you any money? No, I haven't any 58% 
(2) (no matter what amount or kind) 
Any food is better than none 32% 
Phrases: 
At any rate; in any case 3% 
(3) (adverbial use) 
Is he any better? 2% 

anybody  204 

anyhow  70  
(1a) (by any means) 
I've tried and I can't manage it anyhow 3% 
(1b) (carelessly) 
Do a thing anyhow 3% 
(2) (regardless of difficulty or objection) 
I shall go, anyhow, whether it rains or not 97% 
Anyhow, you must admit it's a bargain 97% 

anything, n., 843; anywhere, adv., 111; [anyway, adv., 111 (= in any case, 89%)]

APART, adv.  270  
(1) (idea of separation) 
They lived apart for many years 56% 
Take it apart and see how it works 
Set apart some money for the purpose 
(2) (idea of difference) 
Can't tell them apart 
A class apart from all others 40% 
[Joking apart, 4%]
APOLOGISE, v. 20  
(express regret)  
apology, n. 67  
Owe me an apology; offer, make, accept an apology  
[defence, 27%; poor substitute, 3%]  
? [apologetic, adj. 14]  

APPEAR, v. 1740  
(1) (become, be visible)  
A ship appeared far away  
(2) (make a public appearance)  
Robertson appeared as Hamlet  
The book appeared last month  
(3) (seem)  
He appears to be very ill  
It appears that he was at home all the time  

disappear, v. 262  
appearance, n. 495  
(1) (becoming visible)  
The time of the sun’s appearance  
(2) (public appearance)  
Make an appearance  
? [Put in an appearance]  
(3) (look)  
By his appearance I judge him to be . . .  
? [appearances, n. pl.]  
Appearances are against you  
Judge by appearances  
[Keep up appearances, 0.2%]  

disappearance, v. & n. 284  

APPLAUD, v. 37  
(1) (clap, shout, etc.)  
They applauded the song by clapping  
(2) (praise, approve)  
He made a speech applauding the idea  

applause, n. 41  
(1) (clap, etc.)  
(2) (praise)  

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APPLE, n.
(12*) (fruit, tree) 75%
(2) (anything so shaped; also -apple)
   Oak apple; toffee-apple 8%
apple-
   Apple-tree, -juice, etc. 8%
   [— of eye, …]

APPLY, v.  608
? [(1) (put in contact)
   Apply a plaster, lotion, coat of paint 22%
   (2) (put to use, make relevant)
   Apply one's energies to
   Apply the law to this case
   Cannot apply the word "free" to these people
   Apply a new discovery to industry; applied science 51%
   (3) (ask for)
   Apply to the Consul for permission
   Apply for a job 6%

? [applicable, adj.  41]

APPLICATION, n.  257
? [(1) (putting in contact)
   A soothing application to the skin 5%
   (2) (putting to use)
   Practical application of this discovery 33%
   (3) (idea of relevancy)
   Application of the law to this case 24%
   (4) (request for employment)
   Make, write an application 23%
   [= diligence, 4%]

APPOINT, v.  480
   (select for a post)
   Appointed him to do the work
   Appointed him to be headmaster; appointed headmaster
   Applied for the job and was appointed 85%
   ? [Appointed time, place, 11%]
   [Well appointed = furnished, 1%]
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| appointment, n.    | 186       | (1) (selection for office)  
(2) (fixed time, e.g. with doctor)  
Make an appointment.  
[Break  
[= furnishings, 6%]  
89% |
| APPROVE, v.        | 205       | (think well of, say it is good)  
I approve of your choice  
Do you approve?  
[= ratify, Approve the Minutes of the  
last meeting, 4%]  
82% |
| disapprove, v.     | 31        |                                                                            |
| approval, n.       | 58        | ? [On approval]                                                            |
| ARCH, n.           | 134       | (as in building)  
[= chief, 6%]  
94% |
| archway, n.        | 4         |                                                                            |
| ARGUE, v.          | 223       | (1) (debate)  
He argues by the hour; he loves arguing  
Don’t argue; just do as you’re told  
32% |
|                     |           | (2) (reason)  
Argue for, against, that it is true  
[Argue the legality = question, 5%;  
argues a bad conscience, 5%]  
57% |
| argument, n.       | 373       | (1) (reason)  
His argument is that it is too late  
That’s a strong argument for doing nothing  
40% |
|                     |           | (2) (piece of reasoning)  
A well thought-out argument  
42% |
|                     |           | (3) (debate)  
Engaged in a long and heated argument  
Just for the sake of argument  
16% |
ARISE, v. 569  
(come up, be perceived)  
Houses arose like mushrooms  
A mist arose from the lake  
Any questions, trouble, difficulties which may arise  
70%  
arise from  
Serious results may arise from this  
8%  
? [= rise, stand up, get out of bed, 26%]

ARM, n. (2025*)

A  
(1a) (human limb)  
My arms and my legs  
38%  
Phrases:  
Arm in arm; with open arms; a child in arms  
4%  
(1b) (as a sign of power)  
The arm of the law  
3%  
(2) (corresponding part of an animal)  
The arms of a star-fish  
5%  
(3) (any long narrow thing)  
The arm of a coat  
An arm of the sea  
The arm of a machine  
4%

B  
(1) (weapon)  
Supplied the people with arms  
(7%)  
Men at arms  
(1%)  
To arms! Up in arms  
(1%)  
Lay down your arms  
(2%)  
By force of arms (= fighting)  
(6%)  
The profession of arms (= soldiering)  
(5%)  
22%  
(2) (heraldry)  
A coat of arms  
2%

arm, v.  
A coat of arms  
Arm the people  
Armed men  
Armed only with a walking-stick  
19%

armour, 204; unarmed, 36e; ? [firearms, 2%]

ARMY, n. 1664  
He is in the army  
Join the army
| AROUND, prep. & adv. | (2312*) | (1) (in a circle) People standing (all) around, all around us. Wrapped his cloak around (him) 83% |
| | | (2) (chiefly in U.S.A. = about) Travel around (the country) 12% |

| ARRANGE, v. 280 | (1) (set in order) Arranged her hair, the flowers, his books 43% |
| | (2) (plan) Arranged a meeting Arrange for the things to be taken away 28% |
| | (3) (agree) Arrange with Mr. X about having the house painted 17% |

| arrangement, n. 311 | (1) (ordered condition) The arrangement of the petals 22% |
| | (2) (ordered thing, device) An ingenious arrangement which turns on the light when . . . 14% |
| | (3) (agreement) Come to an arrangement with one's creditors 14% |
| | (4) (preparations) Mr. X is making all the arrangements for the funeral 39% |

| ARREST, v. 254 | The police arrested the thief 45% |
| arrest, n. | [= stop, Arrest the progress of, 13%; Arrest the attention, 5%] |
| | An order for his arrest The police made several arrests Placed him under arrest 59% |
| | [stoppage, 3%] |

| ARRIVE, v. 532 | (1) Arrive home, in London Arrive at an age when . . . 74% |
| | (2) The parcel has arrived The time has arrived when . . . 11% |
| | (3) Arrive at a conclusion 12% |

| arrival, n. 201 | |
**ART, n. 1396**

1a (skill, craftsmanship)
Made not by Nature but by Art
Useful arts

1b (skill plus taste)
The Fine Arts, namely painting, sculpture, etc.
Art-school, art-centre

2a (as opposed to Science)
He took a degree in Arts, not in Science

2b (applied science)
The science and art of agriculture
The art of healing

artist, n., 361; artistic, adj., 117

**ARTICLE, n. 766**

1 (piece of writing)
Article in the newspaper
The leading article

2 (thing)
Article of furniture
Several articles were stolen,

[Articles of an agreement, 15%]

**ARTIFICIAL, adj. 145**

Artificial teeth, silk, rubber

**AS, rel. or conj. adv. (23,646*)**

1 (showing relationship)
As heavy as gold
Not so heavy as gold

Phrase:
Such as —, Crustacea, such as crabs, lobsters, etc.

2 (with a sentence, = in such manner)
As we act, so we shall be punished or rewarded
As you were!
As it stands, it is good enough
Do as you like

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A.S, rel. or conj. adv. (continued)

(3) (in hypothetical statements)
As if.—He behaves as if he owned
the place
? [As though.—He behaves as though
he owned the place, 1%]

(4) (showing similarity)
It can be used as a knife 23%
Appear, consider, see, treat as 9%
All stood up as one man 1%

Special use
As well.—Tom came as well as
Jane; Jane came, and Tom as
well 4%

(5) (limiting a preposition)
As for; as to: as against 2%

(6) (introducing an elliptic clause)
He is, as it seems, quite unreliable
As usual; as a rule 10%
as, conj.

(1) (= while)
As I stood there, the King passed
by 7%

(2) (= because)
As you aren’t ready, I shall go
alone 4%

(3) (showing purpose)
So as to.—Arranged so as to suit
everybody 3%

ASH, n. 125
Burning coal produces ash
The ashes of a fire
? [His ashes, 13%]

ASHAMED, 103 (1) (abashed because of a past act)
pred. adj.
I play so badly: I feel quite
ashamed
Ashamed of playing so badly
Ashamed that I played so badly
Ashamed of myself 72%

(2) (reluctant through shame)
I’m ashamed to ask you again 25%

ASIDE, adv. 270 (1) (to one side, privately)
Step aside
Drew me aside and whispered
Said to me, aside 28%
| **ASIDE** adv. | (continued) | (2) *(idea of separation)*  
Laid his work aside during the holidays  
Set money aside for a special purpose  
Set that idea aside  
Aside from the question of need, we must think of the cost  
[Set aside a verdict, 1.5%; an aside, 1.5%]  
| **ASK, v.** | (4062*) | (1a) *(enquire)*  
Ask a question; ask about the matter  
Ask who it is, if it is Mr. X; ask, "Is that Mr. X?"  
[Ask after—*enquire as to the health of, 0%]*  
(1b) *(with an object)*  
Ask him who it is, etc.  
(2) *(request)*  
Ask him a favour; ask a favour of him  
Ask him for it; ask for the manager  
Ask him to do it  
Those who ask, don't always get  
(3) *(invite)*  
Ask him to dinner. "I wasn't asked"  
| **ASLEEP, adv. & 128 pred. adj.** |  
He's asleep  
Fall asleep  
| **ASSOCIATION, 539 n.** |  
The British Association, Football Association  
| **ASTONISH, v.** | 172  
**astonishing, adj.**  
**/ly, adv.**  
**astonishment, n.** | 66  
His behaviour astonished me  
I was astonished at his behaviour  
This astonishing account of life in the Far North  
To my astonishment, he said  
|
AT, prep.  (20,261*)

(1) (showing position)
The lines meet at the point P
At his heels; at his side

Phrases:
At hand; at a distance  (1%)  10%

(Special uses with the idea of position or direction)
(2a) (in regard to towns but not the capital city)
At Leeds

(2b) (with an idea of practical connexion)
At school; at Oxford; at the hotel  (7%)

(2c) (showing direction of activity)
Rush at, look, point at    (3%)

(2d) (with adjectives)
Good at, bad at, clever at . . . 37%

(3) (occupation or state)
At dinner
At ease, liberty, war  6%

(4) (showing intensity as on a scale)
At 90° Fahrenheit
At high pressure
At his best, worst
(of price)
Whisky at £3 a bottle  12%

(5a) (of time)
At 9 o'clock; at the Coronation;
at 70 years of age  (12%)

Phrases:
At once  (2%)
At first; at last  (6%)  20%

(5b) (time, with the idea of a causal relationship)
At a touch; at the order; weep
at the sight

Phrases:
Laugh, shout, swear at  2%

(6) (various phrases, especially the following)
At home; at all; at any rate  7%

ATTACK, v.  772  (1) (go and fight against)
Attack the enemy
Attack the work (fig.)  25%
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ATTRACT, v. 273
(1) A magnet attracts iron (7%%)
The side-shows attracted many people (36%%)
Attracted by Miss X (fig.) (13%%) 56%%
(2) His behaviour attracted attention I am attracted by the idea 41%%

attraction, n. 104
(1) (of a magnet, of the Earth) 20%%
(2) (pleasing features) Among the attractions of the place is the pleasant climate 39%%
(3) (thing which draws people) The shooting-galley was a great attraction 38%%

attractive, adj. 117 An attractive woman, style, theory 87%%

AUDIENCE, n. 228 (people in a hall or theatre) 90%%
[Have an audience with, 4%; give audience to, 1%]

AUNT, n. 181

AUTUMN, n. 161

? [autumnal, 11]

AVENUE, n. 116 Fifth Avenue 76%%
Avenue of trees 10%%
(figurative)
Explore every avenue 15%%

AVERAGE, n. 720 (mean value) 16%%
6 is the average of 1, 5, 7, 8, 9
On the average there is rain on two days out of ten 6%%

average, adj. (1) (arithmetical mean) The average price 36%%
(2) (== ordinary) The average man 33%%

average, v. Our takings average £100 a day 8%%

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AVOID, v. 316
(1) (keep away from a place or person) 6%
(2) (escape doing)
Avoid signing the document
Avoid any appearance of anger 82%
(3) (escape danger or evil)
Avoid the results of your foolishness 4%

avoidance, n. 6; unavoidable, adj., unavoidably, adv., 28e

AWAKE, v. 173
awake, pred. adj.
Not sleeping but wide awake
Awake to my danger 39%

? [awake, v., largely replaceable by wake, 43%]

? [awaken, v., 116]

AWAY (3100*)
(1) (idea of separation)
(1a) (from this place)
Run away; drive it away (41%)
[Away they went, 0.6%]
(1b) (position)
The manager is away
Several miles away (13%)
(1c) (aside)
Put your work away (3%)
(1d) (out of one's possession)
Give away; throw away (15%) 72%
(2) (idea of decline or diminution)
Fade away; waste away
Sleep away the day 19%
[(3) (idea of continuing)
Work away without stopping [intensive—Right away! Fire away,
etc.]

AWKWARD, adj. 47
(1) (difficult to use)
An awkward staircase 17%
(2) (clumsy movement)
Awkward attempts to stand up 32%
(3) (clumsy person)
The awkward squad 15%
(4) (embarrassing)
An awkward moment 28%

awkwardly, adv. 5; awkwardness, n. 5

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| BABY, n. | 254e | (1) (human infant) 71%  
(2) (young of animal) Baby elephant 15%  
| baby-/ | Baby-boy, baby-face, baby-linen 12%  
| BACK | 2615e | (part of the body or of an object; opposite of front)  
I've hurt my back  
Turn my back on . . .  
On the horse's back  
The back of a book  
At the back of—  
Behind my back  
Cares on my back 14%  
| back, adv. | (1a) (towards the rear or starting point)  
Wind drove the ship back, back to port  
Wind kept it back; keep a letter back 45%  
(1b) (of time)  
Back in the Middle Ages 8%  
(2) (—to a former state, to former possession)  
Come back to life  
Must have the money back 15%  
(3) (in retaliation, in reverse)  
Answer back; hit back; pay back 4%  
Back-yard, etc. 3%  
| back-/ | back, v. | (1) He backed away from me  
Back a car 1.1%  
? [(2) Back a cause, a person (3%)  
Back him up (0.4%)]  
[Back a horse = het, 0.1%] 3.4%  
(3) (put a back on)  
Back a book, a map with cloth 0.1%]  
| backbone, n. | 26e |  
| background, n. | 98e | (of picture, mind or life)  
Keep in the background |
| backward/s, adv. 108e | (1) (away from front) Go, bend, look, drive backwards 69%  |
| backward | (2) (reverse order) Backwards and forwards (2%) |
| backward | (1) (shy) 4% |
| backward | (2) (dull, bad at learning) 15% |
| BAD, 759e | (1) (useless, unpleasant, incorrect) A bad worker; bad work |
| bad, adj. | A bad coin; bad food; a bad smell |
| bad, adj. | Bad manners; a bad shot |
| Bad | Phrase |
| To go bad (2%) 58% |
| (2) (in a moral sense) A bad man; bad behaviour |
| Bad feeling 27% |
| In a bad sense |
| (3) (with reference to health) I've got a bad head 5% |
| Bad for your eyes 3% |
| Go to the bad |
| badly, adv. 200e; badness, n. 4e |
| BAG, n. 100e | (container) Paper bag, leather bag 88% |
| BAG | Money-bag, post-bag, etc. |
| BAG | (measure) 10 bags of meal |
| BAG | [(sport), Get a good bag, 6%] |
| BAGGAGE, n. 40e | (1) (= luggage in U.S.A.) 85%  |
| BAGGAGE | (2) (= of an army or large body of persons) 30% |
| BAKE, v. 62e | (1) (cook) |
| BAKE | (2) (harden by heat, e.g. pottery) |
**BALANCE, n.** 240e  
1. (instrument for weighing, and figurative use)  
   Chemical balance 2%  
   Hang in the balance 8%  

2. (counterweight)  
   Mr. X is too cautious, but he acts as a balance to the rash Mr. Y 3%  

3. (state of equilibrium)  
   Balance of power  
   To keep one's balance (= be calm) 16%  

4. (in accounts of money)  
   Balance of trade  
   Credit (Debit) balance  
   This £50 is mine; the balance is yours  
   Balance in hand 28%  

**balance, v.**  
1. (cause to be steady)  
   Balance a pen on your finger 7%  
   Balance yourself on one foot  

2. (counterpoise, compensate)  
   The weight on this end balances the weight on the other  
   Our sorrows do not balance our joys 10%  

3. (money)  
   Balance the accounts 8%  

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**BALL, n.** 512e  
1a. (round object used in play; any similar thing)  
   Throw a ball  
   The Earth is a ball 62%  

1b. (as thrown)  
   A fast ball 2%  

2. (round mass)  
   A ball of clay  
   A snow-ball 17%  

? [Eyeball, 0.7%; ball of the foot, 0.7%]  
A ball-valve, etc. 11%  
[= dance, 6%]  

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**BAND, n.** 310e  
1. (connecting piece of leather, metal, cloth)  
   Iron bands, rubber bands 10%  

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| band, v.            |                  |                | 5% |

| BANK, n.            | 1485e            |                |    |
A.                   | (ridge)          | A bank of earth | 9% |
|                     |                  | A bank of cloud | 22% |
|                     | (river)         | River-bank      | 53% |
B.                   | The Bank of England | Bank-book, etc. | 6% |

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<td>Practise at the bar</td>
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<td>The Bar (= barristers)</td>
<td>drinking-place, Public bar, bar-man, etc.,</td>
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<td>(close with a bar)</td>
<td>Bar the door</td>
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<td>(idea of obstacle, or prevention)</td>
<td>Bar the way</td>
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<td>Barred from her home</td>
<td>Progress is barred</td>
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<td>[adv. Bar none, 0.6%]</td>
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| BARBER, n.         | 78e             |                |    |

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<th>BARE, adj.</th>
<th>190e</th>
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<td>(naked)</td>
<td>Bare skin, feet, head</td>
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<td>Bare fields</td>
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<td>Fields bare of grass</td>
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### BARE, adj.

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<td>(2)</td>
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<td>Killed him with my bare hands 15%</td>
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<td>(3)</td>
<td>(without addition)</td>
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<td>Bare word, bare majority 14%</td>
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<td>Bare-headed, -legged, etc. 3%</td>
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<td>Bared his head 11%</td>
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? [barely, adv. 82e Barely enough food]

### BARGAIN, n. 128e

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<td>(1)</td>
<td>(agreement about price)</td>
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<td>Make a bargain</td>
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<td>Make the best of a bad bargain 31%</td>
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<td>(2)</td>
<td>(thing bought)</td>
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<td>Picked it up as a bargain</td>
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<td>Bargain-hunting 34%</td>
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bargain, v.

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<td></td>
<td>Bargain with him about the price</td>
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<td>A piece of hard bargaining 35%</td>
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### BARREL, n. 178e

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<td>(1)</td>
<td>(wooden container)</td>
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<td>An empty barrel 35%</td>
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<td>(2)</td>
<td>(container as measure)</td>
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<td>A barrel of beer 30%</td>
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<td>(3)</td>
<td>(tube; gun barrel)</td>
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### BASE, n. 658e

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<td>(1)</td>
<td>(bottom, part on which a thing rests)</td>
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<td>Base of a pillar 16%</td>
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<td>(2)</td>
<td>(idea of growing up from or starting out from)</td>
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<td>The base of the thumb</td>
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<td>Base line</td>
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<td>The base of an army 20%</td>
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base, v.

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<td>The argument is based upon (on) 42%</td>
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[Chemical base, 5%; adj. 8%]  

basis, n. 392e The basis of the argument  

? [basic, 67e]
| **BASIN, n.** | 112e | (1) Wash basin; kitchen basin  
(2) *(thing, valley, so shaped)*  
River-basin, dock- |
| **BASKET, n.** | 124e | Carrying a basket  
A basket of eggs |
| **BATH, n.** | 82e | (1) *(act of washing)*  
Have a bath  
(2) *(the water)*  
Get into a cold bath  
Prepare a medicinal bath  
A bath of sunshine *(fig.)*  
(3) *(the container; room)*  
A porcelain bath  
(4) *(chemical bath)*  
Bath-room, bath-tap |
| **bathe, v.** | 68e | (1) *(plunge in water)*  
(2) Bathe a wound, one’s eyes  
(3) Bathed in sunshine  
Bathed in blood  
Go for a bathe |
| **BATTLE, n.** | 1068e | (1) The battle of Waterloo  
(2) A battle between two animals,  
boxers, *etc.*  
(3) *(omitting A or The)*  
Go into battle, out to battle,  
wounded in battle  
Join, give, do battle  
(4) *(figurative)*  
A battle of words  
Battle-ground, *etc.* |
| **BAY, n.** | 324e | Bay of Biscay |
| **BE, aux. v.** | *(...?...)* | including Am, Are, Is, Was, Were  
(1) *(followed by attribute)*  
He is happy; he’s happy  
(2) *(used in forming progressive tense)*  
He is working |
BE, aux. v.  
(continued) 

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<td>What has he been doing now?</td>
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<td>— saying about me? <em>(idea of mischief or error)</em></td>
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<td>(3) <em>(forming passive)</em></td>
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<td>This was made by my son</td>
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<td>(4) <em>(followed by infinitive, expressing obligation)</em></td>
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<td>When am I to come?</td>
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<td><em>(gone to, come from)</em></td>
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<td>I have been to Paris</td>
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<td>Where have you been?</td>
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<td>Has anybody been? <em>(called, paid a visit)</em></td>
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(BEING—see below)

BEAK, n.  22e  
(1) *(of birds, etc.)*  73%  
(2) *(anything so shaped)*  18%  

BEAM, n.  98e  
(1) *(wooden or iron bar as in a house)*  45%  
(2) *(ray of light)*  35%  
[of loom, 4%]  

BEAN, n.  30e  

BEAR, v.  1226e  
(1a) *(carry, support)* 
Man bearing a burden  
Bore him off, away  *(11.6)*  
A pillar bearing an arch *(figurative)*  *(5.2)*  
Bear in mind  *(4.3)*  
? [Bear witness, 1.6%]  22.7%  
(1b) *(carry about with one)* 
Bear arms  
Bear his name  ? [A shield bearing his crest, 0.9%]  16.5%  
(2) *(suffer)* 
Bear pain  *(10.1%)*  
Bear the expense  *(4.9%)*  
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BEAR, v. (continued)

Phrase
I can’t bear him, it (1.6%) 16.6%
(3) (produce)
Bear fruit, children 2.8%
Bear a hand, company, 0.9%; oneself nobly, noble bearing, 0.6%; a proportion, 1.4%; down on, 1.1%; up under, 0.9%; bearing upon = referring to, 5.2%; bring to bear, 1.8%; compass-bearing, 0.4%; armorial bearing, 0.2%; machine bearings, 0.2%
[animal, 20.3%]

* (The meanings and uses of this word are many and difficult, but are nearly all easily replaced by other words in meanings nearer to their root-meaning. Bear may usefully be restricted to Bear pain, Bear fruit (children). In a technical vocabulary Bearings (of a wheel, etc.) is a necessary item.)

BEARD, n. 110e

BEAST, n. 200e (animal)
Beast of burden
Wild beast
[= man behaving like an animal, 2%]

BEAT, v. 338e (1) (hit)
Beat the carpet
Water beat upon the rocks
The sun beat down
(2) (shape by hitting, drive into place)
Beaten copper
(3) (punish)
Give him a good beating
(4) (strike rhythmically, throb)
Beat a drum, tattoo
Beat time
The heart beats
(5) (mix by regular blows)
Beat up an egg
(6) (conquer, drive away)
Beat the enemy
Beat off the enemy
[Beat for game, 0.6%; beat up recruits, 0.6%; beat up against the wind, 0.6%; beat about the bush, 0.6%]

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beat, n.  
Beat of the drum  
Heart-beat  
The beat in music  
[Policeman's beat, 1.8%]

BEAUTY, n.  
574c  
1 (abstract)  
What is Beauty?  
The beauty of her face  
89%  
2 (beautiful feature)  
Her eyes are her chief beauty  
3%  
3 (beautiful thing or person; also emotive)  
Mrs. Langtry was a famous beauty  
Look at that rose; what a beauty!  
8%

beautiful  
814c  
1 (of the face)  
17%  
2 (of places, flowers, etc.)  
58%  
3 (as a general term of appreciation)  
Beautiful soup; a beautiful shot at cricket  
23%

beautifully  
39c

BECAUSE,  
2703c  
because, conj.  
I do it because I like it  
80%  
because of, prep.  
Because of the rain  
19%

BECOME, v.  
3232c  
He became King  
The weather became warmer  
97%  
[What has become of it?, 1.4%; A very becoming hat; It does not become you to . . ., 0.7%]

BED, n.  
904e  
1 (1) A room with two beds  
A bed for the night  
A horse's bed  
Phrases:  
Lying in bed  
Go to bed; put him to bed  
Make a bed
BED, n.
(continued)

Special uses:
- Death-bed; bed of sickness, etc. 65%
- Bed of a lake, a river, the sea 9%
- (any prepared level surface, a geological stratum)
  Flower bed; filter bed; bed of a machine 21%
  A bed of limestone 2%
- Bed clothes, etc. 2%

bed-/bedding, n.

bedroom, n. 58e

BEFORE
before, adv. 4021e
before, prep.

Silent, as before 16%

(1) (anterior in time)
Before 1937
Before long

? (2) (mainly literary equivalent of In front of)
Stand before the King
(or intermediate between (1) and (2))

The wide lands lying before the explorer
The problem lying before us 22%

Look before you leap 28%

before, conj.

* (In order to avoid incorrect or obsolete usages the learner may be advised to restrict this word to Time only.)

BEG, v. 172e

(1) (ask for charity)
(2) (humbly request)
Beg for forgiveness
Do it, I beg
I beg you to do it
I beg that it may be done

(3) Phrases:
Beg pardon
I beg your pardon
[Beg the question, 6%]

beggar 172e

(person who asks alms)
[abuse or familiarity, 8%; verb, 3.6%]
BEGIN

begin, v.
Begin to cry
Begin reading
Begin at Chapter 2
Begin school with a prayer
Begin by telling me who you are 82%
Begin at the beginning 18%

beginning, n.

BEHAVE, v. 58c
(1) (conduct oneself)
Behaved with great courage
Behaved badly to his wife 17%
(2) (idea of politeness)
Learn how to behave
Behave yourself!
Well-behaved children 73%
(3) (of things = act)
Can behave either as an acid or as a base 7%

behaviour, n. 132e
His behaviour in battle 79%
The behaviour of the ship 15%
On his best behaviour; good behaviour (= manners) 6%

BEHIND,
prep. & adv. 933e
(1) (at the rear, to the rear)
Walking just behind (me)
Stay behind; leave (him) behind
Fall behind
A garden behind the house
Phrase:
Say things about him behind his back 56%
(2) (on the further side of)
Hide behind the trees
Behind the mountains there is a lake
Phrase:
Know what’s going on behind the scenes 34%
(3) (figurative)
Behind in my payments
Behind Tom in his school work
Phrase:
Behind the times 9%
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<td>448e</td>
<td>1(a) (act of staying or continuing) After being there so long ... 29%</td>
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<td>2(b) (existence, life) Has no real being 12%</td>
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<td>2(c) (aim, end of my being) Aim and end of my being 12%</td>
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<td>2(d) (thing, person, animal) Every living being 50%</td>
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<td>[For the time being, adj., 6%; in being, 1.8%]</td>
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<td>BELIEVE, v.</td>
<td>1682e</td>
<td>(1) (have faith in) Believe in God, doing the right thing, boarding school education 11%</td>
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<td>(2) (give credence to) It's a lie! I don't believe you. 14%</td>
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<td>I don't believe a word of it</td>
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<td>(3) (= think) I believe that he came, will come 74%</td>
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<td>It is, I believe, a common practice</td>
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<td>belief, n.</td>
<td>378e</td>
<td>(1) My belief in women (= trust) 3%</td>
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<td>(2) Unworthy of belief (= credence) 19%</td>
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<td>(3) My religious beliefs (= things believed) 76%</td>
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<td>BELL, n.</td>
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<td>BELONG, v.</td>
<td>640e</td>
<td>(1) (be owned by) That land belongs to me 19%</td>
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<td>(2) (be part of, connected with) The garden belongs to this house</td>
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<td>He belongs to the National Club 77%</td>
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<td>As a writer he belongs to the Eighteenth Century</td>
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<td>Where does this thing belong? [My belongings, 1%]</td>
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<td>BELOW, adv.</td>
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<td>Here below; from below; go below; see below (on the page) 48%</td>
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<td>below, prep.</td>
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<td>Below the knee; below the village; below the surface; below (the) average; below him (in rank or quality) 47%</td>
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BELT, n. 228e  
(1) (waistband)  
(2) (strip of substance; long narrow area)  
Belt driving a machine  
White belt across the sky called the Milky Way  
The Corn belt; Yellow fever belt  72%

BEND, v. 314e  
(1) (force into a curve or angle)  
Bend the wire  
Lead bends easily  
He is determined; I cannot bend him (fig.)  28%  
(2) (stoop)  
Bend down, bend over  
Bend one's neck  
Bend down before the idol  34%  
(3) (figurative, direct energies to, as in aiming with a bow)  
Bent his mind to the task  
Bend all one's energies to  7%  
bend, n.  
A bend in the road  10%  
? [bent, ppl. adj.  
Bent on doing it  6%]  
[bent, n., Must follow his bent, 5%]

BENEATH, prep. 384e  
Beneath the moon  
Beneath the same roof  
From beneath  
Beneath his guiding hand  
Beneath my notice  83%  
[adv., Or on the Earth beneath, 7%]  
(Not a very useful word; rather literary and easily substituted.)

BERRY, n. 36e

BESIDE, prep. 798e  
(at the side of)  
Stood beside his brother  
Beside the sea  34%  
(as well as)  
Besides the King, all the noblemen were there  41%  
[Beside himself, 0%; beside the question, 0.3%]

besides, adv.  
(1) (moreover)  
I don't want to go; besides I'm tired  22%
BEST
best, adj. 1908e
The best rider (skilful)
The best man I ever knew (moral)
The best wine; best years of our lives (quality)

[Best part of = largest, 0.3%]

Phrases:
Do your best; try your best; the best I can do
He was at his best

? [At best we can only hope for a small profit, 3%; Make the best of it, 0.5%]

[It's all for the best, 0.6%; The wine was of the best, 0.3%]
The boy who does best will get the prize

Best-seller, etc.

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BETTER
better, adj. 1858e
(supior, more useful)
He's a better man than I am
A better wine

Aspirin is better than whisky for a cold

[For the better part of three hours = longer part, 0.9%]

Phrases:
You had better do as you are asked
A change for the better
She is better to-day (less ill)

? [Get the better of, 2%]
The sooner the better
All the better
You ought to know better

[Think better of doing it, 0.1%; better off = richer, 1.4%]

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BETWEEN
prep. & adv. 3191e
(1) (of position or time)
Standing between Mr. A and Mr. B
Between five and six o'clock
Between five and six miles away

[Between ourselves = in confidence, 0.3%]
BETWEEN, prep. & adv.  
(continued) 
(2) (showing connection)  
A railway between two cities  
A line of steamships between  
London and Cape Town  
A marriage between Mr. A and  
Miss B  
? [Do it between us = with each other's  
help, 0.6%]  
(3) (showing division)  
Divide it between the two children  
A choice between two alternatives  
What's the difference between this  
and that?  
A quarrel between Mr. A and  
Mr. B  
? [Come between, stand between = be an  
obstacle to, 0.5%]  

BEYOND,  
adv. & prep.  812c  
(1) (on or to the other side of)  
Beyond the sea  
Go beyond the furthest mountains  
40%  
(2) (figurative)  
Beyond the agreement; beyond  
my powers, hope, expectations,  
dreams  
Beyond doubt  
Beyond measure  
Beyond all others  
33%  
11%  
3%  
8%  

BICYCLE, n.  18e  

BIG, adj.  1182e  
(1) (measurement, volume)  
A big box  
How big is it?  
No bigger than a pin  
78%  
(2) (important)  
A big man, event, responsibility  
8%  
big-/  
Big-boned, -mouthed, etc.  
8%  
Special uses:  
Big toe; big game, etc.  
Big with child, 0.6%; talk big, 0%]
BILL, n. 655e
A. (Parliamentary Bill) 61%
B. (1) (from a shop, for payment) 17%
? (2) (Bill of Exchange) 11%
[Other uses, e.g. Handbill, Bill-poster,
Bill of fare, bill of health, 6.5%;
= beak, 3.4%]

BIND, v. 310e
(1) (tie, tie up a prisoner)
Bound his arms with ropes 19%
Bound by a magic spell
(2) (tie up a wound: tie onto)
Bound up his wounds
Bound a cloth round his head
？ [= edged. With silk binding at the edges, 10%]
(3) (tie things together)
Bind up her hair; bind sheaves.
Bind a book; the binding of a book 16%
？ [Our fortunes are bound up with those of . . .; part of, 7.7%]
(4) (by oath or law)
Bound by my promise
Bind myself by an agreement 33%
A binding agreement (adj.) 11%
(5) I am bound to say (= must)
？ [Homeward bound, 3.9%]
[I'll be bound = am sure, 0.6%;
bounden duty, part of, 1.3%]

BIRD, n. 840e
bird- /
(as creature, as sport, as food) 70%
Bird-bath, etc. 10%
[slang, "A queer bird," etc., 6%;
Proverbs, 6%; Bird of—ill omen,
Paradise, etc., 1%]

BIRTH, n. 274e
(1) (act of being born)
The birth of a child 43%
Give birth to
The birth of an idea
(2) (family)
Of noble birth 24%
By birth 29%
Birthday, birth-place, birth-rate
| BIT, n. | 342e | A bit of cake  
Blown to bits  
A bit of advice  
Every bit of it  
Sing a bit  
Wait a bit  
Do you mind? Not a bit  
[U.S.A., money, 2.5%; horse's bit, 1.2%; tool, 0.6%] |
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| BITE, v. | 116e | Bite the bread  
Bite off a piece  
Bitten by a dog, mosquito  
[acid, 3%; tool, 7%; lip, tongue, 5%]  
(1) (act of biting)  
His bark is worse than his bite  
(2) (small amount of food)  
Have a bite of food  
(3) (wound)  
A dog-bite on my arm  
Biting wind, remarks |
| bite, n. | | 44% |
| ? [biting, adj. | | |
| BITTER, adj. | 244e | (1) (taste)  
Aloeas are bitter  
(2) (sharp pain, etc.)  
Bitter pain, grief, disappointment  
(3) (virulent, angry)  
Bitter words, attack  
Very bitter against  
[Bitter end, 2.6%] |
| bitterness, n. | | 53% |
| BLACK, 1026e | | |
| black, adj. | | |
| | (1) (opposite of white)  
(2) (dark)  
Black clouds, skin, grapes, etc.  
(in names)  
Black beetle, black adder, etc.  
(3) (malignant, sad, shameful)  
Black looks, list, market, etc.  
Black-bearded, etc.  
[Black and white, black and white artist, etc., 2%; Black and blue, 0.5%] |
| black-, | | 3% |
| black, n. | | 7% |
| **BLADE, n.** | 134e | (1) (leaf) | Blade of grass | 21% |
| | | (2) (flat thing) | Blade of an oar | 18% |
| | | | Shoulder-blade | 62% |
| **BLAME, v.** | 152e | Blame him for doing it | 32% |
| | | I don't blame you (= you did right) | 21% |
| | | Blame it upon him | 20% |
| | | He is to blame for doing it | |
| | blame, n. | Lay the blame on | 24% |
| | | Bear the blame | |
| | | Take the blame | |
| **BLESS, v.** | 368e | (1) (pray for good) | The priest blessed the people | 14% |
| | | The father blessed his son | 21% |
| | (bring happiness to) | Blessed with a good son, good health | |
| | blessed, (blest) | [slang, Bless me!, 7%] | |
| | | (1) The blessed Virgin Mary; the blessed saints | 16% |
| | | (2) (= happy) Blessed ignorance, innocence, island | 11% |
| | blessing, n. | [slang, Every blessed thing, 4%] | |
| | | (1) The priest gave the blessing | 10% |
| | | With God's blessing | |
| | | (2) (cause of happiness) | 17% |
| | | A good wife is a great blessing | |
| **BLIND, adj.** | 250e | (1) (not able to see) | Blind from birth | 42% |
| | | Pity the blind; the poor blind man | |
| | (figurative) | Blind to the beauties of nature | 25% |
| | | Blind rage | |
| | (hidden, having no opening) | Blind ditch, -alley, -arch | 4% |
blind, v.  
(1) (deprive of sight)  
(2) (dazzle)  
(3) (figurative)  
Blind oneself to—  
Blinded by prejudice  

blind, adj.  

blinding, adj.  

? [Window blind, 3%]

| BLOCK, n. | 184e | (1) (mass)  
A block of stone, wood, etc.  
(2) (houses)  
A block of houses, flats  
(3) (obstacle, stoppage)  
Stumbling block  
[Various technical uses: Butcher's block; picture block; block and tackle, 6%]  

block, v.  
The road is blocked  
Block up the doorway  

| BLOOD, n. | 604e | (1) (liquid)  
(2) (idea of life)  
To shed blood  
(3) (idea of emotion)  
Hot blood  
In cold blood  
(4) (idea of family, breeding)  
Royal blood  

blood-/  
Blood-red; blood-brother; blood-vessel, etc.  

| ? [bloodshed, n. | 6e] |

| ? [bloody, adj. | 102e | like blood and figurative, 84%; swearing, 6%] |

bleed, v.  

| BLOW | 853e | (1) (of wind)  
The wind is blowing from the north  

51
A. blow, v. (continued)

The storm will soon blow over
The wind blew the tent over, the roof off

(2a) (exhale, puff, inflate)
Blow on a hot drink
Blow the candle out
Blow your nose
Blow up a balloon; blow bubbles

(2b) (wind instruments)
Blow a whistle, trumpet, etc.

[= blossom, 1.7%]

B. blow up, v.

(of explosives)
Blow up a bridge
The gun blew up

C. A blow, n.

(a stroke)
Strike a blow
Seven at one blow
Exchange blows; come to blows

[= disaster, What a blow!, 3%]

BLUE, adj. 641c

A blue dress
Blue-black, blue-grey
Blue-blood
Blue with cold

[= sod, 2%; = Tory, 0.5%; special uses, e.g. Blue pill, Blue book, etc.,
5%; suggestive or risky (story), 0.5%]

BOARD, n. 896c

(1) (piece of wood)
A floor board
A notice board

(2) (deck of ship)
On board

(3) (idea of table, so food)
Board and lodging

(4) (idea of table, so meeting)
A Board meeting
The Board of Control
[verb, 5.1%]

? [boarders, n.

(in hotel or school)]
BOAST, v. 120e  He is always boasting
Boasts of his money
Boasts that he will win easily 70%
[Does not boast = has not, 8%]
boast, n.
(self praise)
His loud boasts 7%
? [It is my proud boast that, 7%]
boastful, adj. 8e

BOAT, n. 444e
(1) (small open boat) 73%
(2) (sailing ship, gunboat, etc.) 20%
[Sauce-boat, 1%]

BODY, n. 1699e
(1) (physical organism)
My body
Desires of the body
Body and soul 40%
(2) (corpse)
Bury the bodies 10%
(3) (trunk, main part)
Draw a body and add head, arms
and legs
The body of a car, of a hall (3%) 7%
(4) (a group)
A body of men
Went in a body to the Town Hall 26%
? [(5) (mass.—This meaning is important
in science)
Heavenly body
A falling body moves at the rate
of . . .
[= person, A dear old body, 2%, but
see also Every, No, Some, Busy. This
wine has no body = is not strong,
0.6%]

bodily, adj., 36e; body-guard, n., 4e

BOIL, v. 140e
(1) (intransitive)
The water is boiling
The milk is boiling over

53
| BOIL, v. | (2) (transitive)  
| (continued) | Boil the water  
| | Boil the potatoes; boiled potatoes |
| boiler, n. | 36e | (of engine)  
| | Boiler-maker, etc. |

| BOLD, adj. | 156e | (1) (brave)  
| | A bold leader  
| | Bold words  
| | (2) (shameless)  
| | A bold young woman  
| | (3) (striking)  
| | A bold design  
| | Bold type (in printing)  
| boldly, adv. | 56e | (1) (with courage or confidence)  
| | (2) (with effrontery, shamelessly)  
| | (3) (in a striking way) |

| BONE, n. | 254e | (1) (one of the bones of the body)  
| | A fish bone  
| | (2) (the material) |

| BOOK, n. | 2155e | (1) (literary composition)  
| | (2) (subdivision of a literary work)  
| | (3) Account-book, note-book, etc.  
| | Book-shelf, -binder, etc. |

| BORDER, n. | 270e | (1) (edge)  
| | Along the border of the field  
| | (2) (of country)  
| | Within our borders  
| | Over the border  
| | (3) (of cloth)  
| | A coloured border on her dress  
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BOX, n. 565e (1) (container)
   A wooden box; boot-box; money-box
   A box of matches 61%
(2) (small room or stall)
   A box at the theatre; horse box;
   witness box, signal box 14%
box-/  
   Box-makers, etc. (mainly technical)
   [small house, Shooting box, 0%;
   driver's seat, 0.6%; verb = fight, 17%]

BOY, n. (766e) (1) (male child) 78%
(2) (servant) 3%
(3) (endearment)
   Dear old boy 14%
boy-/  
   Boy-actor, etc. 2%

BRAIN, n. 318e (1) (organ)
   The brain is contained in the skull 33%

Phrases:
   Has got it on the brain
   Turn one's brain
   Puzzle one's brains 18%
(2) (cleverness)
   He has a fine brain
   That boy has brains 27%
   Brain-worker, etc. 18%
brain-/  

BRANCH, n. 498e (1) (of a tree) 25%
(2) (of a river, railway) 15%
(3) (of the family) 4%
(4) (of a subject) 18%
(5) (of a business)
   The Manchester branch of the bank 25%

branch-/  
   Branch-line, etc. 6%
branch, v.  
   Branched, branching 4%

BRASS, n. (92e)
BRAVE, adj. 264e (courageous)
Brave soldiers
The brave (= brave people) 71%
[= fine, Brave new world, a brave show, 14%]

bravely, adv.; 42e; bravery, n.; 18e

BREAD, n. 522e
(1) A loaf of bread
Bread and butter; bread and cheese, etc. 70%
(2) (figurative)
Our daily bread (= food)
Earn my bread (= living) 14%
bread-/ Bread-knife, etc. 14%

BREAK, v. 1414e
(1) (fracture)
Break the window
The rope broke
Break the skin
Break one's leg 19%
(2) (figurative)
Break her heart
Break the attack, the power of
(3) (not be retained by)
Break prison, bounds
Break the law, a contract 8%
(4) (interrupt)
Break one's journey, rest, the silence
6%
(5) (Break off = discontinue)
Break off an engagement
His voice broke off in the middle
of a sentence 2%
(6) (with a preposition = force a way)
Break in, in on, into
Break away from the policeman
2%
(7) (disintegrate)
Break through
Break up the stones, land
The school broke up
Break down a wall; the system broke down; his health broke down 5%

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<td>A broad river</td>
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<td>(2) (extensive)</td>
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broad-

Broad-shouldered, etc. 10%
[Broad daylight, 4%]

broadcast, v. n. 42e

breadth, n. 86e
The breadth is 6 feet
Six feet in breadth 86%
Breadth of opinions (fig.) 9%
[To a hair's breadth, 2%]

BROTHER, n. 1235e
(1) (son of same parents) 83%
(2) (fellow member of a society or clan) 11%
(3) (member of a religious brotherhood) 2%

BROWN, 116e
brown, adj. Brown shoes
He is very brown after his holiday 84%
brown, n.
The brown in my paint box
This brown is too dark 2%
brown, v.
Sunlight browns the skin; browned by the sun 1%

BRUSH 116e
brush, n. (instrument used for cleaning, painting, etc.) 26%
(thing so shaped) 3%

brush, v.
(1) (clean with a brush, remove as with a brush)
Brush the coat, floor
Brush away the snow
Brush away a fly 12%

(2) (polish, smarten; and figurative)
Brush up the silver
Brush up your French 3%

(3) (touch lightly)
Brush past; brush against 3%

/-brush
Hair-brush, paint-brush, toothbrush 7%
[= bushes, and unaccounted, 38%]
BUCKET, n. 42e

BUILD, v. 2170e (1) (erect a building, construct)
Build a house
Build up a broken wall
Build a ship, railway, etc.
(2) (figurative)
Build (up) one's character;
character-building
A strongly built man
The whole argument is built on
these facts

building, n.
A stone building

building-/
Building-stone, etc.

BUNCH 60e
bunch, n. (1) A bunch of flowers, fruit, keys
(2) (group of persons)
Best of the bunch

? [bunch, v.

BUNDLE, n. 82e A bundle of sticks, clothes

BURN 899e
burn, v. (1) (intransitive)
The house is burning
My heart is burning with love
A light is burning in the window
Burn away, out
This pepper burns!
(2) (transitive)
Burn (up) the straw
Burn down the house
Burn heretics
Burn the cake
Burn your finger
It burns my tongue

burning, n.
burning, adj.
burn, n.
A burn on my hand
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BUSINESS, n. 1892e  
(1) (work, occupation)  
The grocery business  
Other people's quarrels are a lawyer's business  
20%  
(2a) (duty)  
Here on business  
That's (not) my business  
The business before the meeting is . . .  
21%  
(2b) (vaguely = affair, event, thing)  
The business of; a queer business  
5%  
(3) (commerce)  
Do business  
Go into business  
A piece of (stroke of) business  
11%  
(4) (going concern)  
Sell the business  
A partner in the business  
Business-man, business-letter  
33%  

businesslike, adj.; unbusinesslike, adj. 15e

BUSY, adj.  204c  26e  
(1) (working)  
He is busy now and cannot see you  
He is busy writing  
Be busy with some important work  
A busy man  
85%  
(2) (full of work or activity)  
A busy day  
A busy town  
15%  

? [busybody, 4e]

BUT, conj.  18917e  
(1) (concession; or contrast)  
It's not cheap, but it's very good  
Not peace, but a sword  
Phrase:  
Not only . . . but also . . .  
85%  
(2) (except)  
Last but one  
None but the brave  
Who but a fool would do all this work for nothing!  
3%
BUT, conj.  
(continued)  
[= only; Had but a single rival, 5%; I cannot but suggest, 0.2%; Not a man but had tears in his his eyes, 0.2%]

BUTTER  
68e  
butter, n.  
Bread-and-butter

butter, v.

BUTTON  
72e  
(1) Button on a coat  
55%

(2) (things so shaped)  
14%

button-  
Button-box, button-hole, etc.  
14%

button, v.  
Button up one's coat  
17%

unbutton, v.

BUY, v.  
868e  
Buy a thing from (off) a person  
99%

Buy up all the stock

? [Buy off a rival, 0.6%]

BY  
25,125e  
by, prep.  

(1a) (position near)  
Stand by his side; close by
I always keep some by me (= in store)

? [Phrase: All by myself = alone, 0.4%]

(1b) (motion near)  
Pass by your window
Passed him by

? [By the way = incidentally, 0.1%]  
5.6%

[By way of a . . . = as a . . . ;
By the by, 0.1%]

(2) (before)  
Do it by Wednesday  
1.3%

(3) (during)  
By day; by night  
0.4%

(4) (as a measure)  
Paid by the hour  
(0.6%)

Moved by inches  
(0.2%)

Little by little  
(0.8%)

Strawberries by the handful  
(0.8%)

Six feet long by four feet wide
Better by far  
(? 6.0%)
by, prep. (continued)

(5a) (instrument)
All done by kindness; worked by electricity
Done by (means of) mirrors

? [By no means
French by birth
Lead by the hand
See by your face; know you by your laugh; tell by looking at you
Send it by rail
Multiply by ten
Live by writing

Phrases:
Learn by heart
Swear by God

(5b) (instrument or cause)
By reason of his ill temper, he lost the post

(6) (agent)
Done by his agent
Written by Shakespeare
Proved by time
Stand by!
A house near by
I saw him pass by
By-product

CAGE, n. 88e Bird-cage; (also figurative and technical uses)
cage, v.

CAKE, n. 102e (1) A piece of cake
Plum-cake; oat-cakes
(2) (small mass)
Cake of soap, of mud
Caked with mud
(3) (proverbial uses, e.g.—)
Can't have your cake and eat it
Cake-basket, etc.
CALCULATE, 130c
(1) (work out by mathematics) 63%
(2) (expect)
We calculated on a fine day 5%
Bridge calculated to carry heavy traffic 27%
(as in U.S.A. = think, not always distinguishable from (2); and included in it)
(calculating, adj. = shrewd, 2%)

CALL 3484c

call, v.
(1) (shout, cry; often hardly distinguishable from (3))
Did you hear me call?
I called out to him, "Stop!" 8%
(2) (visit)
Has the Laundry called yet?
Call on Mrs. Jones 2%
(3) (summon)
Call the police; call to arms; call to memory
Call her up on the telephone
Call me at 7 a.m.
Call together the servants
Call out the militia
Call attention to
Call on him to help 20%
(4) (name)
The young Prince is called Charles 56%

call, n.
(1) (a cry)
Loud calls of "Fire! Fire!"
The call of a bird 1%
(2) (visit)
Pay a call on Mrs. Jones
? [Port of call] 1%
(3) (summons)
A bugle call
A telephone call
The call of hunger 4%
? [calling, n. Medicine is a noble calling = profession, 0.7%]

CALM 178c

calm, adj.
(1) (not agitated)
calmly, adv.

67
calmness, n.

Calm weather
(2a) (unemotional)
A calm mind
He spoke quietly and calmly
(2b) (with idea of impudence)
He calmly told me he wouldn’t pay
(3) (not exciting)
A calm and quiet life

53%

Calm, n.

(1) (weather)
(2) (lack of excitement or emotion)

13%

Calm, v.

He calmed down
He calmed (down) the excited people

9%

Camera, n.

86e

Camp, n.

352e

(1) (collection of tents)
The soldiers in the camp
He’s in camp at Aldershot
A camp of wandering gipsies
(2) (field training, camping out)
The Scouts’ camping will be held in July
A week’s camp
(3) In the enemy’s camp
Divided into opposite camps
Camp-bed, camp-chair, camp-fire, etc.

62%

6%

5%

13%

12%

Can, Could 10,552e

can, v.

A. (1) (idea of capacity)
Can you see me?
He can speak French
(— or of being permitted; = may)
Can I have one of these?

71%
**can, v. (continued)**

A. (2) (idea of possibility; hardly distinguishable from (1))
   It can't be true 26%

**can, n. & v.**

B. Watering-can
   A can* of beans, canned* beans 0.9%
   * (American equivalent of Tin).

**CANAL, n.**

| 378e | (water-way) |
| The Suez Canal 96% |
| ? [part of the body, alimentary-, 4%] |

**CAP, n.**

| 110e | (head-dress) |
| Boy's cap; school cap; maid-servant's cap 44% |
| (2) (ceremonial head-dress) |
| Cap and gown 27% |
| (3) (top, lid) |
| Ice cap on a mountain 25% |
| The cap on a tube of toothpaste |

**CAPE, n.**

| 172e | The Cape of Good Hope |

**CAPITAL, n. & adj.**

| 922e | (1) Paris, capital of France 47% |
| (2) (money) 45% |
| (3) Capital letter 1% |
| [= excellent, 1%] |

**CAPTAIN, n.**

| 898e | (1) (leader, head of group or team) 12% |
| (2) (army-officer, naval-officer) 46% |
| (3) (officer in charge of a ship) 40% |

**CAR, n.**

| 918e | (1) (motor-car) 73% |
| (2) (wheeled vehicle, e.g. on railway) |
| Sleeping-car; dining car 21% |
| car-| Car-load, etc. 4% |

| 69 |
CARD/S 208e  (1) (playing-cards)
A playing card; a pack of cards, a card game 46%
(2) (small piece of cardboard)
Post-card; visiting card; business card; invitation card 33%
(3) Christmas card, Birthday card
Card-case, card-table 8%

card-/  

CARE 1134e

(1) (anxiety; rather literary)
Cast all your cares aside 14%
The cares of office 22%
(2) (caution)
Take care, or you'll fall 22%
(3) (responsibility)
Take care of the baby
Take great care of it; it's glass
In his care
J. Smith, care of Mrs. Jones, High St. 25%
care, v.

(1) (feel anxious for)
He cares only for his own interests 4%
I don't care! I don't care what you do 11%
(2) (idea of responsibility)
The child has been well cared for 8%
(3) (wish—usually in questions, tives, or hypothetical)
Would you care to read this? 14%
Do you care to come out for a walk?
I don't much care for dancing 2.4%
(4) (love)
Does she really care for him?
careful, adj. 244e
A careful person; careful work 97%
be careful not to break it 94%
careless, adj. 102e
A careless worker; careless work

CARRIAGE, n. 104e  (1) (act of carrying, cost of carrying)
The carriage of goods 10%
Pay the carriage
Carriage paid, carriage forward
CARRIAGE, n. (continued) (2) (wheeled vehicle)
Railway carriage
Horse carriage
Carriage-horse; gun-carriage [way of walking . . . ]
73%
8%

CARRY, v. 2120e
(1a) (move while supporting)
Carried the box on his head
The cart carried the luggage
The pipe carries water to the house
The police carried him off to
prison (= conducted)
Carry the mark on his face all his
life 44%

(1b) (figurative)
Carry the line of paint right round
the room
Carry the case to a higher court
Carry money forward
Carry your thoughts back to . . .
Only my faith has carried me
through these trials
Carried away by enthusiasm 13%
[Carry sail, 1%; carried his head
proudly, 0.3%; carry interest, 0.2%;
gun won't carry so far, 0.3%]

(2) (support; sometimes indistinguishable from (1))
Pillars carry the arch
Carry arms
Carry responsibility 8%

(3) (win)
Carry off prizes
Our attack carried the fort
Carry the motion by a small
majority 3%

Special uses:
Carry on (= continue) 15%
Carry out (the work) 11%
Carry through (the work, the plan) 1.4%

CART 80e
farm cart
Hand-; dust-; water-cart 92%
cart, v.
Cart the hay to the farm 8%
CASE, n. 2072e

A. (1) (example, combination of circumstances)
   In some cases
   In that case; if that is the case
   In my case; in my own case
   In any case
   66%

   (2) (in law)
   Bring a case against
   He has no case
   Argue from previous cases
   12%

   (3) (in medicine)
   A case of measles; a hospital case
   Phrase:
   In case.—Carry an umbrella in case it rains
   Clock case, seed case, etc.
   8%

   B. CASTLE, n. 750e (fort, or fine house)

   CAT, n. 158e

   CATCH, v. 672e (run after and seize)
   The cat caught the mouse
   27%

   (2) (seize and hold)
   Caught him by the arm
   Catch hold of
   19%

   (3) (overtake)
   You'll catch him if you hurry
   Catch up; catch up with
   42%

   (4) (Various uses; percentages doubtful)
   Catch the train
   Caught by the rain
   Caught him stealing
   Catch at a fly
   Catch a ball
   Catch a disease; catch a cold;
   catch cold; measles is very
catching
   Catch fire
   I didn't catch what he said
   Catch sight of
   He caught me by a trick
   Catch one's breath
   A catch at cricket
   1%
   [The catch on a door . . . .]

   catch, n.
CAUSE, n. 1937c

CAUSE, cause, n.
(1) (thing which produces an effect)
The cause of the tides
(reason for conduct)
Having no cause for complaint 38%
(2) (interest, purpose)
Traitors to the cause
Fight in the cause of Freedom 14%
[legal use, Plead his cause, 1.0%]

cause, v.
The moon causes the tides
The magnet causes it to move 47%

CAUTION* 68e

CAUTION caution, n.
(1) (warning)
Said a word of caution 18%
(2) (prudence; care)
Approached with caution 56%
(warn) 24%

caution, v.

cautious, adj. 18e
cautiously, adv.

* (May be taught rather late.)

CAVE, n. 80e

CENT, n. 172e
(1) (coin)
(2) per cent 27% 72%

CENTRE 800e (middle)

CENTRE centre, n.
Centre of a circle
Centre of the town
Centre of interest (fig.)
Medical centre 83%

centre-/Centre-post 3%

centre-v.
Their hopes are centred round
(on) the young King 8%
CENTURY, n. 326e  It lasted for several centuries 29%
The Eighteenth Century 70%

CEREMONY, n. 148e  (1) *solemn form* 76%
Church ceremonies
(2) *formal way of behaving* 16%
Received me with much ceremony
Without ceremony

ceremonial, adj., 40e; ceremonious, adj., 14e

CERTAIN 1591e

**certain, det.** A.  A certain person; certain persons 79%
On a certain day

**certain, adj.** B.  (not admitting of doubt; sure, sure to) 16%
Be certain of; feel certain; make certain; know for certain
A certain cure for . . .
He is certain to come

certainly, adv. 478e  (1) *without doubt* 25%
Is certainly known; speak certainly about it
He will certainly come
(2) *without hesitation* 75%
Will you do it? Certainly
Certainly not!

un/certainty, n. 78e

CHAIN, n. 242e  (1) *literal* 39%
An iron chain; a silver chain
(2) *idea of bondage* 20%
The chain of our sins
In chains
(3) *sequence in time or space* 23%
A chain of events
A chain of steamers
A chain of lakes
A mountain chain

chain/
chain, v. 9%
Chain-sitch, etc.
Chain up the dog
[measure, 2%]
CHAIR, n. 340c  
(1) (seat)  
Wooden chair, arm-chair, easy-chair  80%  
(2) (seat as sign of authority)  
The chair of English (= professorship)  
Take the chair (= be chairman)  17%  

chairman, n. 198c  

CHALK, n. 78c  

CHANCE, n. 746c  
(1) (idea of hazard, risk)  
By chance  
Take a chance  
Run the chance of  12%  
(2) (possibility, probability)  
There is a chance that  
He hasn’t a chance of winning  
On the chance that—  
There is still a chance of  
The chances are 100 to 1 against  23%  
(3) (opportunity)  
Give me a chance; a second chance  
He hasn’t had a chance  
It’s his only chance  45%  

chance-/  

A chance meeting (with or without hyphen)  

change, v.  

It chanced that I met him  
I chanced to meet him  10%  

CHANGE  1927c  

change, v.  
(1) (substitute one thing for another)  
Change my clothes, room, butcher  
Change (trains) at Didcot  
Change places with me  
Change step  
Change a £1 note  10%  
(2a) (alter)  
This has changed my ideas, the situation
### change, v. (continued)

**Phrase:**
- Change one's mind 16%
- (2b) (*become altered*) The weather changed 15%
- A change for the better 53%
- Anything for a change
  - (money)
- Count your change 1%
- Small change

### CHARACTER, n.

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<td>A book of this character 40%</td>
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[letter in printing, 4%; distinguishing mark, Biological character, 3%; testimonial, 3%]

### CHARGE, v.

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<td>Charge the liquid with gas 4%</td>
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<td>Charge an electric battery</td>
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<td>The cavalry charged the enemy 7%</td>
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| charge, n. | A. (1) A full charge of gunpowder  
A charge of electricity  
(2) Put in my charge  
Am in charge of  
(3) A criminal charge  
(4) Their charge for board and lodging is  
His charges are too high  |
| | 10%  
| | 18%  
| | 19%  
| | 12%  |
| | B. A cavalry charge  |
| | 5%  |

| CHARM, n. | 286e  
(1) (magic spell, amulet, etc.)  
(2) (attraction)  
The charm of novelty  
Charm of manner  
A woman’s charms  |
| | 10%  
| | 50%  |

| charm, v. | 254e  
(1) (do magic)  
(2) (fascinate)  |
| | 1%  
| | 8%  |

| charming, adj. | Such charming children  |
| | 27%  |

| CHEAP, adj. | 254e  
This thing is very cheap  
It was cheap at the price  |
| | 84%  |

| cheaply, adv. | Feel cheap, cheap wit, 6%  |
| |  |

| CHEAT, n. | 60e  
(1) (trick)  
It’s a cheat  |
| | 7%  |

| cheat, v. | (2) (swindler)  
He’s a cheat  |
| | 13%  |

| | Cheat us out of our money  
Cheat in exams  |
| | 70%  |

| CHECK, v. | 316e  
(verify, ensure correctness)  
Check a list  |
| | 8%  |

| | (verification)  |
| | 5%  |

* [As this word was needed only to cover the idea Verify, the other meanings were excluded by the compilers of the list. They are: to stop or restrain, 49%; U.S.A. spelling of cheque, 19%; stoppage, restraint, 15%; chess, 3%]
| CHEER, v. 204e | (1) (comfort, encourage) The cup that cheers This news cheers me Cheering news (28%) Cheer him up; Cheer up! (4%) 32% (2) (applaud, shout) The crowd cheered (shouts, applause) 24% 28% [encouragement, morale, 15%; feasting, 1%] |
| cheer, n. | |
| cheerful, adj. 56e | A cheerful person; a cheerful room |
| cheerfully, adv. 28e | |
| CHEESE, n. 62e | |
| CHEQUE, n. 65e | Draw, write, sign a cheque (See CHECK) |
| CHEST | A pain in one's chest |
| (a) chest, n. | 69% |
| ?[(b) chest, n. | (1) (= box) 25% 5% | (2) Chest of drawers |
| CHICKEN, n. 72e | (bird, its meat) 89% |
| CHIEF | 1148e |
| chief, n. | Chief of the tribe Adviser in chief |
| chief, adj. | Chief clerk Chief supporter Chief difficulty 28% 5% 23% 44% 95% |
| chiefly, adv. 310e | Spends his time chiefly in gardening |
CHILD, n. 1949e  
(1) *(young human)*  
Women and children first  
[Be with child, 0%]  
(2) *(son or daughter)*  
He has three children  
(3) *(figurative)*  
Child of the Revolution  
[Mere child’s play = very easy, 0.4%]

childhood, n., 74e; childish, adj., 34e; childlike, adj., 12e; childbearing, 8e

CHIMNEY, n. 74e  
(of house, factory, engine)

CHOOSE  
choose, v. 604e

(1) *(select from alternatives)*  
Choose one of these  
Choose between this and that  
Choose a person for an office; to be your leader  
I would choose to be a doctor rather than a lawyer  
(2) *(wish, decide freely)*  
I’ll do as I choose  
I don’t choose to speak to him

choice, n. 290e

(1) *(act of selection, thing selected)*  
Make a choice of  
Take one’s choice  
This one is my choice  
(2) *(range of selection)*  
There’s no choice  
No choice but to . . .

[Choice flowers, 10%]

CHRISTMAS, n. 146e

CHURCH, n. 1879e

(1) *(the building)*  
Go to the church to mend the roof  
(2) *(the organization)*  
The Christian church  
The Church of England
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<td>(3) \textit{(the clerical profession)} Go into the church 15%</td>
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<td>(4) \textit{(the parish unit; the congregation; the services)} Is he church, or chapel? Go to church, at church Church-workers 19%</td>
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| church-yard, n. | 26e |

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<td>(1) \textit{(shape)} Draw a circle Run round in a circle 33%</td>
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<td>(2) \textit{(figurative)} Argue in a circle; circle of pleasures 5%</td>
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<td>(3) \textit{(social group)} [Astronomy and navigation, 3%] 32%</td>
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| circle, v. | 20% |

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<td>(1) \textit{(round)} Circular field 77%</td>
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<td>(2) \textit{(moving in a circle)} Circular tour 6%</td>
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| ? [circular, n., 9%] |

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<td>The City of Paris The Greek city-states 95%</td>
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<td>A city-man; city-affairs 5%</td>
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| [The City = finance, part of 95%] |

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<td>(1) \textit{(inhabitant of a city)} 10%</td>
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<td>(2) \textit{(not an alien)} 83%</td>
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<td>Civilized people</td>
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| civilization, n. | 356e |
CLAIM, v. 656e  
(1) (demand as due)  
I claim my wages, the land  
I claim to be paid my wages  

11%  
(2) (demand recognition)  
I claim the title  
I claim that I am the real Earl  
(asset)  
I claim that these figures are correct  

29%  
7%  
claim, n.  
(1) (demand for one's rights)  
Put in a claim against him for £5  
Make a claim against  
Lay claim to  

32%  
(2) (right to demand)  
Has no claim on him  

14%  
[Mining claim, 3%]  

CLASS, n. 1180e  
(1) (level of society)  
The upper, middle, lower, working class  

30%  
(2) (in a school or college)  
Top of the class  

6%  
(3) (with the idea of quality)  
First class carriage on the railway  
A high class hotel  

5%  
(4) (group of things all of the same sort)  
The class of people for whom he writes  
A class of animals  

45%  
class-/

class, v.  
I class this book with the history books  

6%  

classify, v., 74e; classification, n., 34e  

CLAY, n. 146e  

CLEAN, adj. 336e  
(1a) (uncontaminated)  
Clean water; clean land  

5%  
(1b) (not soiled)  
A clean shirt; clean shoes  

38%  
(2) (figurative—chaste, morally good)  
A clean life; a clean record  

4%  

81
CLEAN, adj
(continued)

(3) (with verbs of action)
Sweep clean, wash clean 8%
[Make a clean breast of it; show a clean pair of heels, etc., 2%]

clean/- adj.
Clean-limbed 2%
clean, verbal noun
A good clean-out 4%
clean, v.
(1) Clean your teeth
Have one's clothes cleaned 23%
(2) Clean up; Clean out 7%

cleanly, adv., 18e; cleanliness, n., . . .

CLEAR 1053e

clear, adj.
(1) (transparent)
A clear day, sky, eye 20%
Clear glass
(2) (easily distinguished or understood)
Clear writing, memory, proof
A clear thinker, speaker
I'm not quite clear about (as to) 41%
(3) (free from obstruction)
A clear road
Clear of obstacles, of debt
A clear conscience
Stand clear 6%
clear-/
Clear-eyed, etc. 2%
clear, v.
(1) (clarify)
Clear my ideas about . . . 2%
(2) (free from obstruction, etc.)
Clear the road
Clear himself of blame
Clear away rubbish, the tea things
Clear out a room 18%
Phrases:
Clear up a mess 0.4%
The weather has cleared up 0.4%
Clear up a difficult point, my ideas 0.6%

? [A clearing in the forest, 2%]
clearly, adv., 296e; clearness, n., 44e
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| CLEVER, adj. | 102e | (person) Be good, sweet maid, and let who will be clever 59%  
                 |         | (thing) A clever speech, book, drawing 37%                               |
| CLIFF, n. | 124e      |                                                                             |
| CLIMB, v. | 214e      | (clamber up) Climb a mountain, a ladder, wall, a rope 55%  
                 |         | (rise socially) 9%  
                 |         | (go up, grow up, and figurative uses) The sun climbed up into the sky 19%  
                 |         | A climbing plant  
                 |         | (go with difficulty) Climb down 14%  
                 |         | Climb into  
| CLOCK    | 174e      | The church clock 41%  
                 |         | The silver clock on my table  
                 |         | Phrase: Four o’clock by my watch 54%  
                 |         | Clock-face 3%  
| clock, n. |           | A clockwork toy  
                 |         | It goes by clockwork  
|          |           | clock-/-  
| clockwork, n. | 10e | A clockwork toy  
                 |         | It goes by clockwork  
| CLOSE    | 1391e     | (opposite of Open)  
                 |         | Close arrest; a close secret 5%  
                 |         | He keeps very close about it  
                 |         | The weather is very close  
                 |         | (near; compact) 18%  
                 |         | Lines close together  
                 |         | Cut the hair close (to the skin)  
                 |         | Close friend, resemblance  
                 |         | Close race  
                 |         | [A close shave = narrow escape, 0.8%]  

close, adv. Keep close to; get close to 28%
close-/ Close-fisted, etc. 1%
close, n. (end) At the close of play 14%
close, v. (1) (shut) Close the gate 23%
Early closing day; close (up) the shop for the night
(2) (end) As my life closes
Close down the business; we're bankrupt 8%
? [Close a bargain, 0.2%]
(3) (bring near; come near; ? distinguishable from (1))
The crowd closed round him 2%

CLOTH, n. 240e (1) (material)
Made of cloth 58%
(2) Clean it with a cloth 18%
(3) Table-cloth
? [Lay the cloth = set the table for a meal] 5%
cloth-/ Cloth-market 8%
clothes, n. 862e (1) (dress)
My best clothes 34%
(2) Bed clothes 1%
(3) Send the clothes to the wash 1%
clothe, v. (1) Clothed the poor 16%
(2) (figurative uses)
Clothed in glory, etc. 42%
clothing, n.

CLOUD, n. 4863 (1) Clouds in the sky
A cloud of dust, of insects, of smoke 75%
(2) (idea of darkness, depression)
Dark clouds of war 8%
Under a cloud of suspicion 10%
cloud- Cloud-topped, cloud-burst, etc.
cloudy, adj. 34e
CLUB, n.  372e  (society meeting at intervals, e.g. for a special purpose)
Alpine club
Lunch club
(social club and its house)
The Carlton Club  83%
[stick, 11%; suit of cards, 6%]

COAL, n.  650e  (mineral substance)  92%
[glowing ember, 8%; = charcoal, 0.3%]

COARSE, adj.  82e  (1) (made up of large parts)
Coarse powder
Coarse cloth  63%
(2) (rough to taste, feel)
Coarse food, work  24%
(3) (behaviour, person)
Coarse-fibred, etc.  10%
coarse-/  2%

COAST, n.  
coast-line, n.  446e

COAT, n.  137e  (1) (garment)
He took off his coat
(2) (covering)
A horse’s coat (hair)
A coat of paint
coat, v.  (to cover)
Coated with mud, grease

COFFEE, n.  144e  (drink, berry, powder)
coffee-pot, n.

COIN  448e
coin, n.  Silver coins  87%
Money coined at the Mint
coin, v.  Money coined at the Mint  13%
Coin a phrase (fig.)
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<td>290c</td>
<td>(1) (bring together) Collect materials for the house 48%</td>
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<td>(2) (get subscriptions) Collecting for the Red Cross 33%</td>
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<td>(3) (form a collection of) He collects stamps 5%</td>
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<td>(4) (come together) The people collected in the market place 8%</td>
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<td>714c</td>
<td>(educational institution, its buildings)</td>
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<td><strong>COLONY, n.</strong></td>
<td>536c</td>
<td>(1) (the people of a colony; the land) Great Britain and the Colonies 86%</td>
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<td>(2) (foreign settlement in a place) The American colony in Paris 9%</td>
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<td>colonial, adj.</td>
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<td>The Colonial Office; the Colonial Secretary</td>
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| colour, n.   | 1086e| (1a) (hue, pigment)  
What colour is it?  
Water-colours, oil-colours  
An eye for colour  
(1b) (figurative)  
The colour of his mind, of his opinion  
57%  
(2) (colour of the skin)  
The “Colour” question  
16%  
| colour, v.   |      | Colour it red  
Coloured postcards  
Colouring matter  
10%  
| colouring, adj.|  | 3% |
| comb, n.     | 46e  | Brush and comb  
43%  
comb, v.      |      | [cock’s, 4%; of wave, 4%; honey-, 0%]  
48%  
| combine, v.  | 300e | (1) (act jointly)  
The two businesses have been combined  
The workers combined to oppose the change  
19%  
(2) (use jointly; bring together)  
He combines good taste and real skill in his work  
32%  
(3) (in chemistry)  
16%  
combined, adj. |      | Combined operations  
23%  
[combine, n., 8%]  
| combination, n. | 216e | (union, 93%; chemical-, 6%); [undergarment, n., 1%] |
COME, v. 7337e

1. *(move towards the speaker)*
   A man came along the road
   Day came
   People come and go 41%

2. *(with the infinitive)*
   Come to clean the windows
   Come and clean the windows 6%

3. *(happen)*
   Come what may
   There came a knock on the door
   It will all come right 6%

4. *(be derived from)*
   The money comes from his business
   No good can come of it 6%

5. *(arrive, amount to)*
   Has he come yet?
   An arrangement was come to
   His turn will come
   Come to harm
   Come to a conclusion
   It comes to £6
   It comes to £ 13%
   [His troubles are yet to come
   [Come to pass, 0.2%]

6. *(exhortation)*
   Come, come, it's not so bad as all
   that! (1.4%)
   Come along! (= hurry) (0.7%)
   Come on! (0.9%) 3%

7. *(various uses)*
   It came away in my hand (0.3%)
   (= broke)
   Come down (= fall, be degraded,
   be reduced) 0.3%
   Come forward (= offer oneself) 1.0%
   Come in! (= enter) 2.3%
   Come in sight 0.2%
   Come into play, into force
   Come out; (The secret came out;
   the newspaper ...) 0.5%
   Come to an end, to the rescue
   Come out; (Come up smiling;
   the question came up) 1.2%
   Come up; (Come up smiling;
   the question came up) 0.9%
   [Come about = happen, 0.3%; come
   across = find, 0.2%; come by =
   acquire, 0.1%; come down on =
   punish, 0.1%; come forth, 0.6%;
   The horse came in third, 0.2%;
   come in for a share, 0.2%; come
   off = succeed, 0.2%]
COMFORT 330e

comfort, n.

(1) (solace in grief or pain)
Your kind words have given me
great comfort (= feeling)
My son has been a comfort to
me (= cause of —)
It is a comfort to know that he
died bravely (= cause of —) 31%

(2) (ease)
Health and comfort (= feeling)
Hotel well known for its good
service and comfort (= comfortableness) 39%

comfort, v.

(consolation) 23%

comforting, adj. 4%

discomfort, n. 25e

comfortable, adj.

(1) (giving comfort)
He was left in comfortable cir-
cumstances
A comfortable house 67%

(2) (in a state of comfort)
Are you feeling more comfortable
now?
Make a person comfortable 29%

uncomfortable, adj. 42e

COMMAND, v. 738e

(1) (order)
The King commands and we
obey
He commanded me to do it
He commanded that we should
do it 14%

(2) (have authority over)
He commands a battleship 16%

[1] (get the use or control of) All the
money I can command, 10%; Com-
mands our admiration, 5%]

command, n.

(1) (order)
Give a command
Word of command 14%
command, n. (continued) (2) (idea of control, authority over)
In command of the fleet; take command of—
Men under (in) my command
? [of language, of money, 4%]

COMMERCe, n. 374e (buying and selling) 95%

commercial, adj. 396e A commercial traveller

COMMITTEE, n. 806e A committee on the subject

COMMON, adj. 1038e (1) (shared by all of a group)
Our common interests
Our common ancestor
The common land
Eat at the common table
Make common cause with
Hold it in common
In common with
(2) (often found or experienced)
A very common flower
It is common talk
Short sight is very common
A common event
(3) (undistinguished)
The common people
A common soldier
Common salt
Common sense (ordinary good sense without special knowledge.
See below)
 [= of poor quality, low class, “She’s rather common,” 2%]
 [common, n., 8%; commons, 7%]

commonly, adv., 176e; uncommon, adj., 44e; commonsense, n., 68e

COMPANION, n. 270e (mate, associate) 90%

companionship, n. 30e
COMPANY, n. 1449e
1. (companionship; Society)
   In company with
   Keep company
   Part company with
   (2)
   Went about in small companies
   (of soldiers)
   A company of infantrymen
   (— of actors)
   A touring company
   (ship's company)
   (business)
   Form a company; a limited company
   Company-officer, -manners, etc.

COMPARE, v. 362e
1. (notice or show similarities and differences)
   Compare this with that
   Compare ideas; compare notes
   As compared with
   Compare Napoleon and Julius Caesar
   (2)
   (consider as the same or equal; rival)
   Not to be compared with
   Compare favourably with

comparison, n. 184e
There's no comparison (between them)
Doesn't stand (bear) comparison
By comparison with
In comparison with

? [Without comparison, part of 4.3%]

? [comparatively, adv., 230c = somewhat, 93%]

COMPETE, v. 92e
1. (be in rivalry for a prize)
   Compete against others in a race
   Few competed in the race
   (commercial sense)
   Street-sellers compete with the shops
   (both senses)
   Competing, adj.
competition, n. 238e
(1) (rivalry)
The design will be chosen in open competition 32%
(2) (organized contest)
A boxing competition
A newspaper competition 8%
(3) (commercial)
Competition lowers prices 57%

competitor, n. 82e

COMPLAIN, v. 132c
He never complains 27%
Complain of (about) the bad food 33%
Complain that the food is bad 32%
[What do you complain of = what illness?, 2%]

complaint, n. 124e
A cause of complaint
Loud complaints against the cook
about the food
Make a complaint 84%
[= illness, 3%; legal, 7%]

COMPLETE, adj. 830e
(1) (having all its parts)
The complete works of Shakespeare
Complete in itself 21%
(2) (total)
Complete destruction of the city 38%
[= bring to an end]
Complete the form, 3%]

complete, v.

COMPLICATE, adj. 126e
A complicated machine, affair 83%

COMPOSE, v. 266e
(1) (combine to form)
The six tribes which compose this nation
This substance is composed of 78%
COMPOSE, v.  (continued)  

[?] [(2) (make up—speech, poetry, write music)]  
[arrange picture, 4%; calm, 2%; set type, 0.8%]  

* (This word is unavoidable in science and technology)

composer, n.  4xe

composition, n.  102e  
(1) [writing, thing written]  
The art of literary composition  
Top of the class in English composition  
Wrote a French composition on “Paris”  
A musical composition  

(2) [combination of things]  
The composition of white light  
Chemical composition  
A curious composition called College Pudding  

[= arrangement in a picture, 8%; = settlement, 2%]

CONCERN, v.  930e  
(1) [have relation to, be involved in]  
This concerns you  
As concerns the debt  
Those concerned in the affair should be punished  
So far as my safety is concerned  

([2] [anxious])  
Being concerned about the future  

[concerning, prep.  
(about, in reference to)  
My enquiries concerning his health  
What has been said concerning his behaviour  

[concern, n.  
(1) [a business]  
The Western Railway Co. is a flourishing concern  

(2) [thing which affects]  
That’s no concern of mine  

(3) [anxiety] A matter of deep concern to us all  

[Concise]
CONDITION, n. 1692e (1) (stipulation)
Make, lay down conditions
Conditions of an armistice
On condition that
This is a condition of your employment

17%

(2) (plural, environment)
Under existing conditions

54%

(3) (state)
Animals in good condition
The house is in a dirty condition

24%
[grade, rank, All sorts and conditions of men, 4%]

? [conditional, 17e]

CONFESS, v. 182e (1) Confess one's faults
Confessed that he did it
Confessed himself to be a coward

68%

(2) (admit = I must say)
I confess I don't like your brother very much
My knowledge of the matter is, it must be confessed, very out of date

17%

2%

(3) (religious sense)
[confess to: Confess to a liking for jazz music, ...]

confession, n. 70e (1a) (act of admitting a fault)
(1b) (thing confessed)
(2) (confession to a priest)
[creed, religious body, 9%]

CONFIDENCE, n. 294e (1) (trust)
I have great confidence in you

72%

(2) (assurance)
The men are full of confidence
Confidence of victory
Self-confidence

18%

(3) (idea of secrecy)
Tell you in (strict) confidence

10%
confident, adj. 62e (1) (assured) Confident of victory, that we shall win, in the certainty of victory 74%
(2) (trusting) Confident friendship 23%

confidential, adj. 26e (1) (telling of secret matters) A confidential letter 61%
(2) (trusted person) Confidential secretary 39%

confidentially 12e

CONFUSE, v. 120e (1) (of the mind or feelings) Confuse Mr. X with Mr. Y My ideas are rather confused on the subject She blushed and looked confused 75%
(2) (of things = mixed up) My papers have become confused in moving my office That book is very confusing 18%

confusing, adj.

confusion, n. 186e (1) The meeting broke up in confusion The enemy fled in confusion 51%
(2) (of the mind) A confusion of ideas 23%
(3) (embarrassment) 14%

CONGRATULATE, v. 36e Congratulate her on the birth of a son

congratulations, n. 22e

CONNECT, v. 360e (1) (join things) Island connected by a road with the mainland Connect the two wires 38%
CONNECT, v. (continued)

(2) (in act or in the mind)
I don't wish to be connected with
this affair
Connect A with B in the mind 48%

(3) (family)
Connected with the Smiths by
marriage 8%

connection, n. 428e

(1) (of things)
A gangway is a connection
between a ship and the land.
Electrical connection 26%

(2) (in act or in the mind)
I don't see the connection between
A and B (events or ideas)
It has some (no) connection with
In this connection, . . .
56%

(3) (personal or family relationship)
Our relations and connections
 [= second train on a journey, 4%]

CONQUER, v. 174e

(1) Conquer a country 39%
(2) Conquer an enemy
Conquer a bad habit 26%
(3) (= win) She stoops to conquer
10%

conquered, adj., conquering, adj.

conqueror, n. 88e

conquest, n. 252e Conquest of Mexico 79%

CONSCIENCE, n. 180e

My conscience tells me that it is
wrong
Do it with a clear conscience
A tender conscience

CONSCIOUS, adj. 110e (1) (idea of awareness)
He was quite conscious all the time
during the operation 20%
CONSCIOUS, adj. (continued) (2) (idea of knowledge)
Conscious of its importance
Conscious that it was important 60%
(3) (knowing what one is doing, deliberate)
He was a conscious borrower of
other men's ideas; he did not
do it unconsciously 9%
(4) (self-conscious)
A conscious look of holiness
Self-conscious 4%

consciousness, n., 124e; unconscious, adj., unconsciously, adv., /-ness, n., 70e

CONSIDER, v. 1252e (1) (think about)
Consider well before you choose
Consider the matter carefully 41%
(1b) (be of opinion)
Consider him (to be) a fool
Consider that he is a fool 51%
(3) (have regard to)
Consider other people’s feelings
All things considered, we are
doing well 2%
considering, prep.
He is very strong considering his
age 6%

consideration, n. 442e (1) (thinking)
After careful consideration
The matter is still under considera-
tion
Take into consideration 43%
(2) (taking into account)
These considerations lead me to
believe 33%
?(3) (regard)
Out of consideration for him
Has a special consideration for
the needs of ex-soldiers 8%

[Considerable, 674e = rather large; fre-
quent but has no helpful connexion
with Consider]
CONTAIN, v. 1030e

(1) (have in its hold)
The wine contained in this bottle
This box contains 2 lbs. of sugar

(2) (have as part of itself)
The rocks contain gold
The book contains a short chapter on Portugal

container, n. * 

Ice-cream in a paper container

* (Very useful as a general defining word.)

CONTENT, adj. 444e

I should be content to live here all my life
Be (well) content with very little
Content to work for whatever pay you can offer

content, n.

To my heart's content

contented, adj.

A contented man
Contented with his life

[—content/s, n. = substance contained, 43%]

discontent, n.; discontented, adj., 104

CONTINUE, v. 2136e

(1) He continued the work
The book was begun by Smith and continued by Jones

(2) The work (quarrel) continued

(3) Continued to work, continued working

(4) "But," he continued, "there is . . ."

continuously, adj., adv. 170c

(without a break in space, or time)

CONTROL, n. 978e

(direction, check)
Control over the people; of the money
CONTROL
(continued)
control, v.
People under our control; bring under control
Out of control; beyond control
Lose, gain, get control of
Control the car
Control one's temper
67%
29%

CONVENIENCE,
n.
98e
1. (usefulness)
The convenience of having the kitchen near (to) the dining-room
It's a great convenience to have (the kitchen, etc.)
39%

2. (personal sense)
At your earliest convenience
To suit your convenience
23%

3. (useful thing)
House with electricity and every modern convenience
27%

convenient, adj., 146e; inconvenience, n., 42; inconvenient, adj., 15e

CONVERSATION,
n.
234e

CONVERSATIONAL, adj. 6e

COOK, n.
cook, v.
cooked, adj.
cooking, n.
cooking-

COOK, n. 278e
278e (man or woman who cooks)
Cook the meat
It'll cook in half an hour
45%
42%

cooked, adj.
Ready cooked, well cooked
2%

cooking, n. 14e

cooking-
Cooking-stove, etc.
[= falsify, cooked accounts, 4%]
6%

cookery, n. 20e
? [cooker (gas-cooker), n., 1e]
99
| COOL, adj. | 214e | (1) *(not too hot)*  
A cool wind  
A nice cool drink  
(2) *(of the emotions)*  
Keep cool: don’t lose your head!  
? (3) *(assured)*  
The cool way in which he asked for  
a loan of £1,000!  
(4) *(unfriendly)*  
Her manner was distinctly cool  
cool, n.  
The cool of the evening  
cool, v.  
(1) *(become colder, calmer)*  
(2) *(cause to be cool)*  
coolly, adv., 16e; coolness, n., 24e  
| 34% | 9% | 3% | 2% | 4% | 10% | 23% |

| COPPER, n. | 280e | *(metal)*  
COPY, n. | 194e | (1) *(transcript, reproduction)*  
The original and two copies  
A fair copy; a rough copy  
This isn’t a Rembrandt; it’s a copy  
(2) *(book, manuscript of a book)*  
I want a copy of Green’s History  
Sent the copy to the printer  
copy, v.  
(1) Copy this letter; copy out this letter  
(2) Copy the picture  
(3) *(imitate)*  
Copy a person’s voice  
| 29% | 50% | 11% | 5% |

| CORK, n. | 46e | (1) *(the material)*  
Made of cork; a cork-mat  
(2) *(stopper of bottle)*  
cork-/  
cork, v.  
cork-layer of a plant, etc.  
corkscrew, n. | 26% | 23% | 17% | 6e |
CORN, n. 512e  [(1) (any small grain)
Pepper-corn, barley-corn 9%]
(2) (cereal grain or crop, especially
wheat, barley, oats in England,
malt in U.S.A.)
Corn in the ear
Standing corn 72%
Corn-colour, -plant, etc. 14%
[corn-, technical uses, 3%]

corn-/

CORNER 362e

Corner, n.
(1) Corner of a building
Corner of the table-cloth
A three-cornered hat 18%
(2) Corner of the street; street-
corner 19%
(3) Corner of a room; stand in the
corner! 37%

Phrases:
I've looked in every corner! 5%
To all corners of the Earth 6%
Corner-cupboard 4%
[Corner the market, a corner in
pepper, 0%]

corner-/
corner, v. 2%

CORRECT, adj. 180e
(1) (according to fact)
A correct statement
The correct amount 59%
(2) (according to standards)
Correct behaviour, dress 9%
(person, 1%)
correct, v.
(1) (set right, mark errors in)
Correct proofs, boys’ exercises
Correct an instrument 18%
(2) (rectify, neutralize)
Lime will correct the acidity of
the soil
Time will correct the rashness of
youth 7%
[= admonish, punish, 3%]
correctly, adv., 28e; incorrect, adj., 21e; correction, n., 28e
COST, n.  1262e  
1. Cost of production, of living 69%  
2. (sacrifice)  
   At any cost 5%  
   At the cost of your friendship 5%  

Phrase:  
Count the cost  

cost, v.  
1. It cost £5 16%  
2. It will cost £100 to paint this house 5%  
3. This action will cost him the friendship of Mr. X 2%  

COTTAGE, n.  128e  

COTTON, n.  518c  (raw material, thread, woven material)  

COUGH, v. & n.  40e  

COUNCIL, n.  578c  Church council  
Orders in council  

COUNT, v.  408e  
1. (number)  
   Count from 1 to 100 27%  
   Count your money  
2. (include)  
   The number present is 120, counting the children 17%  
   That was only a trial shot; it does not count  
3. (reckon on)  
   You can't count on (upon) him, can't count on his coming 8%  
   [= think, Count it a blessing, 7%; counts for very little, 5%]  

count, n.  
Keep count, lose count 36%  

COUNTRY, n.  3991e  
1a. (area of land)  
   Open country  
   Good country for sheep  
   The West Country (17%)  

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COUNTRY, n. (continued) (1b) (opposite of town: not always distinguishable from (1a)) Town and country Country-people (6%) 23%
(2) (nation, motherland) Serve my country The Countries of Europe 62%
(3) (the people of a nation) Appeal to the country 14%

COURAGE, n. 290e Courage to face all danger, in face of danger 90%
Phrases:
Take courage; lose courage The courage of one's opinions 9%
courageous, adj. 34e

COURSE, n. 1780e (1a) (running, normal movement) The stars in their courses The course of a ship, of a river Hold one's course 14%
(1b) (of time) In course of time In the course of my life, experience The years have run their course 15%
(2) (line of action) Take a course; a wide course A course of lessons, of study 12%
(3) Of course—Of course he'll come It's a matter of course 55%
? [Race-course, 0.5%] [Four course dinner, 0.7%]

COURT, n. 1292e (1) (yard) Bolt Court (address) 3%
(2) Tennis court 2%
(3) King's court; at the court of King James Go to Court to meet the Queen The Court is in mourning 33%
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<td>(1) <em>(put a layer of . . . on . . .)</em> Cover it with sand, sugar, a cloth, a lid</td>
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<td>Clouds covered the sun</td>
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<td>Cover the body, face, head</td>
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<td>Cover yourself with glory</td>
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<td>? [(2) <em>(protect, screen)</em>] Cavalry covered the advance of the main army</td>
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<td>Covered her confusion by laughing</td>
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<td>(3) <em>(extend over)</em> The law does not cover this case</td>
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<td>Covered thirty miles that day</td>
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<td>This will cover the expense</td>
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<td>(2) <em>(partial breakage or fissure)</em> A crack in a plate</td>
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crack, v.

(1) (make a noise)
The whips cracked; crack a whip

(2) (break with a noise)
The stick cracked
Crack a nut

27%

cracked, adj.

A cracked cup

9%

CRASH, n. 100e

(1) (noise)
The crash of thunder
The wall fell with a crash

(2) (destruction, collapse)
The crash of prices on the stock market

20%

36%

crash, v.

His business has crashed
He crashed through the fence into the garden

36%

CREAM, n. 42e

(1) (fat from milk)

48%

(2) (similar substance)
Salad cream
Face cream

24%

(3) (colour)

14%

(4) (best part of)
The cream of the joke

14%

CREATURE, n. 368e

(1) (living thing, not plant, not man)
A cockroach is a creature rather like the beetle

48%

[2] (man, usually with affection or contempt), 43%]

CREEP, v. 140e

(1) (move like a reptile)
Creeping and crawling things

10%

(2) (move slowly and cautiously)
The thief crept closer and closer
The hours crept by

80%

[Creeper = climbing plant, 8e]
CRIME, n. 170e (wrong doing; illegal act)
criminal, adj. 200e A criminal act
It's really criminal to be so careless 59%
criminal, n. Punish the criminal 40%

CRITIC, n. 250e (judge, especially of art and literature)
A severe critic of all we do
Art critic; literary critic

critical, adj. 152e (1) (judging, fault finding)
Don't be too critical; they are only beginners 42%
? (2a) (having to do with a crisis)
At a critical stage 56%
? (2b) (at a transition point)
Critical angle; temperature 11%

CROP, n. 328e (a crop of wheat, beans, etc.) 82%

CROSS

cross, n. 855e (la) (The cross of Jesus Christ; its representation) 18%
[(1b) (a trial)
We all have our crosses to bear 4.5%]
(2) (a mark or shape)
Put a cross against your name 7%
A Maltese cross
[Cross between a spaniel and a terrier, 0.6%]

cross, v. (1) (religious gesture)
Crossed himself 2%
(2) (intersect)
The line A crosses the line B 8%
Where two roads cross
(3) (traverse)
Cross the sea, a river, this road 54%
A bridge crosses the stream
cross- | Cross-roads, etc. 3%
[ **mix breeds, 0.3%; oppose, 3%; adj. = irritable, 1.7%**]
crossing, n. | A smooth sea-crossing 2%
A dangerous crossing (of roads) 1%

CROWD, n. 624e | A large crowd in the street 51%
The crowd ( = the common people) 7%
A crowd of daffodils ( = a mass, a lot of) 5%
crowd, v. adj. | They crowded into the room 33%
They crowded about (round) him
A room crowded with people;
a crowded room

CROWN, n. 400e | (1) (wreath of flowers, leaves, etc.) 10%
(2) (metal and jewels, as of a king) 28%
(3) (The King, kingship)
Fighting for the crown 20%
[coin, 7%; top of head, 5%]
crown, v. | (1) (put a crown on a victor or king 12%
(2) (figurative)
Clouds crowned the hills.
Crowned his career by being elected President
To crown all, he was elected President 11%
[Crowning glory, 3%]

CRUEL, adj. 144e | (1) (liking to inflict pain; act so done)
A cruel person 68%
His cruel deeds 20%
(2) (causing great pain)
His cruel death
"And the night was cruel"
( = cold) 10%
cruelly, adv., 20e; cruelty, n., 56e
CRUSH, v. 138e (1) (compress and break)
Crush the leaves; crush out the juice
Crush sugar cane, fruit, stone
Crushed flat 23%

(2) (break the spirit or force of)
Crushed his enemies
We must crush all softer feelings while we are at war 57%

[n. = crowd, social gathering, 3%]

crushing, adj.
A crushing blow 4%

CRY, n. 1288e A. (1) (shout)
Cries of joy
The cry, "Fire! Fire!"
Street-cries; battle-cry 10%

(2) (complaint)
The cry of the people was for justice
A cry was raised that . . . 3%

(3) (animal noise)
The cry of a bird 3%

B. (4) (weeping)
Have a good cry 1%

cry, v.
A. (1) "Come here!" he cried
Some cried "Forward"; others cried "Back!" 50%

cry out
(2) Don't cry out before you're hurt
Cry out against (for, at) 16%

B. (3) (weep)
The baby is crying
The baby is crying for its food 10%

* (The word Weep, though not included in this vocabulary, is rather necessary to rectify the confusion in the word Cry.)

CULTIVATE, v. 162c (1) Cultivate the land 23%
(2) Cultivate plants 24%
(3) (figurative)
Cultivate a friendship, the arts 22%
cultivated, adj.
(1) (land, plants) 15%
(2) (person, tastes) 12%
cultivation, n., 134c; cultivator, n., 6c
CUP, n. 178e  A tea-cup; A cup of tea 66%
A sports-cup 11%
cup-/  Cup-bearer, etc. 5%
[? figurative: Bitter cup, cup of sorrow, 11%; cupped hands, 3%]

CUPBOARD, n. 14e

CURE, v. 156c  (1) (heal a person; and figurative) Dr. X has cured me of my ear-
ache
Hard work soon cured him of his love affair 27%
(2) (heal a disease) This medicine has cured my disease
[preserve fish, leather, etc., 5%]
cure, n.  (1) (healing) I can’t promise a complete cure 10%
(2) (remedy, literal and figurative) Quinine is a cure for malaria
Hard work is a cure for all evils 25%
[of priest, 7%]

CURIOUS, adj. 258e A. (inquisitive)
I am curious about it 18%
B. (odd)
A curious-looking thing 79%
curiously, adv. 46e A. (inquisitively)
Looked at me curiously 22%
B. (oddly)
Behaving curiously 73%
curiosity, n. 138e A. (in a good sense)
I felt some curiosity as to the cause of this 58%
(in a bad sense)
You’re too inquisitive: “Curiosity killed the cat” 22%
B. (object of interest)
A curiosity shop 19%
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curve, n.
A hyperbolic curve
A curve in the road
A curve on the ball (in a game) 72%
curve, v.
The road curves round
curved, adj.
A curved surface 28%

CUSHION 44e
cushion, n.
(1) Sofa cushion
A cushion of soft moss 68%
[(2) various technical senses] 9%
cushioned, adj.
Cushioned seats [cushion, v., 14%]

CUSTOM, n. 382e
It is our custom to stand when
"God save the King" is played 86%
[Customs-duty, 9%; your custom, 1%]

? [customary, adj., 74e] [customer, n., 141e; custom-house, n., 9e]

CUT 1173e
cut, n.
(1) (the act, the result)
Made a clean cut with his knife
A cut on my finger
(2) (so also of a stick)
A cut with my cane 5%
Phrases:
A cut in prices (= decrease) 3%
[A short cut = path, 0.8%; cut of a coat, 0.8%; wood-cut = picture, 0.4%]
cut, v.
(1) (incise; sever)
Cut a hole in it
Cut it in pieces
Cut it up
Cut the corn
Cut loose 25%
(2) (divide)
Cut in two
Where one line cuts another
A ship cuts the water 11%
cut, v. (continued)

(3) (shorten, decrease)
  Cut a play
  Cut prices

(4) (shaped)
  Cut stone, jewels
  A well-cut coat

Phrases:
  Cut away (dead wood)
  Cut down (a tree, expenses)
  Cut off (a leg, in the prime of life)
  Cut out (a piece, a coat, from a list)
  Cut up (meat, the enemy)
  The cutting edge

? [A cutting wind, remark]
  [Newspaper cutting]

DAMAGE, n. 199

(1) (harm, loss)
  The storm caused great damage
  Damage to one's good name

(2) (legal recompense)
  Pay damages for breach of contract

damage, v.
  Goods damaged by sea-water
  Damage one's good name

damaged, adj.
  Damaged goods

DAMP, adj. 67

(slightly wet)
  Damp air; a damp room

damp, n.
  There is no damp-course, so there is rising damp in the wall

damp, v.

(1) The paper should be dampened before printing

(2) Damp our spirits, hopes, enthusiasm

DANCE, n. 364

(1a) (act of dancing, set of steps)
  Went to a dance at the Smiths'
dance-/v. Dance-band, dance-music, etc. 7%
(1) (move to music)
They are dancing in the ball-room
Dance the waltz 31%
(2) (figurative = move up and down)
The waves were dancing 9%
dancing, n. I love dancing 9%
dancing-/ Dancing-shoes, etc. 3%

DANGER, n. 666 (1) (state)
He is in great danger
In danger of losing his job
Keep out of danger 81%
(2) (cause of —)
A danger to the public 16%
dangerous, adj. 344

DARE, v. 372 (1) (have the courage to)
As much as I dare spend on it
I daren’t speak about it 39%
(2) (dare to)
He would not dare to meet me 26%
(3) (with an object)
Dare all things; dare the perils
of the sea
Phrase:
I dare say
I dare say you’re right 6%
daring, n. (= bravery) 7%
daring, adj. He’s too daring 7%
Daring deeds

DARK 851 dark, adj. (1) (not emitting light)
Dark night, sky 34%
(2) (of colour)
Dark blue
Dark hair 35%

dark, adj. (continued)  
(3) (bad, depressing, gloomy)  
Dark deeds, days ahead  
13%  
(4) (secret, obscure)  
Keep it dark  
2%  

dark, n.  
Cats can see in the dark  
13%  
I'm quite in the dark; they have told me nothing  
1%  

darken, v., 48; darkness, n., 248

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DATE  546  

date, n.  
What's the date today?  
The date of an event  
The date on a coin, letter  
What date is your wedding to be?  
Out of date, up to date 56%  
5%  

date, v.  
Date a letter  
The church dates from the Norman period 35%  

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DAUGHTER, n. 541  
My daughter; daughter-in-law; grand-daughter

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DAY, n.  5073  
(1) (period of light)  
I can see by day, but not by night 9%  
(2a) (measure of time)  
24 hours in one day  
A day's work; paid by the day 49%  
(2b) (a special date)  
Christmas day, New Year's day, etc.  
Day of battle  
Some day; one day 7%  
In the days of (Queen Bess) 12%  
At the present day  
In my day 1%  
End my days  
This day (week); the other day  
From day to day; day after day; day by day 2%  
All day 1%
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<th>A day’s journey</th>
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<td>Eight-day clock</td>
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<td>day-/</td>
<td>Day-nurse; day-boy, etc.</td>
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daily, adv., 529; daylight, n., 103; day-school, n., 2

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| dead, adj. | (1) *of a thing once alive*  
A dead man, plant, leaf | 69% |
| | (2) *without sensation*  
My fingers are dead  
A dead faint | 3% |
| | (3) *of things,—not living*  
A dead language, cigar  
The place seemed dead | 9% |
| | (4) *not moving*  
A dead weight  
Dead water | 4% |
| | ? [(5) *complete*  
Came to a dead stop  
Dead silence | 1%] |
| ? [dead, adv. | Stopped dead | 2%] |
| dead, n. | (1) The dead return as ghosts  
Raised from the dead | 12% |
| | ? [(2) At dead of night | 0.5%] |

| death, n. | The death of his father  
Put to death | 91% |
| death- | Death-watch, etc. | 6% |
| ? [Tired to death of, 1%] |
| deathbed, n., 24 |

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<th>DEAF, adj.</th>
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| (1) *cannot hear*  
A deaf man | |
| deaf, n. | The deaf find social life difficult | 74% |
| (2) *unwilling to hear*  
Deaf to all my prayers  
Turn a deaf ear to | 23% |
deafen, v.  16  The noise deafens me
deafening, adj.  A deafening noise

DEAL  891
deal, v.  A.  (1) (treat)
Deal with a problem
A difficult man to deal with
He deals with the subject very well
Deal with him kindly 36%
(2) (in business)
To deal with shares
He deals in finished goods 12%
[(3) Deal him a blow
[cards, v., 1%]
dealer, dealing, dealings, n.  Honest dealing
Business dealings 9%
deal, n.  B.  [(1) (at cards]
We must have a new deal 1%
(2) (business transaction, agreement)
Make a deal in coal
After long discussions, I think they've made a deal 2%
deal, n.  C.  (1) (a lot)
A good deal of (money, sand, etc.)
A great deal of . . . 15%
(2) (adverbially)
Has travelled a good (great) deal 17%
(3) (with a comparative)
A good (great) deal better
A great deal too much 3%

DEAR  860
dear, adj.  A.  (1) (much loved)
My dear friend
(2) (as an address, expressing affection, or as a mere formality)
Dearest Jane
Dear Jane
Dear Sir 34%
### dear, adj. [continued]

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<td>Life is very dear to him</td>
<td>11%</td>
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### dear, n.

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<td>You’re such an old dear</td>
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<td>It’s too dear; I can’t afford it</td>
<td>8%</td>
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### dearly, adv.

| 20 |

### DEATH (see DEAD)

### DEBT, n.

| 355 | A debt of £10; a debt of gratitude | 54% |
| --- | Run into debt; be in debt, out of debt, pay one’s debts | 40% |

### DECAY

| 149 |

### decay, v.

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<th>(lose health, energy)</th>
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<td>In old age our powers decay</td>
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<td>A decayed tooth (adj.)</td>
<td>16%</td>
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### decay, n.

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<th>(decay)</th>
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<td>The decay of great families, of trade, of his fortunes</td>
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<td>No signs of decay in this tooth</td>
<td>14%</td>
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### DECEIVE, v.

| 109 |

### Deceived me by lies | 81% |

### Do not let us deceive ourselves about it | 9% |

### ? [The blue sky promised a fine day; but I was deceived (= mistaken)] | 4% |

### deceit, n., 15; deceitful, adj., 8

### DECIDE, v.

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### DECIDE, v.  (continued)

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<td>I have decided</td>
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<td>To stay</td>
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<td>Decided success</td>
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| (Firmness, 1%)  |        |

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### DECLARE, v.  1122

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<td>The Minister</td>
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<td>Declared</td>
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<td>That the army</td>
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<td>Was ready</td>
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<td>War, peace</td>
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<td>Result</td>
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<td>Of an election</td>
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<th>(say emphatically)</th>
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<td>I declare</td>
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<td>That I am innocent</td>
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<td>I declare!</td>
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<th>(make clearly known)</th>
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<td>He has at last</td>
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<td>Declared himself</td>
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<td>His declared</td>
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<td>Intention</td>
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| (Well, I declare!, 1.3%) |        |

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<th>Declaration of policy, of war; Declaration of Independence</th>
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<td>The Declaration of Independence</td>
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### DECREASE, n.  224

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<td>The sales show a decrease</td>
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<td>The sales are decreasing</td>
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<th>I shall have to decrease your salary</th>
<th>Percent</th>
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<td>Your salary</td>
<td>24%</td>
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DEED, n. 279
Good deeds, evil deeds
His words do not agree with his deeds
Noble deeds
[Deed of gift, 12%] 88%

DEEP 1012

deep, adj.

(1a) (far down)
A deep hole
Deep water
Deep in the water 40%

? [Stood four deep, 0.5%]

(1b) (figurative)
Take a deep breath
A deep meaning 4%

(2) (of feelings)
Deep affection, sense of shame 10%

(3) (of influences or states)
Deep sleep, thought, winter 9%

(4) (of colour)
Deep blue 4%

(5) (of sound)
The deep note of a bell; a deep voice 4%

[deep/s, n. (= sea, mainly poetical) 10%]

deep, adv.

Pushed his stick deep into the mud 6%

Deep-seated, etc. 1%

deepen, v., 55; deeply, adv., 210; depth, n., 267

DEER, n. 160

DEFEAT, n. 444

(1) (loss of a battle, election, etc.)
Suffer, receive a defeat
The defeat of the Liberal Party in the election 42%

(2) (frustration)
Defeat of his plans, hopes 3%

defeat, v.

(1) (cause to lose in a battle or struggle)
We defeated the enemy
Mary was not so easily defeated; she decided to try again 44%

(2) (frustrate)
My hopes were defeated 7%
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<td>DEFEND, v.</td>
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<td>(1) Defend a castle&lt;br&gt;Defend oneself with a stick</td>
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<td>(2) Defend one's character, a principle, a prisoner in a law-court</td>
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<td>defence, n.</td>
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<td>(1) (act)&lt;br&gt;Defence of a castle&lt;br&gt;The art of self-defence</td>
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<td>(2) (thing)&lt;br&gt;The defences on the right were held by the French&lt;br&gt;Mountains are a defence against the wind</td>
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<td>(3) (speech)&lt;br&gt;The defence of the prisoner was&lt;br&gt;• • •&lt;br&gt;A speech in defence of • • •</td>
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<td>DEGREE, n.</td>
<td>834</td>
<td>(1) (steps of intensity, quality or progress)&lt;br&gt;By degrees&lt;br&gt;To such a degree that&lt;br&gt;In some degree&lt;br&gt;To a certain degree&lt;br&gt;Degree of guilt</td>
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<td>(2) (academic degree)&lt;br&gt;The degree of Master of Arts</td>
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<td>(3) (geometry)&lt;br&gt;An angle of 90 degrees</td>
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<td>(4) (temperature)&lt;br&gt;At 50 degrees centigrade</td>
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<td>DELAY, v.</td>
<td>260</td>
<td>(1) (detain, keep late)&lt;br&gt;The work delayed me at the office&lt;br&gt;Delay action&lt;br&gt;Delay making a decision</td>
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<td>(2) (defer, lose time)&lt;br&gt;Don't delay! Act now!</td>
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<td>delay, n.</td>
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<td>Without (any) delay&lt;br&gt;A delay of three days</td>
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DELICATE, adj. 168
(1) (finely made, delightful)
A delicate piece of silk, design
Delicate dishes, wines
(2a) (finely made, needing careful handling)
The body is a delicate machine
Treat this delicate glass carefully
(2b) (needing great tact)
A delicate mission, affair, position, subject
(3) (of health, easily made ill)
In delicate health
A delicate child
(5) (not easily perceived)
Delicate colours, perfumes
(6) (sensitive)
A delicate ear, touch
A delicate instrument
delicately, adv., 12; ? [delicacy, n., 65, meanings as above, 81%;
Oysters are a—, 19%]

DELIGHT, n. 302
Read it with delight
Take delight in reading
delight— v.
(1) Music delights me
Delighted at the news (adj.)
(2) (as a polite overstatement)
I shall be delighted to . . .
delightful, adj., 117; delightfully, adv., 10

DELIVER, v. 337
(1) (set free)
Deliver the prisoners from the enemy
Deliver us from evil
(2) (hand over)
Deliver the town to the enemy
Deliver letters
(3) (give forth)
Deliver a blow, an attack, a ball,
a speech
[— a baby, 1%]
**delivery, n.**

(1) *(setting free)*
Thanked God for our delivery from the enemy

(2) *(letters)*
The next postal delivery is at two o'clock

(3) *(way of giving forth)*
He has a good delivery (*— in cricket, of a speech*)

[— of a baby, 2%]

**DEMAND, n.** 1422

(1) *(claim)*
The landlord's demand seemed reasonable

(2) *(commerce)*
Supply and demand
In great demand
It meets a demand

(3) *(needs)*
This work makes great demands on my time

**demand, v.**

(1) *(claim; ask in a peremptory way)*
I demand my rights
I demand to be given a hearing
I demand that he should be heard
“What's the meaning of this,” he demanded.

(2) *(needs)*
It demands your immediate attention

[= *ask*, Demanded his name, 2%]

**DEPARTMENT, n.** 805

The English department (in a University)
Education department (of Government)
Men's clothing department

[= *district*, 8%]

**DEPEND, v.** 489

(1) *(be conditioned by, related to)*
The price depends on the size
Our success depends on the weather

*Phrases:*
That depends. It all depends
DEPEND, v. (continued)
    (2) (be supported by, be a burden upon)
    Depend on charity, on one's relatives
    I must now depend on what I can earn
    39%
    (3) (trust)
    I depend on you (to do it)
    5%

dependent, adj., 96; a dependant, n., 40; dependence, n., 25
See also INDEPENDENT

DESCEND, v. 224
    (from ancestors)*
    We are all descended from Adam 13%
descendant, n., 94; descent, n., 107
* [Other meanings (= go down) were excluded by the compilers of the vocabulary.]

DESCRIBE, v. 668
    Describe a man, place, event 70%
    Describe it as a failure 28%
description, n. 180
    (portrayal)
    Give a description of
    Answer to a description
    Great powers of description 84%
    [(kind) Of the worst description, of every description, 15%]

DESERT, n. 348
    The Sahara desert
    My garden is a desert after the drought 47%
desert-/ desert-sands, etc. 10%
[deserted, adj.]
    The house was empty and deserted 10%
    [To desert, 26%, excluded by the compilers of the vocabulary.]
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<td>He was punished as he (well) deserved</td>
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<td>A very deserving man</td>
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<td>DESIRE</td>
<td>n. 1032</td>
<td>(1) (wish, request) A desire to visit Egypt</td>
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<td>Expressed a desire to see the papers</td>
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<td>(2) (lust) Animal desires</td>
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<td>(3) (thing desired) She was called The World’s Desire</td>
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<td>v.</td>
<td>(wish) I desire happiness; I desire to be happy; I desire that you may be</td>
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<td>happy; I desire my son to be happy</td>
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<td>It shall be as you desire</td>
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<td>[request, I desire you to, 5%]</td>
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<td>Long-desired</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<td>DESPAIR</td>
<td>n. 164</td>
<td>(emotion) Cries of despair</td>
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<td>[He was the despair of his teachers, 2%]</td>
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<td>v.</td>
<td>Never despair</td>
<td>19%</td>
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<td>Despair of ever seeing her again</td>
<td>12%</td>
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<td>adj.</td>
<td>Despairing cries</td>
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<td>DESTROY</td>
<td>v. 522</td>
<td>(1) The enemy destroyed the city</td>
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<td>The storm has destroyed my crops</td>
<td>18%</td>
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<td>(2) Destroyed his life, all my hopes</td>
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<td>(3) (kill) The dog is mad; it ought to be destroyed</td>
<td>12%</td>
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destruction, n. 240  (1) The destruction of the church by fire
When he saw the destruction he wept 85%
(2) (killing)
Destruction of vermin 12%
(3) (cause of)
Drink will be his destruction 5%

destructive, adj. 88

DETAIL, n. 403  Give all the details
Go into detail
Tell in detail
But that is a detail 78%
detailed, adj.  A detailed account 15%
[= small body of men, 1%]

DETERMINE, v. 678  (1) (resolve)
He determined to go at once 15%
I am determined to go 11%
[(2a) (decide)
Determine the rights and wrongs of the case 21%]
[(2b) (limit)
Weather determines the size of the crop 12%]
[(2c) (fix accurately)
Determine the position of a star 27%]
determined, adj.  A very determined woman 6%
[The Report excludes (2a, b, c).]

determination, n. 129  (1) (resolve)
He came with the determination of staying for a week 29%
(2) (resoluteness)
A woman of great determination 31%
[fixing limits, 9%; finding exact position, 23%]
DEVELOP, v. 690
(1) (cause to grow or evolve)
Develop one's mind, a business
(30%)
Develop a subject (1%)
Develop heat, horsepower (3%)
Develop a photograph (1%)
Heat and moisture develop the
seed (8%)
Different conditions have de-
volved different forms of the
plant (27%) 70%
(2) (evolve in oneself)
He has developed a sense of
humour 7%
(3) (intransitive)
A child develops rapidly between
the age of 13 and 16 18%

development, n. 667
(1) (gradual unfolding)
Development of a seed into a plant
Development of his shop into a big
business 76%
Development of mind and body
(2) (thing developed)
The great development of the chest
muscles in birds
? [Latest developments in the murder
trial] 21%

DEVIL, n. 209
(1) (Satan) 46%
(2) (any evil spirit) 14%
(3) (bad man) 6%
A human devil
[term of affection or pity
Queer devil, poor devil, 11%;
lawyer's or printer's assistant, 2%;
as an exclamation, 6%; proverbial
sayings, 9%]

DIAMOND, n. 136
(the jewel; the shape)

DICTIONARY, n. 61
DIE, v. 2019

(1) (decease)
His father died last week
Died in poverty, a beggar, of hunger
[Dying for a drink, 0.4%; die of laughter, 0.2%]

(2) (become weak)
The interest in it died
The sound died into silence
Day is dying
Die away—The sound died away
Die back—The plants have died back
Die down—The fire has died down
Die off—The roses are dying off
Die out—The fire has died out; the
dodo has died out

Dying, adj.
Dying, n.

DIFFERENCE, n. 569

(1) (dissimilarity)
A big difference in price between this and that

(2) (point of dissimilarity)
Do you see the difference now?
This one is longer

(3) (mathematics)
5 — 2: the difference is 3
A difference of about half an ounce

(4) Make a (no) difference between rich and poor in regard to schooling

Differences, adj. different, n.

(1) This one is different
Different from

(2) (= other)
Different people have different ideas

DIFFICULT, adj. 525

These sums are very difficult
It is difficult to understand (to imagine, to say)
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<th>A difficult question to answer 99%</th>
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<td>[A difficult person, 1%]</td>
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<td>(1) Speak with difficulty The difficulty of the subject 58%</td>
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<td>(2) (cause of difficulty) Make difficulties Put difficulties in the way (of) Be in any difficulty; be in difficulties Work under difficulties 42%</td>
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<td>Dig a hole in the sand</td>
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<td>Dig in the ground for gold</td>
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<td>Dig into, out, through, under, up</td>
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<td>[Dig a pin into me, 2%. Dig, n.—a dig in the ribs, 3%]</td>
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<td>(1) (chief meal, whether at noon or night) Come to dinner 84%</td>
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<td>dinner-/-</td>
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<td>Dinner-bell; -party; -table 13%</td>
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<td>We dine at 7 Dine out 85%</td>
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<td>(1) (put into liquid, or figurative) Dip your pen in the ink Oars dipping in the water Dipped his hand into his pocket 47%</td>
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<td>(2) (go down a little) Birds dipping in their flight Dip a flag The road dips down here 28%</td>
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<td>A dip in the ground 15%</td>
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DIRECT, v. 739
(1) (point, aim)
Direct a beam of light, attention,
one's eyes, efforts, remarks to
Please direct me to the Post Office 14%
(2) (guide and control)
Direct a business 16%
(3) (order)
Directed to work in the coal
mines 11%
direct, adj.
(1) (straight, in a straight line)
The direct road to London (3%)
Direct rays of the sun
The direct heir, in the direct line (6%) 9%
(2) (not through an intermediary)
A direct charge, direct evidence,
direct lie (9%)
Direct touch, contact (31%)
Direct ratio (not inverse) (1%)
A direct tax (2%) 43%
direct, adv.
Go direct 3%
direction, n. 793
(1) (course)
Go in the wrong direction, in all
directions 79%
(2) (instruction)
Directions for filling the pen 9%
directly, adv. 355 A.
(1) (straight)
Coming directly towards us 18%
(2) Directly opposite
Directly contrary 15%
(3) (without an intermediary)
Applied directly to the skin
(soon, as soon as)
Directly I saw him
Directly after this
I'll do it directly, not just now 13%
director, n. 253

DIRT, n. 64
Wash the dirt from one's clothes
Live in misery and dirt 53%
 [= soil (mainly U.S.A.), 36%; mining,
  8%]
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<td>(1) (soiled) Dirty clothes</td>
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<td>(2) (impure) Dirty coat</td>
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<td>(3) (causing dirt) Dirty work</td>
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<td>(4) (figurative) Some dirty work about this! Dirty stories Dirty money</td>
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<td>[as a general term of abuse, Dirty liar!, 12%]</td>
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<td>Dirty my hands</td>
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<td>(1) Sorry to disappoint you Disappointed in (with) my new house</td>
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<td>(2) These hopes were disappointed Disappointed suitors</td>
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<td>(orderly behaviour; the system which produces it) Military discipline</td>
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<td>The discipline in this school is good Keep discipline</td>
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<td>[a branch of instruction, 3%; = punishment, 4%; of monastery, 4%; verb, 12%]</td>
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<td>Discover a plot, the cause, a scientific law Discover America [uncover, reveal, 7%]</td>
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| **discourse** | n         | 318 The discovery of America  
Scientific discoveries              | 58% 41%    |
| **DISCUSS**  | v         | 300 Discuss politics, the question                                          | 96%        |
| discussion   | n         | 272 The question under discussion  
A discussion of the subject          | 98%        |
| **DISEASE**  | n         | 359 The prevention of disease  
Foot and mouth disease                     | 87% 6%     |
| diseased     | adj       |                                                                           |            |
| **DISGUST**  | n         | 69 A feeling of disgust; went away  
in disgust                              | 62%        |
| disgust      | v;        | 69 disgusted, adj.                                                        | 28% 9%     |
| disgusting   | adj       |                                                                           |            |
| **DISH**     | n         | 118 (1) (container)  
(2) (food)                                           | 39% 47%    |
| **DISMISS**  | v         | 76 (1) The teacher dismissed the class  
The officer dismissed the company | 16%        |
| dismissal    | n         | 16 (2) He was dismissed (= lost his employment)  
Dismiss the thought from your mind  
Dismissed the subject in a few words  
The court dismissed the case         | 33% 36% 4% 5% |
|              |           |                                                                           |            |
DISTANCE, n. 753
What is the distance to London?
Some distance away
A good distance
At a distance of 1000 yards
Keep your distance (fig.)
Seen from a distance, in the distance

distant, adj. 302
One hundred years distant
Distant lands
The distant sound of a bell
At some far distant time
[Distant manner = reserved, 2%]

DISTINGUISH, v. 434
(1) (make different, see as different)
He may be distinguished from his brother by the scar
A distinguishing mark (adj.)

(2) (make pre-eminent)
He distinguished himself in the war
A distinguished soldier (adj.)
? [= see clearly—So dark that I can’t distinguish anything, 8%]

DISTRICT, n. 769
(1) (political or administrative area)
(2) (vaguely)
A manufacturing district
District judge, etc.

disturb, v. 177
(1) (change the correct or normal condition of)
Disturbed the pages of a manuscript
Wind disturbed the surface of the lake
Plant it where it will not be disturbed
Disturb one’s plans

(2) (break in on)
Don’t disturb him; he’s asleep

(3) (agitated)
I am very disturbed at your news (adj.)
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| DITCH, n. | 65 |

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| (1) Dive for pearls  
Dive into the swimming pool  
Dive into the darkness | 61% |
| (2) Dive one's hands into one's pocket | 7% |
| (3) (go suddenly and unexpectedly out of sight)  
Dived suddenly into a little doorway | 11% |
| diving/- | |
| dive, n. | |
|                      | Diving-board, -bell, etc. | 5% |

| diver, n. | 42 |

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| (1) (cut into parts or shares)  
Divide 15 by 3  
The country is divided into three parts  
A ruler is divided into inches  
Divide it among you | 59% |
| (2) (classify)  
Divide the books according to subject | 6% |
| (3) (separate)  
The sea divides England and the Continent  
Divided opinions | 20% |
| (4) (intransitive)  
The river divides as it nears the sea | 5% |

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| (1) (act of dividing)  
Division of labour, of numbers | 19% |
| (2) (a part or a district)  
Upper division of the school  
Dacca Division, Bengal  
A division of plants, animals (class) | 49% |
| (3) An army division | 24% |
DO, v. 12840

(1) (render)
Does him credit, honour
Do a good turn 1.7%

(2) (perform)
Do work
Do ten miles a day ( = walk)
Do good, wrong, justice
Do his bidding, as he orders
Do painting all the morning and
gardening in the afternoon

Phrase:
Do your best (0.6%) 29%

(3) (finish)
Is the work done yet?
Do up a parcel, one's shoe
? [= tired, Done (up) after the long
walk, 0.1%] 5.3%

(4) (act, fare)
Do or die
The invalid (garden, pig) is doing
well

Phrases:
How do you do?
That will do
It doesn’t do to complain 3.4%

(5) (as a substitute for a verb)
I can’t sing as well as you do
Will soon think as I do
Rose early, as he always did

(6) (emphatic)
Yes, I do remember it quite well
Yes, I do say so! 6.3%

(7) (in interrogative and negative
sentences)
Do you take sugar in your tea?
No, I do not; No, I don’t
He does not take sugar in his tea 45%

(8) (negative imperative)
Don’t say that!

(9) Special uses:
To do with (= concern)
He had nothing to do with it
What's it got to do with you
Do with, do without
He does with very little sleep
Do without sugar during Lent

DOCTOR, n. 1390
DOG, n. 582  
(domesticated animal) 83%
[Dog-rose, dog-Latin, 1%; verb, 1%]

DOLLAR, n. 1074

DONKEY, n. 43 (animal) 89%

DOOR, n. 1046  
(1) (doorway; the door itself)
Knock at the door
Come in by the front door 84%
[Lives a few doors down the street, 0.2%]
[(2) (figurative)
Opens the door to discussion 5%
Phrases:
Out of doors 6%
Door-bell, etc. 0.4%

indoors, adj., adv. 56; outdoors, adj., adv., 75

DOT, n. & v. 90

DOUBLE, 
det. & n. 396  
(1) (twice as much)
A double share
Double width
Cost double (as much) 12%
(2) (consisting of two parts or layers)
Double doors
Ship with a double bottom
Double knock
Double meaning 28%
(3) (in compounds)
Double-action
Double-bedded room
Double-fronted 18%

double, v.
I must double the dose 13%
The sales doubled 8%

double, n.
Ten is double five 2%
[Double up; double the paper = fold, 4%; double back, 1%; double = run, 1%; He is my double, double image, 1%; idea of deception, 0.8%]
doubt, v. 786

(1) I doubt the truth of it
   I doubt whether it is true 17%

(2) (mistrust)
   I doubt his honesty
   I doubt if he's honest 11%

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doubt, n.

I am in doubt about it; I have my doubts 37%
Without doubt; no doubt it's true 31%

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doubtful, adj., /-ly, adv. 122

doubtless, adv. 189

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DOWN 3020

down, adv. & prep.

(1) (to or in a lower position)
   Let down (the cliff) on a rope
   Mud carried down by the river
   Sit down, lie down, put it down
   Go down the street
   The blinds are down; the tide is down
   (to a place considered lower or less important)
   Go down from London to the country
   Down from the University 38%

Phrases:
   Run up and down excitedly 3.1%
   Run up and down stairs 5.9%
   Is Mrs. X down yet? Yes, she's having breakfast 1.3%
   Write it down; put it down on paper 3.5%
   Pay (cash) down 1.6%
   Down, Fido, down! [Put it down to = believe it to be caused by, . . . ] 0.3% 15.7%
(2) (idea of illness or defeat)
   We are 14 points down in the game 24%
   Down with influenza

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down, adv. & prep.  
(continued)
(3) (idea of lowness as on a list or scale)
From the richest down to the poorest
Down to the present day
Prices marked down 8%

(4) (idea of decrease of size or activity)
Grind down, wear down
Calm down, die down 3%

The down train 6%

down, adj.

DOZEN, det. & n. 235
A dozen eggs
I'll take a dozen of them
Dozens of letters; dozens and dozens

DRAG, v. 193
(1) (pull a heavy thing along)
Dragging a great branch along
Dragging his foot 51%

(2) (figurative)
There's no need to drag me into the quarrel
Why must you drag me out to a concert on this cold night! 22%

(3) (intransitive, lag behind, move slowly and laboriously)
He dragged behind the others
The meeting dragged on
The play dragged a bit in the third act 10%

(4) (cause to move slowly)
Drag out the meeting by long speeches
Drag out his high notes 6%

[Drag the river, 1%]

DRAW, v. 1346
(1) (pull, pull after one)
Draw a net through the water
The horse draws the cart
He drew on (off) his gloves (1.7%) 11%
DRAW, v. (continued)

Special uses:
- Draw a sword (8.9%)
- Draw a bow (0.5%)
- Draw a rein (0.3%)
- Draw a tooth, a card, a cork (2.2%)
- Draw the curtains (1.0%)

Figurative:
- Draw (down) punishment on oneself (1.1%)
- Draw breath; this pipe won’t draw (2.7%) 17.5%

[The ship draws ten feet, 0.6%; draw lots, 0.2%]

(2) (attract, like a magnet)
- The force of gravity draws things down to earth
- Feel drawn towards him
- The play is drawing huge crowds 5%

(3) (move; mainly rather literary)
- Draw round (0.2%)
- Draw near (4.1%)
- Draw back (1.6%)
- The train drew out, up (1.4%)
- The day drew on (0.7%) 8%

(4) (extract)
- Draw water, beer, etc. (7.3%)
- Draw money from the bank, a cheque (5.9%)
- Draw conclusions (2.7%) 15.9%

(5) (extend)
- Draw (out) a thread in spinning
- Draw wire
- Draw out a discussion 3.2%

(6) (extend or set out in order)
- Draw up a document (5.6%)
- Draw up an army (0.8%) 6.4%

(7) (make a line; depict)
- Draw a line (2.1%)
- Draw a picture (8.2%)
- A drawing (n.) (7.1%) 17.4%

? [Drawn, adj. A drawn game, 0.2%; draw, n. The game was a draw ...]

DRAWER, n. 37 Table-drawer
Chest of drawers (see CHEST)
**DREAM**

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<td>(1) <em>(during sleep)</em></td>
<td>A queer dream</td>
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<td>(2) <em>(while awake, fancy)</em></td>
<td>A day-dream</td>
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<td>I never dreamed of such a thing!</td>
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<td>I would never dream of going</td>
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| dreamy, adj. | 12 |

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<td>Dressed in black</td>
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<td>Get up and dress</td>
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<td>? [Dress up = <em>put on fancy dress</em>, 2%; <em>treat</em>, Dressed leather, dress the land with fertilizer, salad-dressing, 24%]</td>
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<td>Morning dress; evening dress</td>
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<td>Drink water; drink a glass of water</td>
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<td>Drink it up, down, dry</td>
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<td>Blotting paper drinks in water <em>(fig.)</em></td>
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<td>(2) <em>(of alcoholic drinks)</em></td>
<td>Drink deep</td>
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<td>Hard drinking</td>
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<td>He has gone to the bad; he drinks</td>
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<td>Drink to the <em>(health of the)</em> bride</td>
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<td>Drinking-fountain, etc.</td>
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<td>(1) Give the horse a drink</td>
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<td>(2) Strong drink</td>
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<td>Have a drink</td>
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DRIVE

drive, v.

(1) (cause to go)
Drive people away
Drive trade away
Drive cattle along the road
Drives his workers very hard (figurative)

(2) (guide and control a horse or vehicle)
Drive a horse, a cart, a car
(travel in a vehicle)
Drive to the station, in the Park

(3) (direct force onto a thing)
The engines drive the ship
Drive a ball
Drive a nail
An oil engine drives the pump

(4) (figurative)
Pride drove her to do it

? [Drive him out of his senses; drive him mad, 5%]
[Drive a bargain, 1.6%; driving rain, driven snow, 2.8%; What are you driving at?, 0.2%]

36%
29%
13%
4%

drive, n.

A long drive in the car
A drive in cricket or golf, etc.
A drive to house, 0.8%

DROP

drop, n.

(1) (globule of liquid)
A drop of oil
A tear drop
A fruit drop (sweet)
(smallest possible amount of liquid)
And not a drop to drink!

(2) (fall)
A long drop down into the hole
A drop in temperature

3%
3%
13%

drop, v.

(1) (fall)
The fruit dropped down from the tree
He dropped down from the wall
Droppings from the cart, of an animal (n.)

7%
(2%)

140
drop, v. (continued)

Phrase:
- Dropped (down) dead 12%
- Soon dropped back into his old bad ways
- Drop behind
- The prices are dropping
- His voice dropped to a lower note 15%
- (allow to fall)
- Dropped it like a hot coal
- Dropped the title Sir and prefers to be called "Mr." 29%
- [Drop a hint, 1.4%]
- (figurative, cease, discontinue)
  - He takes up one hobby after another and then drops it
  - The Smiths seem to have dropped us (socially)
- [You're making a frightful noise!
  - Drop it!, part of 9%]

Special uses:
- Drop in—Do drop in when you're passing (= pay informal visit) 2%
- Drop off—His friends dropped off one by one
- Drop off to sleep
- Drop short—The bullet dropped short of the mark 1%

DROWN

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drown, v.

(1) If you can't swim, you'll drown
  - He drowned the kittens 53%
(2) (figurative)
  - Drowned in tears 10%
  - His voice was drowned by the noise 12%

drowning, n.

Death by drowning 11%
drowning, adj.

Drowning cries 7%

DRUM, n.

91 (1) (musical instrument; stretched membrane)

Beat the drum
Ear-drum 68%
**DRUM, n.**

*(continued)*

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<th>(2) <em>(thing shaped like a drum)</em></th>
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<td>The rope is wound up on this drum</td>
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<td>An oil drum 15%</td>
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**drum, v.**

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<td>A dry cloth</td>
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<td>Dry weather</td>
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<td>Dry mouth, tongue, eyes</td>
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<td>The sweat was dry on his face</td>
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<td>The well is dry</td>
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<td>Dry land 48%</td>
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<td><em>(2a) (in reference to alcohol)</em></td>
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<td><em>(2b) (figurative, unemotional, dull)</em></td>
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<td>In a dry voice</td>
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<td>A dry form of humour</td>
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<td>A dry book 20%</td>
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**dry, v.**

| (1) Dry one's clothes 20% |
| (2) Wait till it dries |

**dryly, adv., 10; dryness, n., 12**

**DUCK, n.**

| 89 *(the bird; its flesh)* |

**DUE, adj.**

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<td>Money due to me</td>
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<td>The debt is due for payment on Jan. 5th</td>
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<td>To fall due 6%</td>
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<td><em>(proper, right)</em></td>
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<td>The honour (respect) due to him</td>
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<td>With due ceremony 14%</td>
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<td><em>(concerning time)</em></td>
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<td>In due time (course)</td>
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<td>Train is not due yet 5%</td>
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? *(due to)*

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<th><em>(as a result of)</em></th>
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<td>The accident was due to a mistake 69%</td>
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(The whole word is easily replaced by others and is liable to mistake as a synonym of Because of; it may be taught late.)
DULL, adj.  179  
(1)  (of the mind or senses)  
A dull boy  19%  
(2)  (of movement)  
A dull stream  
Trade is very dull  6%  
(3)  (bored, boring)  
Mrs. X is always dull, never merry  4%  
A dull book, speech, evening  36%  
(4)  (not sharp)  
A dull edge on this knife  2%  
(5)  (of colour, surface, sound)  
A dull, not polished, surface  
A dull sky  
Fell with a dull thud  24%  

dull, v.  6%  
dullness, n.  19  

DURING, prep.  197  During the interval  

DUST, n.  242  
(1)  Dust on the road, furniture  
A cloud of dust  
Saw-dust, tea-dust, etc.  67%  
(2)  (figurative)  
Humbled to the dust  
Is as dust (worthless)  
Our dust (= mortal remains)  20%  
dust-/  
dust, v.  4%  
duster, n., l (cloth); dusty, adj., 35  

DUTY, n.  808  
(1)  (what is morally due)  
My duty to my King  
My duty to my children  42%  
(2)  (task or tasks arising from one’s employment)  
The duties of a headmaster  36%  

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<td>(work to be done) On duty; off duty Do duty for Mr. X</td>
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<td>(customs) Pay (customs-) duty</td>
<td>11%</td>
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<td>EACH, det.</td>
<td>(every, considered one by one) On each side; a girl on each arm Each day he seems worse than before Cost a penny each</td>
<td>56%</td>
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<td>(distributive; not always distinguishable from (1)) Gave sixpence to each boy Thanked the boys and gave sixpence to each, to each one</td>
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<td>Phrase: Each other—Can’t see each other in this dim light</td>
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<td>EAGER</td>
<td>192e</td>
<td>130e</td>
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<td>eager, adj.</td>
<td>(enthusiastic) Eager for more work Eager to do his best</td>
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<td>(keen, keenly interested) Eager eye Eager way in which he looked at it</td>
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<td>eagerly, adv.</td>
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<td>EAR, n.</td>
<td>(the organ of hearing) I hear with my ears He has big ears</td>
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<td>Ear-drum, etc.</td>
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<td>[Musical ear, ear for music, 1%] [Numerous phrases, Prick up one’s —, set by the —, stop one’s —, come to the — of, give — to, a patient —, etc., 19%] [ear of corn, 2%]</td>
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EARLY
early, adj. 1805e
(in the day, year, one’s life, history)
Early breakfast
Early peas
Early years of one’s life
Early part of the 19th century 73%
early, adv.
Get up early
Flower very early
As early as 72 B.C. 27%
earliness, n.

EARN, v. 248e
Spend all that I earn
Earn one’s living (one’s keep)
Has earned the title of . . . 65%
Well-earned rest, punishment 11%
earning
Earning power 4%
earnings, n.
My earnings 17%

EARNEST 154e
earnest, adj. (serious)
An earnest believer, worker 52%
Needs your earnest consideration 5%
earnest, n.
In earnest
Are you in earnest, or only joking?
He’s now working in earnest 42%
[-money, 1%]

EARTH 1322e
earth, n.
(1a) (the ground)
Come down to earth (and fig.)
Coal is dug out from below the earth 20%
(1b) (soil)
Dig up a little earth with the plant 8%
(2) (as the abode of man)
Earth and sea and sky
Earth and heaven
All the peoples of the (on) earth
earth, n. (continued)

Phrase:
On earth—Nothing on earth would make me do it

(3) (as a planet; not easily distinguished from (2))
The Earth and the moon

(mainly literary or technical)

? [earth, v. Earth up the potatoes, 0.4%]

earthly, adj., 56e; earthworm, n., 6e; earthy, adj., 12e

? [earthquake, n., 54e]

? [earthenware, n., 12e]

EASE, n. 208e

(1) (absence of pain or discomfort)
Ease and comfort
Take one's ease
Ease of mind
At ease; at his ease

(2) (absence of difficulty)
Did it with ease

(3) (absence of embarrassment)
Ease and grace of her behaviour
Ill at ease

ease, v.

(1) (relieve)
Ease the pain
Ease your mind
Ease the burden, labour

? [2] (loosen)
Ease the door; ease off a rope

EAST, adv., n., adj. 1045e

eastern, 383e

EASY 572e

(1) (not difficult)
This work is easy
An easy language to learn
EASY
(continued)
(2) (comfortable, not hurried)
An easy life
Easy manners
Take things easy 7%
easily, adv. 500e

EAT 889e
eat, v.
(1) (eat food)
Had eaten nothing all day
Does nothing but eat and sleep
something to eat
Have something to eat 88%
(2) (idea of destruction)
Was eaten by a lion 3%
(3) (idea of corrosion)
Acid eats away metal 2%
eating, n.
Eating and drinking 6%
eating-/
Eating-house 2%
[Eat of, . . . ; — her heart out, 0.8%]

EDGE, n. 374e
(1) (sharp edge)
Edge of a knife
Has a keen edge 4%
(2) (narrower part, not flat surface)
The edge of a plate
Stand it up on edge 3%
(3) (border)
The edge of the cliff
The water's edge 82%
edge, v.
(1) Edged with ribbon 3%
(2) (move sideways)
He edged away from the fire 3%
[Edged tools, 1%]

EDUCATE, v. 182e
education, n., 508e; educational, adj., 136e; uneducated, adj., 4e

EFFECT, n. 1216e (result)
Cause and effect
Effects of an illness
Had no effect 61%
**EFFECT, n.** (continued)

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<td>Give effect</td>
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<td>Carry into effect</td>
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<td>(2) <em>impression</em></td>
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<td>Produced an effect</td>
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<td>Don't look at the details; consider the general effect</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td>He only said it for effect</td>
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<td>[Words to this effect, 6%]</td>
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**effect, v.**

|  |
|-------------------|-----|
| [Have failed to effect a cure | 16% |

**effective, 286e; effectively, 42e**

**efficient, adj., 130e; efficiency, n., 224e; efficiently, 26e**

[afflict, 370e]

**EFFORT, n.** 784e

*(struggle, putting forth of strength)*

| The climb was too great an effort |  |
| Make an effort |  |
| With an effort | 99% |
| Without effort |  |
| [One of my best efforts = achievement, 1%] |  |

**EGG, n.** 497e

| A hen's egg; an insect's egg | 87% |
| Egg-white, etc. | 7% |

*[Phrases and proverbs, e.g., Bad eggs, etc., egg on, 5%]*

**EITHER, det.** 1166e

| (1) *each of two* |  |
| Curtains on either side of the window | 13% |
| (2) *one or other* |  |
| Sit on either side, whichever you like |  |
| Here are two brushes; use either | 13% |

*either . . . or, conj.*

| Either one thing or the other | 70% |
| Either be quiet, or go away |  |
| not . . . either | 4% |

| It isn’t his, and it isn’t mine either |  |
ELASTIC, adj. 60e Rubber is very elastic
elastic, n. A piece of elastic
elasticity, n. 48e

ELDER, adj. 184e My elder brother
[="older," more ancient, 10%] 40%
elder, n. Your elders and betters
Elder of the church 13% 35%

ELECT, v. 466e (choose by vote)
[Elect to do, 1%; adj., The elect, 2%] 94%
election, n. 494e Election to the club
Political election 22% 73%

ELECTRICITY, n. 128e It goes by electricity
electrician, n. 4e
electric, adj. 338e
electrical, adj. 130e An electrical engineer
[The effect was electrical, 3%] 97%

ELEPHANT, n. 92e (the animal) 96%

ELSE, adv. 606e (1) (other)
No one (someone) else
Nowhere (somewhere) else
This isn't my hat; it's someone else's
Little (nothing) else besides this (otherwise) 77%
(2) How else can I manage?
Why else should I have come? 5%
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<td>198e</td>
<td>You ought to have it mended or else sell it? [Do it! Or else I shall punish you]</td>
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<td>elsewhere, adv.</td>
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<td>EMPIRE, n.</td>
<td>574e</td>
<td>(1) (rule, power, form of government) Held empire over many lands</td>
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<td>The social life of Romans under the Empire</td>
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<td>The Holy Roman Empire</td>
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<td>(2) (area of land)</td>
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<td>The British Empire is coloured red on this map</td>
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<td>[figurative, 2%]</td>
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<td>EMPLOY, v.</td>
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<td>Employ one's mind, time</td>
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<td>He employs a thousand men</td>
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<td>268e</td>
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<td>employment, n.</td>
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<td>(1) (state of being employed)</td>
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<td>Out of employment</td>
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<td>What is his employment?</td>
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<td>EMPTY, adj.</td>
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<td>(1) An empty house, box, street, stomach, ship</td>
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<td>(2) (figurative)</td>
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<td>Empty threat, praise, promises, hopes</td>
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<td>empty, v.</td>
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<td>Empty the bottle into the jug</td>
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ENCLOSE, v. 104e
Enclose the garden with a wall
Enclose land
A house enclosed by trees 73%
I enclose a cheque in this letter 21%

enclosure, n. 14e
(thing enclosed in a letter; space enclosed)

ENCOURAGE, v. 258e (1) (fill with courage)
Encouraged by this success
Encouraged the men by his example
Encouraged them with a stirring speech 24%

(2) (promise, help to continue)
Encourage home industries
Warmth encourages the growth 74%

couragement, n. 72e

END 2269e
(end, n.) (furthest point)
The end of the road, of a stick, of a box
The end of the year, of his life, of the world 56%

Phrases:
There's no end to the expense 0.2%
The East End of London 1.4%
End to end 0.4%
In the end 4.4%
Standing on end; [years on end] 0.4%
World without end 0.1%
Bring to an end; come to an end; put an end to 6.4%

[end-piece, etc. 0.4%]
[= aim, To this end; serve his wicked ends, 5.9%]

end, v. (1) (intransitive)
The lane ended in a field
A stick ending in a point
His life ended in misery
The match ended in a draw 16%
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<td>(transitive) It is time to end this discussion The happy ending of a story</td>
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<td>796e (unfriendly person) Jones is my enemy An enemy of freedom And the last enemy is Death (in war) The French were our enemies in 1815 Fight against the enemy Enemy ships</td>
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<td>274e (machine) Fire-engine, etc. Steam-engine, petrol engine The train has two engines</td>
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<td>Engine-driver, -shed, etc.</td>
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<td>576e (civil engineer, maker of bridges, roads, etc.; vague) (mechanical engineer) (military; one of The Engineers)</td>
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<td>ENJOY, v.</td>
<td>434e Enjoy a book, enjoy reading, enjoy oneself [Enjoy good health, enjoy the bad reputation of . . . ]</td>
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<td>enjoyable, adj., 4e; enjoyment, n., 62e</td>
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ENOUGH

Enough, adj. 1523e

Enough light to read by
Have you had enough to eat?
Enough has been said 32%
[Is it not enough that (if) you have ruined him?, 6.3%]

Enough, adv.

The best is only just good enough for me 47%
[disparaging, Good enough in his way, 0.3%; intensive, Good enough! = very good, 0%]

ENQUIRE

(see INQUIRE)

ENTER, v. 1118e

(1) (go in, come in)
Enter the room
Enter into the forest 50%

(2) (of an actor)
Enter Macbeth, left 6%

(3) (become a member of)
Enter the army, a profession, the church, a school 16%

(4) (various uses)
Enter into a partnership, treaty
Never entered my thoughts 4%

? [I enter on my duties next Wednesday, 6%]

? [I will not enter into this subject, 2%]

(5) (write down in a list)
Enter an item in the accounts; enter up an item
Enter one’s name for . . . 2%

entrance, n. 224e

(1) (act of entering)
There was silence during the entrance of the king
Irving made his entrance amid loud applause 20%

(2) (figurative)
Entrance into college
Oath to be taken on entrance into office 6%

(3) (door-way or gate)
The entrance to the hall is very narrow 61%

Entrance-fee, -hall, -money 5%
ENTERTAIN, v. 132e (1) (amuse)
    He entertained me with stories of his travels
(2) (receive as a guest)
    Entertain at dinner
    [accept an idea]

entertaining, adj.

entertainment, n. 110e

ENTIRE, adj. 380e (whole, complete)
    The entire weight
    Entire happiness
    Entire absence of . . .

entirely, adv. 576e

ENTRANCE, n. (see ENTER)

ENVELOPE, n. 66e (1) (covering of letter)
(2) (general and figurative senses)
    [verb (envelop), 36%]

ENVY, v. 68c Envy him because of his riches
    Envy the wealthy man his riches
    I don’t envy you the job of explaining how the money was lost

envy, n.
    Filled with envy at his success, of his success
    Her dress was the envy of all

envious, adj. 22e

EQUAL, adj. 642e (1) (in quantity)
    Two equal parts
(2) (in quality)
    Of equal rank; all men are equal

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| **EQUAL**, adj. (continued) | phrase: Equal to the occasion 4%  
[Other things being equal, 1%] |           |
| equal, n.  | My equals and my inferiors 6%  
As a soldier he had no equal |           |
| equal, v.  | Two plus two equals four 9% |           |
| equally, adv., 328e; equality, n., 102e |           |           |
| **ESCAPE**, v. 578e (1) (get free from confinement) Escape from (out of) prison 27%  
Gas escaping from a leak |           |
| escape, n. | Make an escape 22%  
Had a wonderful escape  
A narrow escape  
An escape of gas 20% |           |
| **ESPECIAL**, adj. 34e (1) (unusual, exceptional) Of especial importance 41%  
(2) (particular), For your especial benefit 53% |           |
| especially, adv. |           |           |
| **ESSENCE**, n. 52e (1) (most important quality or part) Caution is the essence of his character 65%  
Tell the essence of the matter in a few words  
(2) (perfume, essential oil, extract) Essence of flowers; meat essence 23% |           |
**essential, adj.** 308e

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<th>(in essence)</th>
<th>Saw the essential dishonesty of his plan</th>
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<td>It is essential (essentially necessary) that we should act quickly</td>
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**[Essential oil, 4%]**

**essential, n.**

The essentials of the problem 14%

**essentially, adv.** 106e

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<th>Essentially a peace-loving people</th>
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<td>The three accounts are essentially the same</td>
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<td>Essentially necessary</td>
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**EVEN** 2881e

| (giving an emotional emphasis) | Yet even so; even now; not even one; even if; even though; even more | 95% |
| I even lent him my clothes | 95% |

**even, adv.**

| (largely replaceable by Level, Flat, Smooth, Equal, Just) | Try to draw your lines more even (evenly) adv. | 16% |
| I owe you 2/6 and you owe me 2/6: so we're even | 95% |

**Special use:**

Even numbers and odd numbers [poetical = evening, 0.2%]

**EVENING, n.** 452c

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<th>At seven in the evening</th>
<th>This evening; tomorrow evening</th>
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<td>Good evening</td>
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<td>A musical evening</td>
<td>A pleasant evening (= party)</td>
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**evening./**

Evening-dress, -classes, etc. 13%

**EVENT, n.** 510e

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<th>(happening)</th>
<th>The chief events of the year</th>
<th>71%</th>
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<td>In the natural course of events</td>
<td>95%</td>
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EVENT, n. (continued)

(2) (happening of importance or interest)
Going out to tea is quite an event in our dull lives 4%

(3) (item in sports)
The next event is a flat race 5%

(4) (outcome, result)
It is easy to be wise after the event
At all events (6%)
? [In that event = if that happens]
? [In the event of . . .]
17%

un/eventful, adj. 10c

EVER, adv. 2002e

(1) (always)
Lived happily ever after
For ever and ever
Ever since
[Had ever been = had always been;
Must ever be = must always be,
2.5%]

(2) (at any time)
Did you ever visit Paris before the war?
Will he ever settle down to work? 59%

? [(3) (intensive; see Introductory matter)]
As fast as ever you can
Before ever I set eyes on him
Why ever did you do it?
Who ever heard of such a thing? 14%

ever-/ever-

My ever-widening interests 2%

everlasting, adj. 34e

EVERY, adj. 2867e

(each one not omitting any)
I tried on every hat, but not one fitted
Every time I go to his house, he’s out

every-/ever-

Everybody; everyone 85%

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**EVIL**

**evil, adj.**

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<td>Evil thoughts; evil deeds</td>
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<td>The Evil One; an evil spirit</td>
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<td>The evil system of . . .</td>
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<td>Has had evil results</td>
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<td>Put off the evil day</td>
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<td>Has fallen upon evil days</td>
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**evil, n.**

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<td>Deliver us from evil</td>
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<td>Speak evil of</td>
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<td>Wish him evil</td>
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<td>Choose the lesser of two evils</td>
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<td>Poverty is the least of all evils</td>
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**EXACT, adj.**

**exact, adv.**

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<td>An exact observer</td>
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<td>The exact sciences</td>
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<td>Moves in an exact circle</td>
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<td>What's the exact total?</td>
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<td>These were his exact words</td>
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<td>Repeat exactly what he said</td>
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<td>It fits me exactly</td>
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<td>You're exactly the man we want</td>
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<td>That's exactly what I said! “I think he's made a silly mistake.”</td>
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<td>“Exactly! I quite agree.”</td>
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exactly, adv. (continued)  (3) (with a negative, showing hesitation or lack of frankness)
He didn’t exactly deny it, but

He isn’t exactly learned, but he has read a lot

EXAMINATION, n. 190e  (1) (of a witness, sick person, or luggage, accounts)  53%
(2) (school or college test)  43%

examine, v. 300e  (1) (scrutinise a thing)
Examined the specimens  67%
(2) (test the truth of)
Examine the subject  27%
(3) (school and witness)  4%

examiner, 36e (school, 61%)

EXAMPLE, n. 826e  (1) (specimen, sample)
Many great men have been bad at school work; Churchill is an example; —for example, Churchill
An example of the work  75%
(2) (model)
Set an example
Follow your example
A good (bad) example  18%
[Make an example of = punish, 2%]

EXCELLENT, adj. 336e  (very good)  97%

excellence, n., 72e; excellently, adv., 14e

EXCEPT, prep. 742e  Everyone was present except (-ing)
excepting, prep.  Mr. X  38%
except(-ing), conj.  The recipe is the same except that you use less butter  5%
except[-ing], conj. (continued)
Nowhere else except here
No rest, except in heaven
I can't get anything done except by
doing it myself

38%

Good except for a few mistakes

9%

exception, n. 234e
(1) Most great men are healthy men,
but there have been exceptions
There are three exceptions to this
rule of grammar

55%

Phrases:
Make an exception of you
With the exception of . . .
Without exception the most . . .
[exceptional, adj., exceptional, adv., exceptionally, adv., exceptionally]

EXCESS, n. 166c
An excess of furniture
Excess baggage, — postage

Phrase:
Carry it to excess

(This word is of doubtful value, except in respect of luggage and postage.)

[excessive, adj., 94e; excessively, adv., 16e]

EXCHANGE, v. 408e
(1) (take or get one thing for another)
Exchange hats
Exchange French money for
English money
17%
(2) (give and receive)
Exchange blows, views
10%
exchange, n.
An exchange of prisoners
Money exchange; Rate of ex-
change; Bill of Exchange
33%
In exchange for
The Exchange; The Corn Ex-
change (building)
13%

EXCITE, v. (? 182e
(1) (cause activity in)
Excite a nerve, the mind, etc.
10%
(2) (provoke emotion)
Excite interest, wonder
25%
Excite a smile

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EXCITE, v.  (continued)
(exciting, adj.)

(3) (stimulate)
The story excited me so much that I could not sleep 18%

excitement, n., 124e

EXCUSE, v.  150e
(excuse, n.)

(1) (forgive)
He was late, but the teacher excused him
Please excuse me for being late
Excuse me! Excuse me for interrupting 28%

(2) (extenuate, act as an excuse for)
Such actions can be excused only by the necessities of war 11%

(3) (exempt)
Excused from attending class
Excused himself from going to the party 9%

EXERCISE, n.  438e

(1) (employment)
Exercise of one's powers of mind and body
In the exercise of his duties 14%

(2) (muscular exercise)
Take the horses for two hours' exercise
You must take more exercise 13%

(3) (set form of training)
Swedish exercises; gymnastic exercises 7%

(4) (school task)
Write a French exercise 6%
exercise, v.  
? [1] (use, employ)  
He exercised his powers and released the prisoner  
(2) (of physical exercise)  
Exercise the horses, your muscles  
(The word was selected mainly for Noun items 2 and 4.)

EXIST, v.  818e  
(1) (be, be real)  
Such evils exist  
These rocks have existed for thousands of years  
(2) (live)  
Cannot exist without air  
The existing government

eexisting, adj.  

existence, n.  448e  
In existence; come into existence  
A wretched existence  
Struggle for mere existence

EXPECT, v.  792e  
(1) (look forward to an event)  
I expect payment in five days  
Expect a visit from my mother  
Expecting a baby  
Just what you would have expected of him; just as I expected  
Expect to be paid, to have a visit, etc.  
Expect that I will be paid, etc.  
(2) (rely on)  
I can’t be expected to work ten hours a day for that wage  
You mustn’t expect any mercy from him  
(3) (confidently think)  
I expect you’ve already heard that . . .  
I expect you know . . .

(The percentage of (3) is possibly too small; it is not easily distinguished from (1) and (2)).

expectation, n.  94e  
In a state of expectation  
Come up to my expectations  
Not equal to my expectations  
Contrary to my expectations  
In expectation of
| EXPENSE, 390e | 1. Income and expense  
The expense of a good education  
Go to the expense of buying a car 60%  
2. (plural)  
Legal expenses  
You must pay my expenses 11%  
3. At my expense  
At the expense of his reputation 25%  |
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| EXPERIENCE, n. 780e | 1. (actual observation)  
Learn by experience  
Speak from experience 17%  
2. (event experienced)  
A strange experience in a haunted house  
My experiences in Africa 36%  
3. (knowledge gained by practice)  
Teacher with ten years' experience 27%  |
| experience, v. |  |
| experienced, adj. | Experienced teacher of mathematics 7%  |
| EXPERIMENT, n. 406e | 1. (thing done as a test)  
Stay here for a month, as an experiment to see if we like it 26%  
2. (scientific experiment)  
3. (process of experimenting)  
Learn by experiment 55%  |
| experiment, v. |  |
| experimental, adj., 92e; experimentally, adv., 12e |  |
| EXPLAIN, v. 614e | 1. (make clear)  
Explain how the results were obtained  
Explain my meaning, the lesson 37%  
2. (make clear that)  
He explained that the results were obtained by electricity 21%  |
EXPLAIN, v. (continued)  
(3) He tried to explain away the loss of the money (which he had, in fact, stolen)  
(4) (show one's motives) Explain yourself! Why did you do it?  

explanation, n. 178e

EXPLODE, v. 50e  
(1) The gunpowder exploded  
He exploded the gunpowder  
(2) (figurative) Exploded with rage  
Exploded the theory; that theory is exploded  

explosion, n. 122e

explosive 80e  
(adj.)  
(noun)  

EXPLORE, v. 56e  
(1) Explore unknown Africa  
Go exploring in strange lands  
(2) (figurative) Explore a subject  
Explore every possibility  

explorer, n., 70e; exploration, n., 68e

EXPRESS, v. 602e  
(1) (show by symbols) Express the relation between x and y  
(2) (show by words) What oft was thought but ne'er so well expressed  
(3) (show or tell one's feelings) Express one's feelings  
Expressed himself strongly  

? [express, adj., Express train, 2%]
expression, n. 446e A. (1) (telling ideas)
Clear expression of one’s meaning 14%
(2) (showing feelings; outward sign of inner forces)
The decorations are an expression
of our loyalty
Self-expression in Art
The growth of a plant is an expression
of the life-force within it 40%
(3) (form of words or symbols)
Used some curious expressions
The expression $\sqrt{(x+y)}$ 18%
B. (of the face)
She has a very sad expression
There’s no expression in her face;
it is quite blank 23%

EXTEND, v. 576e (1) (be stretched out in area or in length)
The garden extends as far as the river
The road extends for miles 30%
(2) (stretch out in space or length)
Extend the building
Extend the railway line as far as Morden 25%
(3) (figurative)
Extend the application of the rule
to cover . . .
Extend one’s business
Extend one’s visit, the time 23%
(4) (hold out)
Extend one’s arm, hand
Extend kindness to 13%

extension, n. 176e (1) (act of pulling or spreading out)
Extension of a wire
Extension of the arms
Extension of the forest, estate
Extension of a building 15%
(2) (the extended part)
New houses in the northern extension of the town
We have 100 more beds in the extension of the hospital 27%
extension, n. (continued)  
(3) (of time) 
Grant him an extension of time  14% 
(4) (figurative) 
Extension of the infection, disease  41% 
Extension of education 

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extensive, adj.  244e  
Extensive land (property) in Scotland  
Extensive purchases of wheat 

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extensively, adv.  40e  
The exact extent of his powers is not made clear  
To a certain extent; to a great extent; to the full extent  
[The vast extent of St. Paul's, 19%]  79% 

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EXTRA, adj.  96e  
Extra pay for extra work  
An extra bed in the room  79% 
extra, n.  
A lot of extras on the bill (extra charges)  8% 
extra, adv.  
Extra fine soap  6% 
extra-/  
(mainly in technical and scientific words)  6% 

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EXTRAORDINARY, adj.  260e  
(1) (not usual)  
Extra-ordinary powers  7% 
Extra-ordinary expenses 
(2) (exceptional, astonishing)  
Mozart was an extra-ordinary child  88% 
She was wearing an extra-ordinary hat! 
[Physician extra-ordinary to the Queen, 5%] 

extraordinarily, adv.  38e
EXTREME, adj. 324e  
(1) (literally furthest from the centre; very far)  
The two extreme ends of the rod
The extreme range of the gun  20%

(2) (intense, more than usual)  
Extreme desire for knowledge
Take extreme measures  44%

(3) (of opinions)  
He holds very extreme views
He is very extreme in his views  16%

extreme, n.  
In the extreme; carry to an extreme  20%

extremely, adv. 218e  
(= very)  97%

EYE, n. 1918e  
(the organ of sight; figurative)  
See with my eyes
He has lost one eye  61%

Phrases:
Open his eyes to (= cause to understand)
Have an eye for (= notice, appreciate)
Turn your eyes to
See with the naked eye
Angry eyes; loving eyes, etc.
Catch the eye of  4.7%
With an eye to; have an eye to  5%

In the eyes of (the law)  4% 38%
[Make eyes at, part of 38%; all my eye! and various slang, 0.7%]

Eye-/  
Eye-bath, etc.  0.5%

? [eye, v., 0.5%]

eye-ball, n., 6e; eyebrow, n., 6e; eyelash, n., 4e; eyelid, n., 26e; eye-sight, n., 8e; ? [eye-witness, n., 4e]

FACE 1113e  
(1) (countenance)  
A pretty face; a hairy face
The face of a monkey
A full-face portrait

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### FACE

**Phrases:**
- Look him in the face 2.2%
- Face to face 1.4%
- Throw it in his face 1.2% 37%

**(2) (presence)**
- In the face of danger
- Say it to his face
- [Stand before his face; _literary_] 8%

**(3) (— as a sign of emotion)**
- Angry face; pale face

**Phrase:**
- Make faces at 0.8% 14%

**(4) (surface)**
- The face of the country, of the cliff
- The face of a crystal
- The face of a clock
- Face-powder, face-ache, etc.

**FACT, n.** 2882e
- Fact not fiction
- I know it as (for) a fact
- Is it a fact that . . . ?
- The writer's facts are not correct 55%

**Phrases:**
- In fact 17%
- As a matter of fact 8%
- The fact of its being . . . 17%
- The fact of the matter is that . . . 1%

### FACTORY, n. 422e

**(place of manufacture)** 78%
- A silk factory 22%
- Factory-girl, -man, -inspector, etc.

### FADE, v. 130e

**(1) (wither)**
- These flowers have faded 14%

**(2) (of a colour, lose depth)**
- The red sky faded to pink
- The curtains have faded 40%

**(3) (die away)**
- The sound faded into silence
- The light faded
- His glory has faded 27%

**faded, adj.**
- Faded flowers, curtains 11%
FAIL, v. 764c
(1) (be unsuccessful)
He failed in the examination
The attempt failed
His business has failed
The crop failed
51%
(2) (become inadequate or weak)
On the eleventh day our water failed
His health has been failing for some time
The wind failed and we could not go on
11%
Phrase:
He failed to turn up
[become bankrupt, 2%]

failure, n. 428c
(1) (non-success)
Our efforts ended in failure
37%
(2) (an example of non-success)
The party was a failure
He has been a failure
36%
(3) (inadequacy)
A failure of justice
A failure in the electricity supply
20%
[bankrupt, 8%]

FAINT, adj. 228e
(1) (lacking energy and determination)
Faint heart never won fair lady
He made a faint attempt to stand up
9%
(2) (of colours, sounds, etc.)
A faint sound, smell
57%
Phrase:
Not the faintest chance of (that)
8%
(3) (idea of swooning as in the verb)
She fainted
(to swoon)
2%

gait, n.
(swoon)
2%

faintly 56c

fainness 6c
(Confusion may be avoided by using Unconscious in place of meaning (3) adj., v. and n.)
FAIR, adj. 1187e  A. (moderate, moderately good)
   A fair number
   A fair piece of work—but not very good
   A fair copy
   (8%)  
B. (just, equitable)
   A fair share
   Fair play; play fair (adv.)
   That's not fair!
   (20%)  
C. (light coloured)
   Fair hair, skin
   [beautiful, propitious—Bids fair, speak fair, etc., all rather literary, ? 71%]  
   (These percentages are doubtful)

unfair, adj. 40e

fairly, adv. 320e  A. (1) (moderately)
   A fairly good book, not very good
   Feeling fairly well
   (43%)

   (2) (= very, entirely; not easily distinguished from A.(1) because of the English habit of understatement)
   I did fairly well in the exam, far better than I expected
   [Fairly taken aback at the news]
   (34%)

B. (justly)
   Deal fairly with
   Won the prize quite fairly
   May fairly be described as . . .
   (22%)

FAITH, n. 412e  (1) (trust, loyalty)
   Put faith in human goodness
   (48%)

   Phrases:
   Pin one's faith on
   Keep faith
   A breach of faith
   In good faith
   (17%)

   (2) (in a religious sense)
   The Christian faith
   The faith by which we know God
   (23%)

faithful, adj. 200e  (1) (loyal)
   His faithful dog, servant
   (70%)

   (2) (exact)
   A faithful account of, copy of
   (16%)

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faithful, adj. (continued) (3) (religious sense)
The Faithful 7%

faithfully, adv. 60c
Served him faithfully for 30 years 60%
Copied faithfully from the original 30%
Yours faithfully (end of letter) 7%
Promised faithfully 3%

FALL 1869e
fall, n.
(1) (accidental descent; collapse)
The fall of an apple
I had a bad fall
The fall of Rome, of Man
(= death) The fall of their leader 8%
(2) (slope, decline; decrease)
The fall of the river, drain, etc.
Niagara Falls
A fall in prices 5%
[= autumn, 5%]
fall, v.
(1a) (descend)
The apple fell
Rain fell
The horse fell down
Fall down dead
Phrases:
Night fell 0.5%
Let fall 1.6% 29%
(1b) (with the idea of hitting a mark)
A spear fell on his shield
His eye fell on her
The expense will fall on me 9%
(2) (idea of accidents happening)
Fall in love 5.0%
Fall into conversation 0.8%
Fall short (fig.) 1.0% 6.8%
(3) (idea of collapse, disaster, loss of resistance)
The government fell
The city fell
Fall into disuse 5%
(4) (idea of decrease)
The wind fell 1.7%
The music rose and fell 1.5%
Prices fell 3.0%
Fall off (= decrease) 0.6% 6.8%
#### fall, v. (continued)

**Special uses:**
- Fall back on *(use a reserve)* 1.0%
- Fall in! Fall out! *(army order)* 0.3%
- ? [Fall out (= disagree)] 0.3%
- (Fall out = happen, 0.8%; fall through = fail, 0.2%)

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falsehood, n., 50e; falsely, adv., 8e

#### FAMILIAR, adj. 420e

(1) *(on easy terms with)*
- Familiar friend
- He spoke in a familiar way
- Impertinent and too familiar 38%

(2) *(well known)*
- Familiar article of every-day use
- The facts are familiar to you all 60%

#### FAMILY, n. 1211e

(1a) *(the group of persons living in one household, including the servants)*
(1b) *(father, mother and children)*
- He has a large family, six children 62%

(2) *(all the descendants of one line)*
- He belongs to an old family, the Cecils 18%

(3) *(a class of plants or animals)*
- Family-life, etc. 11%
FAMOUS, adj. 578e
A famous man
A famous building
A hotel famous for its cookery 95%

FAN, n. 82e
A fan held in the hand
An electric fan
fan-/ Fan-tailed, etc.
fun, v. Fanned herself

FANCY 374e
fancy, n. (1) Fancy, not fact
A wild fancy
I have a fancy that he won't come 37%

? [(2) I have taken a fancy to him 7%]
fancy, adj. (1) Fancy basket, work 6%
(2) Fancy price 2%
fancy, v. (1) (imagine)
I fancy myself in ancient Rome,
that I am in —, myself to be in
Fancied she heard a voice 29%

(2) (believe without proof)
I fancy he won't come 6%

? [(3) (take a liking to)
May eat anything you fancy 3%]

fanciful, adj. 18e

FAR 1834e
far, adv. (1) (distant)
He is far from the land
Far and near (0.9%)

Phrases:
Far from being pleased
Not pleased, far from it! (6%)
[Far be it from me to —, 0.1%] 19%
(2) (to a distance; to a distant point).
Never goes far (away) from home
A post driven far (down) into the ground

? [He should go far = be successful, 3.5%] 11%
**far, adv. (continued)**

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**far, adj.**

| The Far North | 5% |
| The far end | 2% |
| Far-seeing, etc. | 2% |

**far away, adj.**

| 12e |

**far off, adj.**

| 46e |
| Far-off lands 65% |
| Far-off days 26% |

**far-reaching, adj.**

| 26e |

**farther, adv. (see below)**

| |

**farthest, adj., adv.**

| 24e |

**FARM, n.**

| 882e |
| A sheep farm, mixed farm, etc. |

**farm-/-**

| Farm-house, -labourer, -yard, etc. |

**farmer, n.**

| 928e |

**FARTHER**

| [FURTHER] |

**farther, adv.**

| Can run farther than he 43% |
| Need argue no farther (fig.) 16% |

**farther, adj.**

| The farther side of the hill 2% |
| Without further argument (fig.) 38% |

174
FASHION, n. 356e

- [(1) (way manner)]
  In a fashion, after a fashion 36%

- [(2) (vogue)]
  Set, follow, be the fashion
  In fashion; out of fashion
  Come into, go out of fashion
  Paris fashions 47%

[fashion, v., 12%]

fashionable, adj. 46e

FAST 826e

fast, adj. & adv. A. (tight, tightly)
Stick fast; hold fast.
Fast asleep 0.3% 26%

- [Fast colours, 1%; followed fast, ...]

B. A fast train
Run fast

- [Fast woman, 1%; verb = take no
  food, 9%]

fasten, v. 118e
Fasten these papers together
It fastens up the back

fastener, n. 2e
Paper-fastener

FAT 236e

fat, adj.

- [(1) A fat man, sheep Fat meat 61%
  (= thick)]
  Plant with fat leaves
  A fat book

- [(2) (figurative)]
  Fat pastures
  A fat smile

fat, n.

Cooking fat, beef fat
Oils and fats 18%

fatness, n., 2e; fatten, v., 8e; fatty, adj., 10e
FATE, n. 348e
(1) (supernatural power, goddess)
The will of Fate
(2) (what is destined)
It is my fate to be
The fate of empires
May share his fate

FACTOR, n.

FAULT, n. 224e
(1) (defect of character)
Her only fault is that she is too fussy
(2) (piece of wrong-doing)
Punishment for my faults
(3) (slip, error, defect in a thing)
Some fault in the machinery
The valves are at fault

Phrases:
To find fault with
It's not my fault
The fault lies with . . .

faultless, adj., 18e; faulty, adj., 20e

FAVOUR 800e
favour, n.
(goodwill)
Showed favour to Mr. X
Looked with favour on the plan
In favour, out of favour
Do me a favour
I am in favour of going; those in favour say Aye

favour, v.
(1) (approve)
He favours a moderate policy
Favour the idea of . . .
(2) (help)
He favours his own pupils in the exam
Fortune favours the bold
The weather favoured our work

favourable, adj., 186e; favourably, adv., 72e
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<td>Tom is his favourite</td>
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<td>The fear of death</td>
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<td>Was in fear of his life</td>
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<td>(1) (religious sense, festival) The Feast of St. John</td>
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FEATHER, n. 104e  A bird's feathers 75%
feather-/
feather, v.

FEED 346e
feed, v.
(1) (give food to)
   Feed the chickens 50%
   He feeds the animals on hay
(2) (eat)
   Feed at a restaurant 14%
   Feed on the fat of the land
(3) (supply fuel or material to a machine)
   Supply fuel to the machine 12%
feed, n.
(1) (act of feeding)
   Give an ounce of medicine at each feed 8%
   Off his feed
(2) (food)
   Give the horse a feed 4%
(3) (of a machine)
   The feed of the paper to the printing press 2%

FEEL, v. 1615e
(1a) (transitive, = touch)
   Feel my pulse; feel how fast it is 1%
   [Feel one's way = approach a matter cautiously, . . . ]
(1b) (have a sensation of touch)
   Feel the sand between my fingers 6%
   Feel the knife touch my skin
   It feels soft
(2) (have a sensation; not always distinguishable from (3))
   Feel oneself falling 14%
   Feel the cold
   Feel cold, ill, well, sleepy, etc.
   [Feel up to the work, not feel quite oneself, . . . ]
(3) (have an emotion; not always distinguishable from (2))
   Feel angry, sad, grateful, happy, etc.
   Feel the loss keenly
FEEL, v.  
(continued)
I feel for you  
I feel as if I had lost a father  
I feel like doing it, inclined to do it  26%
(4) (have a conviction; think)  
Feel sure, certain, doubtful  
I feel that this is not the right time to act  18%
[Feel like a glass of beer = want]  
(1) (sense of touch)  
I’ve no feeling in my fingers  1%
(2a) (pleasure, pain and emotion)  
Feeling of pleasure, pain  
Feeling of hope  
Feeling of ease, equality, etc.  
Showed such nice feeling in sending these flowers  
Good feeling; ill-feeling  14%
(2b) (feelings = sensibilities)  
You’ve hurt my feelings  6%
(3) (attitude, conviction)  
I cannot go against the feeling of the nation  
No particular feeling in the matter  
A feeling that it’s going to be a success  11%

FEEL, n.
The feel of silk  1%

FELLOW, n.  844e  
(1) (associate)  
My fellow-workers, fellow-men  
My school fellows  13%
(2) (member of a learned society)  
Fellow of St John’s College  
Fellow of the Royal Society  4%
(3) (person)  
A nice fellow, a good fellow  
My good fellow!  76%

FELLOWSHIP, n.  34e  
(1) (comradeship)  
(2) (an association or body)  
(3) (membership, e.g. of a college)  59%  6%  35%

FEMALE  186e  
(female, adj.  
(animal; organ)  64%
(female, n.  36%
| **FENCE** | 124e | A wire fence | 83%  |
| **fence, n.** | 124e | Fence off a piece of land [Fence with a sword, 3%] | 10%  |
| **fence, v.** | 160c | (1) condition of the body, pyrexia) | 33%  |
| | | (2) disease causing pyrexia) | 44%  |
| | | Malarial fever, scarlet fever | 14%  |
| | | (3) figurative = excitement) | 5%   |
| | | Fever-hospital, etc. | 5%   |

| **FEVER, n.** | 160c | (1) opposite of Many) |
| | | Has few friends, so few friends,
| | | very few friends | (51%) |
| | | Few realize this fact | (4.5%) |
| | | Few of his friends were present | (1.8%) |
| | ?[The many . . . the few, | (1.5%)| 58.8% |
| | | a few | (2) (A few = several) |
| | | A few people came | |
| | | A few of the people came | |
| | | A few others | |
| | | A few more of | |
| | | Every few hours | 40% |

| **FEW, det.** | 2012e | (1) enclosed agricultural land) |
| | | A corn-field | 24% |
| | | Plough the fields | |
| | | Special uses: | |
| | | Field of battle; win the field; | |
| | | leave the field; football field, | |
| | | cricket field, etc. | 19.7% |
| | | Field of snow, of ice; coal field | |
| | | (various technical uses, e.g. | |
| | | Bleaching field) | 9.5% |
| | | (2) figurative uses) | |
| | | The field of history, of science, | |
| | | of study | 25% |
| | | Field of vision; magnetic field | 3.1% |
| | | (1) Field-mouse, etc. | 4.1% |
| | | (2) Field-gun, Field-Marshall, etc. | 4.0% |
### FIERCE

fierce, adj.

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fiercely, adv.

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<th>The fight raged more fiercely than</th>
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### FIGHT

fight, n.

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<td>A stand-up fight</td>
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fight, v.

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<td>Fight for the King, the right</td>
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<td>Fight it out</td>
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fighter, n.

### FIGURE, n.

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<th>(shape of a man)</th>
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<td>Saw a ghostly figure</td>
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<td>The figure of St. John in the church window</td>
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**FIGURE, n.**  
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<td>Good at figures</td>
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<td>The bill comes to a large figure</td>
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<td>[verb, Figure out = calculate, 4%; figure in a play, 2%]</td>
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**FILL, v.**  
784e

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<td>Fill one's pockets, one's time</td>
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<td>The tank soon filled</td>
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<td>Filled with joy</td>
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<td>Fill an office <em>(fig.)</em></td>
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<td>Fill in—Fill in the blank spaces</td>
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<td>Fill out—The sails filled out</td>
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<td>? [You have filled out; you're fatter]</td>
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**fill up**  
Fill up a glass, one's time, a hole, a form  
[fill, n.—Eat one's fill, 3.3%]  
[fill = adulterate, 0.3%]

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**full, adj.**  
1351e

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<td>I'm full; I can't eat any more</td>
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<td>A house full of people</td>
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<td>Heart full of joy</td>
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<td>Make full notes</td>
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<td>A full seven years</td>
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<td>Full brother, corporal</td>
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<td>Full face portrait; On full pay</td>
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<td>Full moon, tide</td>
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<td>At full speed; with his full force</td>
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**full-])**  
Full-cream, full-breasted, etc.

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**full, n.**

Pay him in full  
2.2%

[To the full, 0.2%]

[Full, adv., full many, full well, etc., 18%]

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**FILM, n.**

238e

(1) (*thin layer*)

A film of oil on the water  
A film of mist  
13%

(2) (*in photography and the cinema*)  
80%

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**FIND, v.**

3874e

(1a) (*discover by accident*)

I found a penny in the sand  
When walking in the garden I found your sister sitting there  
29%

(1b) (*obtain as by accidental finding*)

Find amusement in  
Find a market; find readers  
8%

[(1c) (*observe or declare as being*)

Find it funny, impossible; found the prisoner guilty,  
19%]

(2a) (*discover by searching*)

I've found your watch; it was under your pillow  
Found his lost dog  
12%

(2b) (*figurative*)

Find time to do it  
Where shall I find the money  
Find an answer to the problem  
Find my way through the forest  
Find my way out of these difficulties  
5%

Find out—I found out all about it  
3%

[All found = provided, 0.6%; finding of the court, 0.4%]

**find, n.**

A find of gold  
1%

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**FINE, adj.**

? 1078e

(1a) (*superior, highly refined*)

Fine gold, wines  
8%

(1b) (*delicate, small, thin*)

Fine thread, powder  
A fine edge, point (e.g. of a pen)  
A fine distinction  
18%
FINE, adj. (continued)

(1c) (highly skilled)
A fine judge of wines
(2a) (general approval or admiration)
A fine piece of work
A fine woman, fellow, child
? [I hate your fine ways and your fine clothes!]
(2b) (special use, not always distinguishable from (2a))
A fine day; fine weather (for the crops)
I hope it keeps fine

finely, adv., 32e; fineness, n., 34e; ? [finery, n., 16e]

? [(not included in Carnegie Report), fine, v. & n. = penalty, 6.7%]

FINGER, n. 356e

(1) I have ten fingers
My little finger
(2) (figurative)
The finger of God
(3) (phrases and proverbial uses)
Lay a finger on
Won't stir a finger!
You'll burn your fingers!
Have a finger in (the pie)
Have the facts at my fingers' ends

finger-/
Finger-mark, etc.

? [Finger, v., 1%]

FINISH, n. 424e

(1) (end, conclusion)
(2) (polish)
Put a fine finish on the wood

finish, v.

(1) (bring to an end)
Finish the work
Finish off the work
Finish up one's work
(2) (intransitive, come to the end)
He finished first
(3) (consume or destroy all)
I've finished up the pudding
The frost has finished my roses
finish, v. (continued)

? [(4) (give a final polish to)]
  Finished with a fine French polish
  A finishing school 6%
  (perfected)
  A finished article 12%
  A finished gentleman

FIRE 1372e

fire, n.

(1a) (the element; a means of heating)
  Fire and water
  Set fire to
  Lay a fire; light a fire
  Sit by the fire 39%

(1b) (figurative)
  Poetic fire, etc. 5%

(2) (a conflagration)
  Fire! Fire!
  A fire in the High Street
  A house on fire 19%

(3) (discharge of guns)
  Under fire
  9%

fire-

Fire-brick, -place, -engine, -proof, etc. 11%

fire, v.

(1) (ignite; and figurative)
  Fire the standing corn
  Fired with enthusiasm 2%

? [= bake, Fire bricks, pottery, 0.4%]

(2) (discharge guns)
  Rapid fire
  Gun-fire
  Ready! . . Present! . . Fire! 11%
  [= dismiss from employment, 1.5%]

firing-

Firing-point, etc. 1.4%

FIRM 314e

firm, adj.

(1) (of a substance, not yielding to pressure)
  The flesh is firm
  Firm ground 12%

(2) (of non-material things)
  Firm purpose, decision, possession 24%

(3) (person, character)
  He is firm, yet kind 17%

185
**Firm, adj.** (continued)  
(4) *commercial use*  
- A firm offer  
- Prices were firm  

**Firm, adv.**  
- Stand firm  

**Firmly, adv., 126e; firmness, n., 22e**

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| first, adj. | The first arrival  
The first people to come  
The first astronomers were priests  
First in a race  
The first two in a race  
The first of September | 66%       |
| Phrases:  |  
- At first  
- At first sight  
- In the first place  
- Head first  
- From first to last  |           |
| **first,** adv. | I must first tell you, before you say anything  
First of all I must tell you  
When first I saw your face | 19%       |
| **first-** | First-born, first-class, etc. | 3%        |

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| fish, n. | (1) A herring is a fish  
(2) *collection*  
All the fish in the sea  
(3) *food*  
Eat fish on Fridays | 22%       |
| fish-/* | Fish-basket, -bone, -oil |           |
| fish, v. | (catch fish)  
He fished in the river  
He went fishing  
A fishing village | 39%       |

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fit, v.
(1) *be of suitable size or quality*
This hat fits me nicely
The key fits the lock 20%
(2a) *make a thing suitable*
Fit a coat on a person
Fit on a coat
Fit a key to a lock
Fit the punishment to the crime 8%
(2b) *make a person qualified*
A training which will fit him for the work
Well fitted for the task 10%
(3) *equip*
Fit it with a chain
Fit out with the necessary tools
Fit up a room
Fit up with electric light 9%
fitting, adj.
(1) *suitable*
It is fitting that we should do this 4%
fit, adj.
(1) *suitable*
Fit for the purpose
Not fit for publication 23%
Phrase:
Think fit to 6%
(2) *able, competent, prepared*
Mr. X is not fit for the job; Mr. Y is fitter than Mr. X; Mr. Z is fittest
The field is not fit for sowing 10%
(3) *physical sense*
You must keep fit 4%
fit, n.
The coat is a good fit 1%

fitness, n. 16e

FIX, v. 596e
(1) *attach firmly*
Fix a shelf to the wall
Fix a thing on, into 30%
(2) *figurative*
Fix the mind, eyes, attention on 16%
(3) *make immovable or unchangeable*
A fixed star, point
Fix with chemicals; fix a chalk drawing 17%
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**FIX, v. (continued)**

(4) (figurative; decide, determine)
My hopes are fixed on
A fixed idea
Fix on this thing (= choose)
Fix a time 28%

**fix up, v.**

(set up, arrange ready for use)
Fix up a shelf
Fix up an electric bell, a telephone
?[The doctor will soon fix you up = cure] 7%

? [fixture, n. 24e]

**FLAG, n. 328e**

**FLAME, n. 324e**

(1) Sulphur burns with a blue flame
The whole town was in flames 70%
(2) The flame of love, war, etc.
Flaming sword
Flaming poppies, colour 7%
[Flaming absurdity, blunder, 3%]

**FLASH**

**flash, n. 206e**

A flash of light, lightning 30%
A flash of hope
Phrase:
In a flash 8%
Flash-lamp, etc. 2%

**flash- /**

**flash, v.**

(1) (emit sudden light)
The guns, the lightning, her eyes flashed 30%
To flash a light
(2) (come suddenly, move quickly)
A car flashed past 16%
An idea flashed across my mind 9%

**flashing, adj.**

Flashing flames, eyes, etc.

**FLAT, adv. & adj. 292e**

(1) (horizontal, level, with no projections)
Lie flat; lay it flat on the path
A flat desk (= not sloping) 27%
Flat lands

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FLAT, adv. & adj.
(continued)

(2) (not arched, not curved)
A flat arch
Flat chest, face, foot
Flat side of the sword 37%

(3) (not brilliant, not interesting)
Flat colours
The play fell flat 5%

flat-

Flat-footed, flat-race, etc. 4%
[Flat contradiction, 6%; music, 1%]

flat, n.

(1) The flat of his hand 3%
(2) (apartment) 12%

flatten, v. 26e

FLAVOUR 72e
The flavour of a dish of food, of
wine

flavouro, n.
Add some flavour (flavouring) to it 57%
The book, speech, meeting had an unpleasant flavour 20%

flavour, v.

FLESH, n. 182e

(1) (muscular tissue, meat)
The flesh of sheep is called mutton 68%

Phrases:
Appeared in the flesh
One's own flesh and blood 12%
(2) (animal aspect of man's nature)
Desires of the flesh 14%

FLOAT, v. 155e

(1) (not sink)
Wood floating on water
Dust floating in the air
Ideas floating in the mind 18%

(2) (cause to float)
Enough water to float a ship
The child floated the boat in his bath
Float a company (fig.) 26%

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FLOAT, v. (continued) (3) (move gently on water) The boat floated into the bank (move gently in air) Flag floating in the breeze

FLOOD, n. 226e (flow of water as in incoming tide) A flood in the valley Floods of rain (figurative) A flood of ideas, letters, tears [Flood tide, 3%] 68%

flood, v. The streets were flooded Flooded with enquiries 24%

FLOOR, n. 557e (1a) Sit down on the floor 44%
(1b) (figurative and special uses) The floor of the ocean Dancing floor; threshing floor 13%
(2) (set of rooms) The ground floor, first floor, etc. 18%

floor-ʃ Floor-area, floor-board, etc. 21%

[Take the floor = deliver a speech, 4%]

FLOUR, n. 82e

FLOW 440c (move like a stream) The river flows into the lake The crowd flowed out of the theatre Orders flowed in Her hair flowed down her back 85% 27%

flow, n. Flow of water, words

overflow 54c
FLOWER

flower, n.

(1a) (part of a plant)
Pick flowers

(1b) (a flowering plant)
Flowers and vegetables 86%

Phrase:
In flower (= in bloom) 1%

(2) (figurative)
The flower of (= best specimens) 4%
In the flower of his youth (= best part) 1%

flower-/

Flower-garden, etc. 0.7%

flower, v.
The roses are flowering 4%

FLY

fly, v.

(1) (travel through the air)
Birds fly; aeroplanes fly
Fly an aeroplane, a kite 39%

Special use:
Fly a flag 3.5%

(2) (go quickly)
Time flies
The race-horses flew over the ground
He flew to the rescue 14%

(3) (Phrases implying sudden rapid motion)
Fly to arms; fly at; fly in the face of 4.8%
Fly into a rage; [fly out at] 1.3%
Sent it flying; the door flew open 1.6%

flying, adj.

Flying-boat, -fish, -jump; flying column 14%

[= flee, 6.3%. The word Flee, fled, 202c is not included in the Report, but fled is rather necessary for narrative]

fly, n.

(flying insect, especially housefly) 11%

FOLD

fold, v.

Fold a piece of paper
Fold up one's clothes
Fold it up in paper
Fold one's arms 43%
**fold, n.**
The folds of a garment; of hills

**folding, adj.**
Folding bed, doors
[Sheep-fold, folded sheep, ...; three-fold, ...]

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**FOLLOW, v. 2317e**

1. *(pursue)*
The policeman followed the thief

2. *(succeed, come after)*
Sunshine followed rain
A meeting followed by tea
His death followed soon after

3. *(be in obedience to as a follower)*
Follow a leader, an example
Follow a profession

*Phrases:*
As follows
The following:—; the following persons:—

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**follower, n. 158e**

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**FOND, adj. 166c**
Fond of his sister
Fond of smoking
[Fond parent, 15%; fondest wish, 10%]

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**FOOD, n.**
Food and drink
Food for thought
*(see also FEED)*

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**FOOL 308e**

He is a fool
Play the fool
Make a fool of

[A born fool, 1%]

Fooled by a woman
Fooled into losing his money

*Phrase:*
Stop fooling!

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**foolish, adj.; foolishness, n. 112e**
FOOT, n. 117e (1) (part of body)
I walk on my feet 22%
Phrases:
Go there on foot 7%
Lie at his feet 4%
Keep your feet; set him on his feet; stand on your own feet 2%
(2) (measure)
Three feet one yard 54%
One square foot
(3) (base)
The foot of a wineglass, of the mountain, of the page 5%
Foot-warmer, etc. 4%
foot-
football, n., 100e; foothold, n., 18e; footpath, n., 16e; footprint, n., 6e; footstep, n., 34e; ? [footnote, n., 2e] [footlights, n., 4e; footman, n., 10e]

FOR 25,951e
for, prep. (1) (idea of representation, substitution, or exchange)
(1a) Member of Parliament for Chelsea (1.3%)
(1b) Pay for
Exchange this for that 7.5%
Punishment for
(1c) (in comparisons, considered as an exchange)
For every one good egg, you’ll find three bad ones 0.7%
(1d) (on behalf of)
Act as agent for
Work for myself, for others 7.4% 16.9%
Minister for Foreign Affairs
(2) (showing intention or purpose)
(2a) A house for sale
Out for a walk 11.1%
(2b) Go for, send for, come for 8.0%
(2c) Enough, fit, good, ready, useful for 6.6% 25.7%
for, prep. (continued)

(3) (showing intended destination or recipient)
Start for, sail for
Dinner for two
Looks badly for him (1.2 %) 12.5%

(4) (substitute for a subjunctive clause)
Difficult for him to do (= that he should)
Usual for him to do it; possible for him to do it

(5) (= as)
Take me for a fool
Take it for granted

Phrase:
For one thing . . .
For the first time

(6) (because of)
For fear of
Grief for his death
Worse for drink

(7) (in respect of)
As for the rest
Cold for the time of year (? here or (1c))

(8) (extension, duration)
Ran for a mile
Waited for an hour
For all I know (? here or (7))

[For, conj. = because, mainly in writing, 12.1%]
[For all that = in spite of that, 0.5%]

FORBID
forbid, v.

162e

(1) I forbid you to do it
[Forbid him the house, 5%; God forbid, 12%]
Smoking is forbidden
[Forbidding, 6%]

FORBIDDEN, adj.

force, n.

2202e

(1) (strength)
The force of the wind
(figurative)
Force of character, style, example, the argument
by force of circumstances
(scientific use)
Force of gravity
The dyne is the unit of force
(idea of violence)
Use force, enter by force
(effectiveness)
The rule is not in force, has not
come into force
(army, police)
His Majesty's forces
The Air Force
The Police Force

forced, adj.

? [Gestures were very forced, ...]
forgotten, adj.
Forgotten treasures
Dead but not forgotten
[Forget oneself, 6%]

forgetful, adj.; -/ness, n., 18e

FORGIVE, v. 190e
Forgive us our sins
Forgive me for coming so late

forgiveness, n.

FORK, n. 70e
(1) (implement used in eating, — in gardening)
(2) (anything so shaped)
A fork in the road

FORM 2276e
form, n.
(1a) (shape)
Clock made in the form of a globe
Having the form of a man
The form I loved; a ghostly form
(1b) (figurative)
A present taking the form of a cheque
A diamond is one form of carbon
This is a form of influenza
Form of government
The substance of the book is good, but it lacks form
(2) (fixed routine)
Form of morning prayer
It's merely a matter of form

Phrase:
Fill up the form
[= condition, Mr. X as full-back was not up to his usual form, was in good form, 1.3%; = class in a school, 0.5%]

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form, v.  
(1) (= make, be made)  
Form a pot out of clay  
A sheet of ice has formed right across the river  
Form a society, a collection  
Form ideas and judgments  
Form character, habits  
Form the past tenses of these verbs  
24%  
1.0%  
(2) (make up)  
This essay forms part of my book  
Form one of the family  
19%  
[(3) (military uses)  
Form square, company, line, etc. 1.0%]

FORMAL  
formal, adj. 280c  
(1) (according to fixed form; not casual)  
There has been a suggestion, but no formal offer  
50%  
(2) (ceremonial)  
Formal dress  
A formal occasion  
Very formal and stiff in his behaviour  
49%  
formally, adv., 70e; formality, n., 42e

FORMER, adj. 720e  
(1a) (earlier)  
In former times  
66%  
(1b) (as at an earlier date but not now)  
My former occupation  
[(2) The former . . . the latter 34%]

formerly, adv., 258e

FORTH, adv. & prep. 792c  
(1) (forward)  
Bring forth; show forth; set forth (arguments)  
65%  
(2) (outwards, away from home)  
Set forth (= start)  
20%  
[(3) And so forth, 4%]  
[Back and forth = to and fro, 8%]  
(May be taught very late; easily replaced by Out)

? [forthcoming, adj., 28e; henceforth, adv., 58e]
FORTUNE, n. 422e
(1) (luck, good luck)
Try one's fortune
Fortune did not favour him
By good fortune, rather than
skill, he arrived safely 46%
(2) (career)
Seek one's fortune 23%
(3) (money)
Make a fortune
Come into a fortune 28%

fortunate, adj.; -ly, adv., 116e; [fortune-telling, 4e]

FORWARD/S, adv. . . .
(towards the front)
Go forward(s)

Phrases:
Backwards and forwards
Help forward (a movement)
Put forward (an idea)
Look forward to (expect with
pleasure)

FRAME
frame, n. 216e
(1) (skeleton, open construction)
Frame of a building
A wooden frame
A frame-house
A picture frame 28%
(2) (used of the human body)
His great frame was supported on
thin legs 21%
(3) (used of immaterial things)
The frame (framework) of society
In this frame of mind 10%

frame, v.
(1) (make; make a frame for)
Frame a picture 8%
(2) (immaterial things)
Frame an idea
Frame words 29%

framework, n. 40e

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### FREE

free, adj.

(1a) *(not enslaved)*
Free men, country, people 30%

(1b) *(not imprisoned)*
4%

(2) *(unrestricted by rule)*
Free trade, speech
Free choice
Free to come and go *(4.8%)*
25%

? [A free hand, 1.8%]
[Free city; free-hold, 1.8%]

(3) *(not tied down)*
The boat got free
Hanging free
The free end
5%

(4) *(uncontaminated by)*
Free from any traces of poison
8%

(5) *(without pay)*
Do it free; entrance free
Free sample; free school
14%

? [(6) *(generous)*]
Very free with his money, advice, etc. . . .]

free-/

free, v.

Free-thinker, etc. 4%

Free the prisoners
Free themselves from chains
Free it of gas *(0.6%)* 8%

### freedom

freedom 358e

(1) *(not being enslaved, not a prisoner)* 45%

(2) *(not being bound by rules, or by fate)*
Freedom of the press, of action
Freedom to act as we choose 40%

(3) *(frankness)*
Spoke on this delicate subject with great freedom 6%

(4) *(being uncontaminated)*
Freedom from any traces of . . . 5%

### freely

freely 170e

(1) *(of his own accord, without urging)*
Freely forgives the sinner 15%

(2) *(without restraint)*
Criticised the proposals very freely
Turns freely upon its axle 37%

(3) *(generously)*
Give freely 44%
FREEZE, v. 184e  
(1) It is freezing  
The water is freezing  
To freeze the water 
The river is frozen over  
The pipes froze up, were frozen up  
52%  
(2) (suffer from cold)  
I'm freezing with cold  
Freeze to death  
19%  
(3) (figurative)  
My blood froze  
Frozen with fear  
7%  

FREQUENT, adj. 208e  
(1) (often repeated event)  
Frequent visits  
72%  
(2) (often doing some action)  
A frequent visitor  
verb, 18%  
frequently 302e  

FRESH, adj. 550e  
(1) (new, another, not easily distinguished from (2))  
Take a fresh sheet of paper  
41%  
(2) (recent, recently made, not stale)  
Fresh footprints in the snow  
Fresh milk, fresh from the cow  
Looking very fresh and clean  
of air, not stale  
34%  
11%  
5%  
(3) (not tired, vigorous)  
Still feeling fresh  
6%  
[A fresh breeze  
(5.4%)  
(0.6%)]  
fresh-//, adj. & v.  
Fresh-faced, fresh-caught  

freshen, v., 6e; freshly, adv., 10e; freshness, n., 8e;  

FRIEND, n. 1365e  
My friend, Jones  
A friend of the poor  
Friend or foe  

friendly 352e
Is friendly to me
Wrote a friendly letter
A friendly (football) match
A friendly wind (fig.)

friendship 240e

FRIGHT 186e (sudden great fear)
Take fright, get a fright, give a fright
[Look a fright, . . . ]

frighten

? [Frightful, 20e; frightfully, 4e]

FROM, prep. 14,858e (1a) (idea of departure or point of origin)
Sail from London
From my childhood
Special use
From door to door (day to day, hand to hand, house to house, place to place, time to time)
(1b) (idea of avoidance, or separation)
Away from, absent from, free from
Distinguish from, tell one from the other
(2a) (idea of source)
Descended from
From memory
Praise from such a critic encourages me
A passage (quoted) from Milton
From my point of view
(2b) (source with the idea of cause)
Suffer from
From no fault of my own

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FRONT, n. 719e (1) (opposite of Back)
The front of the house
A tree in front of the house
A house with a tree in front
Come to the front (and figurative = become a leader) 56%
(2) (military use)
At the front, change front, etc. 10%
front-, front, adj.
Front line
Front door 23%
? [= face, Put a bold front on, etc., 6%; verb, 3%]

FRUIT, n. 322e (1) (collection, no plural)
Eat fruit, bear fruit 52%
(2) (with plural)
This bush bears a red fruit
Soft fruits 11%
(3) (figurative = result)
The fruit(s) of my labour
Fruit-tree, etc. 19%
fruit-

? [fruitful, adj., 38c]

FRY, v. 18e Fried fish; frying-pan 57%

FULL, (see FILL)

FUN, n. 90e (amusement)
Go and see the fun
I don’t see the fun of getting wet
Fond of fun
He’s great fun
Have fun with
Don’t be angry; it’s only fun
Do it for fun
Do it in fun
Make fun of 98%
funny, adj. 68e  
(1) (amusing)  
A funny story

(2) (queer)  
That's funny! There's no one here

funny-/

Funny-looking 3%

FUNERAL 84e

FUR, n. 200e  
(1) A cat has soft fur (= hair) 37%
(2) A parcel of furs (= skins) 12%
(3) A coat edged with fur 49%

A fur coat

FURNISH, v. 420e  
Furnish a house
A furnished house 74%

[= supply, 23%]

furniture, n. 72e  
(tables, chairs, etc.) 89%

FURTHER (see FARTHER)

FUTURE 684e  
future, adj.  
My future career 38%

future, n.  
For the future, please remember that . . .

In future
My future does not look bright
There's no future for . . . 61%

GAIN 1162  
gain, v.  
(1) (obtain more)  
Gain strength, time, friends 39%

(2) (get money)  
He gained £100 by the deal 16%

203
gain, v. (continued)  
(3) Gain a victory  
[Gained the top of the hill, 4%; Gain ground, 1%; Gain upon, 1%]  
9%

gain, n.  
The gain is greater than the loss  
Count his gains  
Greedy of gain  
28%

GALLON, n.  
75

GAME, n. 638  
(1) (amusement, children’s play)  
Fun and games  
It’s not serious; it’s just a game  
9%

(2) (with the idea of competition, e.g. cards, football, etc.)  
A game of football  
Indoor games; out-door games  
38%

(3) (a particular contest)  
We won, six games to three  
I played a poor game  
Play a losing game (10.5%)  
23%

(4) (Games = athletic contest)  
Olympic games  
? [= animals, 11%; game-, game-]  
birds, etc., 5%]  
[= fun, Make game of, 0.5%]  
8%

GAP, n. 59*  
(1) (opening in a hedge, wall; mountain pass)  
32%

(2) (unfilled interval)  
An ugly gap between two pictures  
A gap in one’s knowledge  
Phrases:  
Fill a gap  
Stop a gap  
? [A stop-gap . . .]  
65%

GARAGE, v. & n. 24*

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| GARDEN | 574* | (1) Flower garden, vegetable garden 74%  
(2) Zoological gardens; public gardens 14%  
(3) Name of place, 15, Moreton Gardens, London, S.W., 0.6%  
garden- / garden, v.  
Garden-seat, etc. 10%  
2% |
| GAS, n. | 680* | (1) form of matter  
Oxygen is a gas 53%  
(2) means of heating or lighting  
Turn on, off, up, down the gas 23%  
gas- /  
Gas-cooker, gas-fire, etc. 19% |
| GATE, n. | 334 | gate- /  
Gate-keeper, -post |
| gateway, n. | 68 | |
| GATHER, v. | 528 | (1) transitive  
He gathered his forces (together) 16%  
Gather flowers, honey 18%  
Gather in the harvest 9%  
(2) intransitive  
The people gathered together 21%  
A great gathering  
Tears gathered in her eyes; clouds gathered in the sky 12%  
[Gather dust, moss, 2%; gather oneself together, 2%; gather that . . . , 11%] |
| GAY, adj. | 136 | (jolly, happy)  
A gay companion 46%  
A gay gathering  
The future doesn't look very gay 8%  
205 |
GAY, adj. (continued)
(2) (addicted to pleasure)
   Led a very gay life
6%
(3) (of colours and ornaments)
   Gay flags
38%
gaiety, n., 27; gaily, adv., 32

GENERAL (2184*)
general, adj.
(1) (not local)
   General ill health
   General election
24%
(2) (for all)
   For the general good
   General Post Office
9%
(3) (not specialized)
   General servant, dealer, practitioner
7%
(4) (not precise)
   As a general rule
   In a general way; in general
   (soldier)
30%
30%
general, n.

generally, adv. 665
(1) (extensively)
   The opinion generally held
32%
(2) (not specifically or individually)
   Generally but not individually guilty
   Generally a good athlete—though
   a poor cricketer
16%
Phrase:
   Generally speaking, women are
   physically the weaker
4%
(3) (usually)
   He’s generally at the office at this time
36%

GENEROUS, adj. 128
(1) (noble minded)
   Generous nature
   A generous conqueror
   The generous explanation is that
   he made a mistake
57%
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<td>A generous helper of our school</td>
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<td>A gentle wind, stream sound, heat, slope</td>
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<td>(2) (not rough, not cruel person)</td>
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<td>[Of gentle birth and behaviour, 9%]</td>
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<td>A gentleman by birth</td>
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<td>He is a very quiet gentleman</td>
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<td>Get money, a profit; get £300 a year</td>
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<td>Get some rest, sleep, supper</td>
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<td>Get an idea, knowledge, permission</td>
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<td>Get a cold, a beating; [get the better of]</td>
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<td>Get myself (him) a new hat</td>
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Phrase:
Get hold of it ...

[For Have got = have, see HAVE)
GET, v.
(continued)

(2) (cause to be done for one's benefit)
Get her out of Russia
Get my hair cut
Get him to cut my hair

(3) (become)
Get frozen, drunk, married
[Get to be friends; get talking, 0.6%]

(4) (arrive)
Get in, back, out, along, as far as

Phrases:
Get along—Get along well
(= succeed)
Get along (well) with—{= be friendly)
Get away—(go)
Get into—Get into bed, trouble, Parliament
Get off—The train got off in time,
Get off work, punishment
Get on—Get on with the work;
do get on!
Get out of—Get out of bed; get out of my sight,
[Get out of doing the job, 0.2%]
Get over—Get over an illness
Get through—Get through an exam.
Get up—Get up in the morning
Get up a dance
Have got to (= must)

GIRL, n. (935*)
(1) (female child; young woman) 93%
(2) (sweetheart) 5%

GIVE, v. (2184*)
A.
(1a) (idea of transfer of ownership)
Gives generously to charity
Give him the book; give the book to him
Give away; give back

(1b) (grant)
Give power, responsibility, the contract
God give me patience!
Give in marriage
GIVE, v.
(continued)

Phrase:
Given that (= assuming) 1%
(1c) (hand, or pass to)
Give me the letters
Give me something to drink
Give me your hand
Give him an illness 6%
[Give rise to = cause, 1.2%]
(2) (produce)
Cows give milk
Give off gas
Give a chance 3%
(3) (make public)
Give a sign, an account of, the news
The dictionary doesn’t give this word 21%
[Give me to believe, 0.1%]
(4) (pay, sacrifice)
Give £50 for the horse
Give one’s life to the work 4%
(5) (with a noun, forming the equivalent of a verb)
Give a beating, kick, kiss, whistle,
cry, lecture, order, promise, etc. 15%
[Give birth to, 0.1%]

B. (yield to pressure)
Gives under the weight
Give place; give way; give in
Give up work
Give it up to you 5%
? [Give out = become exhausted, 0.3%]

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gift 322
(1) (present)
Give him a gift 58%
(2) (ability) 30%
? [Gifted, 8%]

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GLAD, adj. (918*)
Glad to hear the news 55%
Glad that you are better 19%
"He’s much better." "I’m very glad." 8%
? [Glad of, 6%; glad surprise, 8%;
glad news, 2%]

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gladly, adv. 64 (= willingly, 91%)

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GLASS, n. 408

(1) Made of glass
A sheet of glass
Glass in a picture frame
(2) A glass
A glass of wine
(3) (= mirror)
(4) (lens)
Spy-glass, eye-glass, magnifying glass
My glasses
Glass-cutter, etc.

glassy, adj. 16

GLORY, n. 343

(1) (honour)
Win glory; honour and glory
In my glory (= glorious state)
To the glory of God
(2) (beauty, splendour)
The glory of King Solomon, of the sunrise, of heaven

glorious, adj. 174

(1) (having great honour)
Queen Elizabeth of glorious memory
A glorious victory
(2) (beautiful, splendid)
The Heavens, glorious with stars
(3) (colloquially, showing emotional appreciation)
A glorious day
We had a glorious time

gloriously, adv. 8

GO

(8760*)

A. (1) (move)
Go your way
As things go
How are things going?
The clock isn’t going
Phrases:

Go wrong
Go without

(2) (move purposively)
Go on a journey
Go down stairs, to the town, to school
Go and have a bath

Phrases:

Go to sleep
Go on the stage
Go to sea
Go to law

(3) (depart)
Glad to see him go
On the word "Go!"
Those old buildings must go

Phrase:

Go unpunished 9%

B. (4) (reach; reach a certain state)
(4a) Go to the bottom
Go a long way to (solve the problem)
(4b) (become)
Go green; go mad 3%

C. (5) (forming a future tense; and showing intention)
I'm just going to do it
I'm not going to do it; (= I won't do it) 5%

Phrases:

Go ahead—(progress) 0.7%
Go away—(depart) 2.1%
Go back—(retire) 2.4%
Go down—(descend) 2.5%
? [Go in for—Go in for medicine 0.1%]
Go into—(enter)
Go into the navy 1.5%
[Go into it carefully 0.2%]
Go off—(depart) 0.5%
? [explode 0.2%]
Go on—(continue) 9.7%
Go out—Go out to dinner 2.6%
The fire has gone out 0.3%

go-between, n. 5

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<td>(animal)</td>
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<td>The god of war</td>
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<td>(2) Pray to God</td>
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<td>Jesus, the son of God</td>
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<td>O God! God help us! Thank God!</td>
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<td>Be so good as to</td>
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<td>A good turn</td>
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<td>This medicine is good for you</td>
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<td>? [In good time</td>
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<td>Hold good; good for £100; good for 10 years</td>
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good, adj. (continued)  
A good beating  3.4%  
Good morning, good afternoon  ...?  
A good big dinner, good long       
holiday  1.2%  
A good deal, a good many  8.0%  
[A good mind to, part of 8.0%]  
? [Make good a defect, 2.3%]  
[As good as dead, 0.5%]

good, n.  
For the good of all  3.2%  
Do good; do good to  2.6%  
Be any, some, no good  1.3%  
goods, n.  13.1%

good-bye, interj. 61; good day, interj. 8; good-for-nothing, n., 4;  
good nature, n., 43; goodness, n., 114; goodnight, interj., 36; good-  
will, n., 88

GOVERN, v. (232*)  
(1) (rule)  
The King governed the country  54%  
wisely

(2) (control, guide)  
Governed by these principles  
Events are often governed by chance  40%  
Govern your temper

governing/-  
Governing-body  2%

government, n.  3165  
(1) (act or art of governing)  
The art of government  
Government of uncivilized people  14%  
is difficult

(2) (system of —)  
Democratic government was first  
used by the Greeks  14%

(3) (present organization in power)  
The Government  61%  
Government-orders, etc.

government/-  
Government-orders, etc.  11%

governor, n.  661  
(1) (of a state or province)  
The governor of South Carolina  91%  
(state or province)

(2) (of a hospital, etc.)  
The Board of Governors of the  
Royal Hospital  3%
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<td>Her grace in dancing</td>
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<td>(2) (easy behaviour, amiability)</td>
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<td>An act of grace</td>
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<td>In his good graces</td>
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<td>A fortnight's grace</td>
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<td>Say grace</td>
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<td>GRADUAL, adj.</td>
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<td>A gradual rise, change, improvement</td>
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<td>(1) A grain of wheat</td>
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<td>To buy grain (wheat, etc.)</td>
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<td>[= texture of leather, wood, etc., 2%]</td>
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GRAND, adj. 282

(1) (as part of a title)
- Grand Duke
- Grand jury

(2) (chief, important)
- A grand passion
- The jury-system is the grand safeguard against injustice

Phrase:
- Grand total

(3a) (great, impressive)
- Napoleon's Grand Army
- The grand entrance hall
- Grand opera

(3b) (solemn, ceremonial, impressive)
- Grand wedding
- In the grand style
- A grand lady, with a grand manner

(4) (exalted)
- A grand old man
- A grand idea
- Had a grand time

Grand-piano, grand-stand

GRAND-/

Granddaughter, 12; grandfather, 79; grandmother, 55; grandson, 24

GRASS, n. 313

Grasses

Phrases:
- Lay (put) to grass
- Under grass
- At grass

Grass land

Grassy, adj. 26

GRATEFUL, adj. 71

(thankful)
- I'm very grateful to you

[Grateful warmth, 10%]
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| **GREASE**, v. & n. | 42 | |
| **greasy**, adj. | 9 | |

| **GREAT**, adj. | (3329*) | (1) *extensive, important*  
A great city, cloud, dust, wind, fire,  
The Great Fire, Plague, Bear  
A great painter, soldier; Alexander the Great  
Great ignorance, wisdom 63% |
|  |  | (2) *intensifying the meaning of an adjective or noun*  
A great big man, great fat boy  
A great man, a great deal (21%)  
A great treat, shame, shock  
Great friends  
A great admirer, talker, eater (12%) 37% |
|  |  | (3) Great-grandfather, etc. (part of (2)) |

| **great-coat**, n., 2: **greatly**, adv., 482 (*very, 97%), greatness, n., 69  
*eminence, nobility, 93%* |

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| **GREEN**, (1046*) |  |
| green, adj. |  |
|  | (1) *colour* 85%  
Green, jewel, dye, etc. |
|  | (2) *figurative = fresh* 2%  
Keep his memory green |

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green, adj. (continued)  [3] (untrained)  He is still very green  3%

green, n.  (1) (colour)  12%
? [Greens = cabbage, etc. 1%]
(2) (grassy expanse)  Village green; golf green  2%

? [green-house, n. 15]

GREET, v.  (152*)  (1) Greet people in the street  Greeted me with a smile  42%
(2) (receive)  The proposal was greeted with shouts of anger  17%

greeting, n.  A friendly greeting  34%

GREY, adj.  (292*)  Grey flannel  Grey eyes, hair  Grey sky  94%

grey, n.  6%

GRIND, v.  (52*)  (1) (make flour)  Grind corn  39%
(2) (shape by rubbing away)  Grind an axe  Grind a lens  13%
(3) (rub together)  Icebergs grinding against each other  Grind one's teeth in rage  12%
? [(figurative) Grind down the poor, 8%]

Grindstone  14

GROUND, n.  (537*)  (1a) (the surface of the earth)  On the ground; thrown to the ground  Under (the) ground; above (the) ground  48%
GROUND, n. (continued)

? [Break the ground, 1.1%]

(1b) (country, area)
Rising ground; rough ground 17%

Phrases:
Cover the ground (= move over the surface; = omit nothing) 2.4%
Gain, lose, give ground 2.4%
Hold one's ground 2.4%

[On what ground(s) ? = for what reason 15.5%]

(2) (a specialised area)
A sports ground 2%
The grounds of a castle 4% 6%
Ground-nuts, etc. 2.8%

ground-/

? [ground, v., 1.5%]

ground-floor, n., 3
[groundless, adj., 9; ground-work, n., 4]

GROUP (975*)
group, n.

(1) (a collection)
Group of men at the street corner 32%
Group of hills
(2) (an organized collection or association)
A group of figures in a picture 33%
Group of followers
(3) (a classification)
Group of subjects, of languages, of races 30%


GROW, v. (1255*)

(1) (develop)
Roses growing in the garden 26%
The children grow so quickly
Grow out of one's clothes
Phrase:
Has grown up and is a man now 3.4%
(2) (cultivate)
Grow roses 3 8%

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**GROW, v.**
(continued)

(3) (increase, become by increase)
His property has grown, has grown bigger.
It has grown into a big business, grown to be a big business

60%

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**growth**

360

(1) (process of growing)
This fertilizer helps the growth of leaves

15%

(2) (increase)
The growth of education

80%

(3) (stage)
Full growth

2%

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grown-up, adj. n., 27

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**GUARD,**

365

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**guard, v.**

(1) (protect, watch over)
Guard a prisoner, the door

28%

(2) (take precautions)
Guard against illness

13%

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**guard, n.**

(1) (figurative, from fencing)
Be on guard, on one's guard
Be off one's guard

11%

(2) (a man who guards)
Coastguard; guard of a train
The Guards (regiment)

10%

4%

(3) (military guard)
Guard of honour
Mount guard; change the guard

26%

(4) (thing)
Fireguard, trigger-guard, etc.

2%

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guard-/

Guard-house, -room

1%

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**GUESS, v.**

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(1) (conjecture)
Would not guess from her appearance that...
Guess what the result would be
Guess the result, his age
Guess his age to be...

46%

(2) (as in U.S.A. = believe)

42%

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guess, n.

That was a good guess

11%
| **GUEST, n.** | 147 | (1) *(in a house)* | An invited guest | 78% |
| | | (2) *(in an hotel)* | Guest-house, etc. | 19% |

| **GUIDE** | 261 | (1) *(person who shows the way)* | A guide led me over the mountains | 29% |
| | | (used of things) | A guide showed me round the city | 23% |
| | | My guide and counsellor *(fig.)* | The Bible is my guide | 12% |
| | | (title of book) | “Guide to Knowledge” | 4% |
| | | (title of book) | Guide-book | 4% |
| | | (mechanical) | A guide which directs the tool | 8% |

| **GUILTY, adj.** | 150 | Guilty of a crime | 59% |
| | | Found the prisoner not guilty | 51% |
| | | A guilty look | 29% |
| | | A guilty conscience | 2% |

| **GUN, n.** | 326 | (1) Guns of a fort, of a ship | 59% |
| | | Shot gun | 29% |
| | | Gun-fire, etc. | 2% |

| **HABIT, n.** | 350e | He got into the habit of going | 92% |
| | | In the habit of reading | 78% |
| | | Form a habit | 51% |
| | | Break a habit | 29% |
| | | Break a person of a habit | 2% |
HAIR, n.  242e  (1) A single hair; his white hairs  18%
           (2) She has golden hair  68%
           Hair-net, etc.  2%

hairy, adj.,  20e
? [hair's breadth, n., 6e; hairline, 2e; hairpin, n., 2e]

HALF . . .

half, n.
Two equal halves
The left half of the room (portion)  43%

half, adj.
Half the length
A half pint  31%

half, adv.
Turned half round
Half past seven  8%

half-/            Half-alive  18%

halve, v.

half-hour, n., 48e; half-pay, n., 6e; half-penny, n., 8e.
? [half-crown, n., 6e; half-hearted, adj., 8e]

HALL, n.  374e  (1a) (large room)
Dining hall
Lecture hall
(1b) Entrance hall
(2) (large room for public use)
Westminster Hall  35%
(3) (large house or building)
The squire lives at Stanley Hall
Lady Margaret Hall (= hostel, college)  8%

HAMMER,  72e
hammer, n.
(1) (tool)  50%
(2) (special uses, e.g. of clock, gun, auctioneer, piano; throwing the—) 10%
hammer, v.

(1) (to beat)
Hammer into shape 8%

(2) (to fix)
Hammer down, up 6%

(3) (intransitive)
Hammered at (on) the door 3%

(4) (figurative)
Hammered out a plan 6%
Hammered out a tune 3%
Hammered copper 14%

hammered, adj.
hammering, n.

HAND 3355e

hand, n.

(1) I have two hands, my right hand
and my left hand
On my right hand
Phrase:
Hand in hand 47%

(2) (idea of power)
In the hands of the law 11%

(3) (idea of skill)
Turn her hand to anything
[A factory hand, 2.8%]

(4) (writing)
Short-hand, long hand 1%

Phrases:
At hand— (= near) 3.7%
By hand 1.2%
In hand— Sword in hand 0.8%
? [The work is in hand 0.4%
? [On the other hand ( = but) 11%

hand-/ hand, v.

Hand-painted, etc. 2%

Hand it to him 4%
Right handed

handful, n., 70e; handshake, n., 6e; handwriting, n., 16e

? [handbook, n., 6e; handiwork, n., 6e; handy, adj., 42e (near, 74% ;
skilled, 14%)]

HANDKERCHIEF, n. 72e
HANDLE 370e
handle, n. Handle of the door, of a cup 18%
handle, v. (1) (take in the hands)
He handles the books very roughly
Handling the ball in Rugby football (use skilfully)
Know how to handle a gun 26%
(2) (control, manage)
Handle a horse, a business, a person
A difficult matter to handle 38%
? (3) (deal with in business)
A shop which handles works of art (precious metals, old books, etc.) 11%

HANG, v. 618e (1) (suspend)
Hang it in front of the fire
Hang curtains
Hang a picture
Hang out flags
Hang it up 51%
Phrase:
Hang one's head 2%
(2) (drop, be suspended)
Hanging down from a hook
Rock hanging over the river
Birds hanging in the air
Phrases:
Hang in the balance 10%
Hang about waiting
(3) (cling)
Hang on to it, on to my arm
Hang together (= keep together) 9%
(4) (kill by hanging)
Hanging is the punishment for murder 19%
[I'll be hanged! 2%]

HAPPEN, v. 790e (1) (take place)
What has happened? I wonder what will happen 64%
(2) (chance)
I happened to meet him
As it happens, as so often happens
It so happens that ... 30%

223
happening, n. A record of the happenings of the past year [Happen on, 1%]

HAPPY, adj. 721e (1) (contented, joyful) Be happy at school; feel happy 82%
(2) (fortunate; hardly distinguishable from (1)) Happy New Year; many happy returns of the day
(3) (apt) A happy answer 9%

happily, adv. (in happiness) Lived happily every after 35%
[ = luckily, 50%; = aptly, 15%]

HARBOUR, n. 236e (shelter for ships) 90%
harbour, v. (give shelter to) 9%

HARD 1184e

hard, adj. (1) (opposite of Soft) Hard rock; a hard bed 16%
(2) (opposite of Easy) Hard to understand, to please A hard question 26%
(3) (severe) A hard man Hard times, weather 12%
(4) (energetic) A hard worker; a hard blow [Hard of hearing, 0.9%; hard water, 2.2%; hard drinks = alcoholic, 0.06%; hard money, hard cash, 2.4%]

hard, adv. (energetically) Hit hard, work hard 20%
hard-/ (with energy) Hard-riding 2%
(with difficulty) Hard-earned 1%
(not soft) Hard-boiled 2%
[Hard-by; hard upon, 0.4%; hard a-
port, 0.6%; hard put to it to, 1.7%]

harden, v., 4e; hardness, n., 30; ? [hardship, n., 78e]

HARDLY, adv. 460e Hardly any money
A year had hardly passed
You can hardly expect me to do
that 98%
[= in a hard manner, 2%]

HARM 170e
harm, n. Do harm to
Come to harm
See no harm in it
There’s no harm in doing it 66%
? [Out of harm’s way, 4%]

harm, v. The crops were not harmed by the
storm 27%

harmful, adj., 47e harmless, adj., 63e

HARVEST, 120e
harvest, n. Harvest-time; harvest of wheat,
fruit 67%

harvest, v. To harvest the grain 21%

harvest-/ Harvest-time, etc. 11%

HASTE, n. 166e The need of haste; breathless with
haste 26%
In haste, in great haste 36%
Make haste 24%
Proverbs: More haste, less speed,
etc. 2%

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<td>(1) <em>transitive</em> Hasten the day &lt;br&gt;(2) <em>intransitive</em> Hasten forward</td>
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<td>Filled with hate</td>
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<td>I hate him</td>
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<td>HAVE, v.</td>
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<td>(1) (= possess) I have (got) some money, two arms, three servants, good health &lt;br&gt;(2a) (Have—with less definite idea of ownership) Have (got) an illness, a cold &lt;br&gt;<em>Special use:</em> Have a child (= give birth to) &lt;br&gt;(2b) Have pity, mercy, a suspicion Have a cup of tea, a bath &lt;br&gt;[Do not have = habitually do not use, suffer from; e.g. Esquimaux don't have colds; <em>but = not possess, U.S.A. only]</em> &lt;br&gt;(3) (cause to be done) Have it painted red Have my hair cut &lt;br&gt;(4) (idea of duty or compulsion) Have (got) a lot of work to do I have (got) to see him at 12 o'clock</td>
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| HAVE, v. (continued) | (forming tenses)
- I have done it
- I have been to Paris
- I had done it
- I had been there before
- Shall have, etc. | 71% |
| HAY, n. | (dried grass) | 79% |
| hay- / | Hay-harvest, etc. | 11% |
| HE | | 99% |
| he, pron. | He-goat, etc. (part of 1%) | |
| HEAD | (part of body)
1. A hat on my head
2. Head and heart (= intelligence and feeling) (5%)
3. Will cost him his head (= life) (2%)
4. Wiser heads; count heads (= persons) (1%)
Phrase: Over head (= above) | 63% |
| head- / | (top)
- Head of a bone, plant, page, procession | 13% |
| | (idea of leadership)
- Head of the school
- Head clerk
- At the head of the whole business | 14% |
| | Head-rest, head-hunter, etc. | 1% |
| Phrase: |  |
| Head to foot | 0.2% |
| Head or tail | 0.3% |
| Keep, lose one's head (= control) | 0.4% |
| [On your head be it, 0.4%; off his head = mad, 0%] | |
| head, v. | Headed the list
All came in headed by Mr. X
Gold headed stick
| Heading for = going towards, 0.4% |
| heading, n. | Newspaper heading, etc.

| headache, n., 16e; head-dress, n., 8e; ? [headland, n., 14e; headline, n., 40e] |
| headlong, adv., 36e; headway, n., 10e |

| HEAL, v. | 72e | Heal the sick
Heal a disease
*(intransitive)*
The wound will soon heal *(over)* |
| healing, adj | Healing touch |
| healing, n. | The art of healing |

| HEALTH, n. | 340e | Asked after my health
In good (bad) health
Board of Health
Officer of Health
Drink your health
| health-/ |
| health- officer, etc. |

| healthy, adj. | 110e | *(the state)*
Healthy man, body, mind
Trade is in a healthy state
*(health-producing)*
Lead a healthy life
Have a healthy influence on |

| HEAP |
| heap, n. | 76e | A heap of stones
In a heap
| Heaps of = many, much |
| heap, v. | Heap up stones, riches
Heap insults upon him |

228
HEAR, v. 2298e

(1) (receive auditory sensations)
   My power of hearing
   I hear the clock striking
   I hear the clock strike 56%

[Hear toll, 1%]

(2) (listen to attentively)
   Hear a concert
   Hear a boy his lessons
   Hear a law-case

Phrases:
   Give it a hearing  (1.7%)
   Hear! hear!  (0.2%)  20%

(3) (get news)
   I hear that he has been ill
   I hear from him every week (= get a letter)
   The first I've heard of it 22%

hearer, 20e; [hearsay, 4e]

HEART, n. 1504e

(1) (physical organ)
   Heart disease 10%

(2) (seat of the feelings)
   Speak from my heart
   Win, move, touch her heart
   Have a soft (hard), warm (cold) heart

Phrase:
   Pressed her to his heart (0.7%) 64%

(3) (enthusiasm)
   Lose heart
   Puts his heart into the work
   Set one's heart on winning 6%

(4) (core)
   The heart of the forest
   The heart of the matter 6%

(5) (supposed shape; playing card)
   Phrases:
   At heart—At heart he is very religious 0.7%
   By heart—Learn it by heart 1.2%
   In heart—The pure in heart 1.1%
   ? [Break her heart, 0.4%; take it to heart, 0.4%]
   Heart-stirring, etc.
   ? [= mind, All that his heart could devise, 1.5%]

heart-/

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- heartbeat, n., 2e; heartbreak, n., -broken, adj., 10e; hearten, v., 8e; hearty, adj., heartily, adv., 142e; heartless, adj., 6e
[heartburn, n. = indigestion; heart-burning, n. = resentment, 2e]

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<td>heat, n.</td>
<td>(1) Heat of the sun, of a flame, of the body &lt;br&gt;Feel the heat (weather) &lt;br&gt;Heat, Light and Sound (science) &lt;br&gt;(36%) &lt;br&gt;(19%) &lt;br&gt;(9%)&lt;br&gt;64% &lt;br&gt;14% &lt;br&gt;3%&lt;br&gt; (2) Heat of an argument &lt;br&gt;Heat-stroke &lt;br&gt;Heat the iron hot &lt;br&gt;A heated argument &lt;br&gt;The heating surface of a boiler &lt;br&gt;18% &lt;br&gt;1%</td>
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<td>(the sky)</td>
<td>Stars in heaven, in the heavens &lt;br&gt;Angels in heaven &lt;br&gt;(divine power; and in exclamations) &lt;br&gt;The will of heaven &lt;br&gt;By heaven!; Great heavens &lt;br&gt;(place of great happiness) &lt;br&gt;A heaven on earth &lt;br&gt;37% &lt;br&gt;33% &lt;br&gt;11% &lt;br&gt;11% &lt;br&gt;7% &lt;br&gt;1%</td>
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<td>(of the sky)</td>
<td>Heavenly bodies &lt;br&gt;Heavenly choir, light &lt;br&gt;Our heavenly Father &lt;br&gt;26% &lt;br&gt;34% &lt;br&gt;40%</td>
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<td>(of the abode of God, of God)</td>
<td>A heavenly day</td>
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<td>(weighty)</td>
<td>A heavy load &lt;br&gt;Gold is a heavy metal &lt;br&gt;60%</td>
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<td>[Heavy bread, 3.4%; heavy ground, 0.3%]</td>
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HEAVY, adj. (continued)  

(2) (with the idea of great momentum)  
Heavy rain; heavy traffic; heavy fire  
8%  

(3) (with the idea of oppression)  
Heavy style of architecture  
He’s very dull and heavy  
Heavy with sleep  
3%  

(4) (figurative)  
Heavy work, loss, grief  
Heavy-handed, etc.  
23%  
2%  

heavily, adv. 134e  

(1) (in a heavy way)  
Hung heavily on my arm  
Time passed heavily  
45%  

(2) (with great force or severity)  
Rained heavily all day  
Fined heavily  
55%  

HEIGHT, n.  
(see HIGH)  

HELP 1535e  
help, v. A.  

(1) (assist)  
Help him to climb up  
Help him up  
He is too weak to help himself  
61%  

Phrases:  
Help! Help!  
[So help me, God]  
9%  

(2) (in reference to food and drink)  
Help him to mutton; a helping of food; a second helping (n.)  
Have some wine; help yourself  
2%  

B.  
(= prevent)  
I can’t help making this noise; I can’t help it  
It can’t be helped  
Not more than can be helped  
6%  

help, n.  

(1) (assistance)  
(It) has been a great help to me  
? [= person, servant, especially U.S.A.  
Daily help, 1.1%]  

? [(B) preventive, remedy]  
There’s no help for it  
0.7%  

helper, n., 8e; helpful, adj., 44e; helpless, adj., 72e  

231
HERE, adv. 2987e  

(1) *in this place, to this place*
- He's here; near here; in here
- Come here
- Here, sir; present!

Phrase:
- Here and there

(2) *merely drawing attention to something present*
- Look here! Here! I can't allow that!
- Here's your tea; here's the postman

? [Where's my pencil? Here you are, ...]
[Here's to the bride!—toast, 0.9%]

(3) *at this moment; on this subject*

HESITATE, v. 116e  

Go on! Don't hesitate
- Hesitate about doing it, to do it
- [Hesitate my opinion = give timidly,
  ...; in one's speech = stammer,
  3%]

hesitation 50e

[stammering, 4%]

HIDE, v. 379e  

He hid the money in a cupboard
- He hid his face in his hands
- Clouds hid the sun
- The little boy hid himself behind a tree

HIGH 2809e  

high, adj.  

(1) *elevated, extending far up*
- A high wall; high ground
- High up the mountain

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<td>(having a high place on a scale) High price, rent, temperature, rank,</td>
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<td>musical note</td>
<td>High priest</td>
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<td>High feeling, high explosive</td>
<td>[High spirits 0.3% ; high time, 0.7% ; high hand, 0.1% ; on high, 1.0%]</td>
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<td>Flew high in the air</td>
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<td>[Highlands of Scotland, 14%]</td>
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<td>highly</td>
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<td>Climb from height to height</td>
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<td>(2) (high degree of)</td>
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| HIRE      | 130e  | **(1)** Hire a man to do the work  
Hired man (= servant)  
Hire a car, a bicycle  
(2) Hire out bicycles  
On hire; pay the hire |
| HIS       | 27,789e | His hat  
This is his |
| HISTORY   | 1240e | **(1)** History of England  
(2) (= story)  
Life history  
The history of the case  
(3) Natural history |
| HIT       | 166e  | **(1)** I fired, but did not hit it  
Hit a ball  
Hit him in the eye with an arrow  
(2) (figurative uses)  
Hit hard; he was hard hit  
? [Hit upon (on) an idea, 13%] |
| HOLD      | 2482e | **(1)** (grasp and keep in a certain position)  
Hold her hand; hold the baby;  
hold this while I hit it  
Hold tight; hold it tight  
Held her head proudly (figurative)  
(2) (contain)  
The bottle holds one pint  
(3a) (retain, possess)  
Hold land; hold rank; hold office  
(3b) (more vaguely)  
Hold an opinion  
? [I hold that (= believe)]  
Hold to a purpose  
[Don't hold with = disapprove, 0.3%] |
HOLD, v. (continued) (4) (retain sometimes with an effort)
Hold the fort; the city held out
Hold their attention
Hold one's breath
My promise still holds (good) 17%
? [Rule does not hold for . . . , 0.8%]
[Hold! = stop!, 0.5%]
(5) (organize, gather)
Hold a meeting 11%

Phrases:
Hold back—Hold the horse back;
hold back some of the money 0.7%
Hold on—Hold on tight! 0.9%
Hold out—Hold out your hand 1.6%
Hold out a hope 1.1%
If the city holds out 0.9%
Hold up—Hold up your hand 1.2%
Hold up as a model 0.8%
? [robbery 0.6%; delay, . . . ? . . .]

hold, n. Get, take hold of 5%

holder, n. 26e (person, thing)

HOLE, n. 276e (1) (depression, cavity)
A hole in the ground 29%
(2) (perforation)
Make a hole through 54%
(3) (animal's burrow; and figurative)
Rabbit hole
This depressing hole (bad lodgings, dull place) 13%

HOLIDAY/S, n. 88e A holiday
The holidays
Holiday-clothes, etc.

HOLLOW 144e hollow, adj. (1) (not solid)
A hollow ball
It sounds hollow; a hollow sound
A hollow friendship 58%

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HONEST, adj. 330e
(1) An honest man 52%
(2) (of an act)
An honest attempt
Honest labour
Earn an honest living 22%
(3) (frank, truthful)
My honest opinion
Be honest about it with me 36%

honestly, adv., 40e; honesty, n., 46e

HONOUR 710e
honour, n.
(1) (good name and the respect of others)
Hold in honour
Gain honour
For the honour of the school
In honour of
Do honour to
You are an honour to . . . 28%
(2) (title)
Birthday honours
An honours degree in Science 11%
(3) (self-respect and code of honour)
A man of honour
On my honour
Phrase:
"Honour among thieves" 41%

honour, v.
We are honoured by your presence 12%

honourable, adj. 112e
(1) (worthy of honour)
Honourable name, office 36%
(2) (having or showing self respect)
Honourable man, act 52%

dishonour, n., 42; dishonourable, adj., 11e

HOOK, n. & v. 90e
### HOPE

**hope, n.** 1283e

1. Have some, no, a hope of success
   - Lose hope; raise the hopes of
   - Build, fix one's hopes on
   - 48%
2. The hope of his party
   - Our last hope
   - I hope you will come
   - I hope to be able to come
   - I hope so; I hope not
   - 3%

**hopeful, adj.** 42e

1. (feeling hope)
   - I'm quite hopeful of our success
   - 57%
2. (causing hope)
   - The prospects seem hopeful
   - A hopeful pupil
   - 33%

**hopeless, adj.** 54e

1. I feel hopeless of success
   - 22%
2. (offering no prospect of success)
   - A hopeless attempt
   - His arithmetic is quite hopeless
   - 78%

### HORIZON, n. 126e

**horizontal, adj.** 38e

### HORSE, n. 1036e

- Ride a horse
  - 90%
  - [collective, Foot and horse, 2%]

**horseback, n., 34e; horseman, n., 48e; horseshoe, n., 16e**

### HOSPITAL, n. 312e

**hospital-/**

- In hospital
  - 100%
  - Hospital-nurse
  - [charitable institution, almshouse, 0%]

### HOST, n. 168e

1. (host at a party, of a private guest; figurative, of parasite)
2. (landlord of inn)

**hostess, n.** 8e
HOT, adj. 718e  (1a) (having heat)
A hot wind, day, bath, dinner 80%
(1b) Feel hot; hot with fever 3%
(2) Pepper is hot 1%
(3) A hot argument; fight 10%
Hot-house, etc. 3%

hot-/

hotty, adv., 8e; ?[hot-head, 4e]

HOTEL, n. 228e

HOUR, n. 1487e  (1) (unit of time)
Half an hour 80%
Quarter of an hour
(2) (vaguely)
Keeps early hours
The early (small) hours of the morning
Office hours
A question of the hour 18%
Hour-hand, etc. 1%

hour-/

hourly, adv. 8e

HOUSE 2482e

house, n.  

(1) (human habitation)
At our house
From house to house
Phrase:
Keep house 0.5% 61%
(2) (building for a special purpose)
Cow-house, light-house, etc. 2%
(3) (assembly, organization)
Religious house; house in a school (1.4%)
House of Assembly, parliament (14.8%)
Business house (2.3%)
A full house (theatre) (1.8%)
A noble and ancient house (family) (4.6% 25%
House-shoes, house-servants (4.7%)
House-furnisher, house-painter (1.2% 5.9%)

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house, v.  
(provide with a house)  
[housing, n., = box, covering, 0.8%]

house-hold, n., adj., 176e; (n., 63%; adj., 35%); house-holder, n., 14e; house-keeper, n., 12; house-keeping, n., 4e; housewife, n., 78e

HOW  4063e
(1) (in what way) 
Tell me how it happened 
How did it happen? 
How do you make that cake? 
Teach me how to do it 
You need to know how

[Phrase: 
How about having a rest? 0.3%] 62%
(2) (in what state) 
How is she? How are you?
(3) How much, many, small, big, far, often, etc.
(4) (exclamatory) 
How (cleverly) you talk! 
How silly!
(conventional greeting) 10%

How-do-you-do  22e

however, adv. connective
(1) (in whatever way) 
However you do it, the result is the same

(2) However little, however much

? [(3) (qualifying a sentence) 
This, however, is not true]

(However = "but" is not necessary as a part of the speaking vocabulary but needed in reading. However little, etc., is a part of /ever.)

HULLO, interj. 26e
(U.S.A., Hello.)

HUMAN, adj. 1026e
(1) Human life; the human race; human beings

(2) (not abnormal)
I can't do everything; I'm only human
Found the great man really quite human

88% 11%
HUMBLE, adj. 150e (1) (modest)
In a humble voice
My humble opinion
(2) (not distinguished)
Of humble birth; a humble home

humbly, adv. 22e

HUNGER, n. 92e Satisfy one’s hunger; die of hunger
Hunger for land, fame, etc.

hungry, adj. 148e Feel hungry; hungry people
A hungry look
Hungry for knowledge; hungry flames

HUNT 284e (1) To hunt animals
Hunting and shooting
The hunters and the hunted
(2) Hunt for a house
I’ve hunted everywhere and can’t find it
Hunt through a book
Hunt up a fact in a book

hunter, n. 122e (man who hunts)
Fortune-hunter
[horse, 5%]

HURRAH, interj. 16e

HURRY 208e hurry, v. (1) (cause to move quickly)
The police hurried the prisoner away
Hurry up the preparations
A hurried departure

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hurry, v. (continued)  
(2) (move quickly)  
He hurried away  
Hurry! Hurry up!  

46%

hurrying  
Much hurrying about  

10%

hurry, n.  
I'm in a hurry  
There's no hurry  
I'm in no hurry  

16%

HURT, v.  
190e  
(1a) (transitive)  
He hurt my arm  
My shoe hurts my heel  
Hurt one's business  
It won't hurt your car to leave it in the rain  

52%

(1b) (of the feelings)  
Your remarks hurt me very much  
I feel hurt  

18%

(2) (intransitive)  
My hand hurts  
Does that hurt?  

4%

? [hurt, n.]  
Can do you no hurt (rather literary = harm)  

25%

HUSBAND, n.  
478e  
Husband and wife  

97%

HUT, n.  
76e

I, pron.  
21,032e  
(For ME, see M)

ICE, n.  
222e  
A block of ice; covered with ice  
Ice-breaker, etc.  

94%

Phrases:  
Walking on thin ice  
Break the ice  

4%

? [Ice-cream, 2%]

icy, adj.  
32e
IDEA, n. 1154e  (thought, mental picture, theory)
Form an idea; the idea of
Democracy
Give an idea of
Get some idea of it
I've an idea he's not coming
I'd no idea he would do that
What a silly idea
The very idea!
I've got an idea!
A bright idea
Full of ideas

IDEAL  328e  (perfect)
An ideal house, place for a holiday
[philosophic meaning, as opposed to real, 7%]

IDEAL, n.
Form ideals
Realize one's ideals  66%

IDLE  158e  (not at work)
Men standing idle
Machines running idle  61%
[Idle talk, idle to suggest = empty, useless, 23%]

idly, adv. 28e  (unemployed)
Stand idly by
[uselessly, foolishly, 43%]  57%

IF, conj. 8046e  (1a) (conditional in the indicative)
If it is raining; if it rains; if it was raining
### IF, conj. (continued)

(1b) (assuming that)

If \( A = B \), and \( B = C \), then \( A = C \)

(1c) (elliptic)

If so; if at all; if ever

[exclamatory: Why! If that isn't Mr. XI, 0.4%]

(2) (with the subjunctive)

If it were raining; if it should rain

Oh! if I had your brains—

(3) As if—He looks as if he had been ill (see As)

(4) (= whether)

Ask if he has come

### ILL

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<td>ill feeling, ill effect, ill wind, ill grace, ill temper 22%</td>
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<td>Speak ill of, take it ill if, go ill with, ill becomes you 8%</td>
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<td>Ill-paid, ill at ease, ill-shaped, ill-lit, etc. 17%</td>
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| illness, n. | 100a |

### IMAGINE, v. 288a

(1) (to picture in the mind)

Imagine a taller building than you have ever seen

Imagine that you are in ancient Rome 60%

(2) (think, conjecture)

I imagine that he will come

He is less intelligent than I had imagined 36%
imaginary, adj. 68e (not real)

imagination, n. 204e (1) (power of picturing in the mind; thing pictured)
He sees things in his imagination
The story was pure imagination 70%
(2) (originality)
The writings of H. G. Wells are full of imagination 29%

imaginative, adj. 26e

IMITATE, v. 78e (1) (try to act or be like)
Children imitate their parents 60%
(2) (mimic)
A parrot imitates the human voice 5%
(3) (make a thing like an original)
He imitates old furniture and sells it as an antique 32%

imitation, n. 72e (1) (act)
Imitation is a form of flattery
In imitation of . . . 53%
(2) An imitation of the painter
Rubens, of Swinburne, of Greta Garbo 36%
(3) Imitation tortoise-shell 11%

IMMEDIATE, adj. 290e [(1) (without intermediary, direct)
My immediate aim is . . .
Immediate evidence, knowledge—not hearsay or reasoning 21%]
[(2) (very near)
Immediate companion, neighbours
The immediate future 26%]
[(3) (without delay)
An immediate reply
For immediate use 52%]

immediately, adv. 588e (1) Without delay 84%
[(2) (other meanings as above) 16%]

IMMENSE 180e
immense, adj.
[immensely, adv., 26e]
**IMPORTANT, adj.** 1416e
An important matter, person
It is important to learn to read

**importance, n.** 628e
The importance of good health, of keeping one’s health
A matter of great, little importance
A person of some importance

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**IMPROVE** 290e

| 1) Improve one’s French Improve oneself in French                  | 56% |
| 2) Improve on (upon) the first attempt                           | 3%  |
| 3) Trade has improved                                             | 10% |

**improved, adj.**
An improved typewriter (*newer and better*)

**improvement, n.** 256e

| 1) Notice much improvement in your work Room for improvement | 63% |
| 2) This is an improvement An improvement on (upon) . . .       | 38% |

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**IN** 48,337e

| 1a) (*position in space*)
In my house, in Sussex
In prison
In chains, in a silk dress (1.2%)
| 29% |
| 1b) In the army, in the rain, in a crowd
| 11% |
| 1c) In my view; in my opinion (*fig.*)
| 3%  |
| 2) (*showing limitation*)
Blind in one eye
Five shillings in the pound
| 4%  |
| 3) (*showing a state*)
In love, in pain, in tears
| 4%  |
| 4) (*showing occupation*)
Spent his time in reading
Killed in crossing the road
| 7%  |
(5) (showing direction of activity or feeling)
Succeed in, fail in
Place faith in, rejoice in, be disappointed in, skilled in, learned in, strong in, weak in
8%

(6) (showing time)
In winter
Will finish it in a day
13%

(7) (forming the equivalent of an adverb)
Said it in a loud voice; in French
In pairs; in threes; in heaps
In disorder; in comfort, in misery
In reply; in haste
In any way; in common; in general; in any case
16%

(8) (forming the equivalent of a preposition)
In front of, in the face of
In order; in comparison
[forming the equivalent of an adjective,
Three feet in height = high, 0.7%;
find in Cromwell a great ruler = find Cromwell to be; had it in him to,
.
.]

in, adv.
Rub it in; come in; fall in
I hoped to find you in
2%
inborn, adj., 6e; indoor/s, adv., 56e; inward/s, adj., adv., see below

INCH, n. 466e

INCLUDE, v. 924e
The site includes the lake
The class, Carnivores, includes lions, tigers, . . .
The book includes a map
Price £1 including postage, postage included

inclusive, adj. 40e
From January 1st to 7th inclusive
An inclusive price
### INCREASE

**increase, v.**

1. *(intrusive)*
   - His danger, money, years increased
   - He increased in wealth, wisdom 22%

2. *(transitive)*
   - He increased his wealth, the number of his servants
   - Increased wealth, increasing wealth 47%

**increase, n.**

1. *(act)*
   - Increase of knowledge, of population
   - Drunkenness is on the increase 10%

2. *(amount)*
   - The increase is due to better cultivation 20%

### INDEED, adv. 1162e

1. *(adding emphasis)*
   - It is, indeed, cold; indeed it's freezing
   - It's very cold indeed 82%

2. *(in conversation)*
   - Yes, indeed; no indeed
   - "She's engaged to be married"—
     "Indeed?" "Is she, indeed?"
   - (polite interest)
   - Indeed! You don't say so!
     *(surprise)*
   - 6%

3. *(concession)*
   - He may, indeed, be right; but I don't think he is
   - 11%

### INDEPENDENT, 736e

**adj.**

1. *(free, not influenced or supported by others)*
   - An independent nation
   - Independent of the government
   - Hold an independent enquiry 54%

2. *(self-sufficient, self-reliant)*
   - A very independent young man 47%

### independently, adv. 34e

### independence, n. 296e
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<td>Give, get, ask for information</td>
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<td>Inquire into the cause of the accident</td>
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<td>Inquire about (after) his health? [Inquire his name, 9%]</td>
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<th>inquiry, n.</th>
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<th>(1) (course of investigation) Make an inquiry into Field (subject) of inquiry (questions) Make inquiries at the inn Inquiry-office</th>
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<th>(1) (correct use, six-legged creature) (2) (any small creature)</th>
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<th>The inside of the house, country, of my body My inside Phrase: Inside out Inside work Leave it inside The house was clean inside and out Inside of an hour The air inside the bottle</th>
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<th>INSTANT, n.</th>
<th>242e</th>
<th>(1) (point of time) At that instant the bell rang Come this instant (2) (very short duration) Don’t wait an instant Not an instant too soon</th>
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<td>I'll come in an instant</td>
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<td>At one instant... at another</td>
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<td>(at once)</td>
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<td>(= insistently, 0%)</td>
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<td>(1) This instead of that; here instead of there</td>
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<td>Instead of doing this, he did that</td>
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<td>(2) (without &quot;of&quot;)</td>
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<td>He did not do this; he did that instead</td>
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<td>Musical instruments</td>
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<td>? [Used him as an instrument, an instrument of his policy, 20%]</td>
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<td>Sir, that is an insult!</td>
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<td>An insult to his intelligence</td>
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<td>To insult a person</td>
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<td>Insure one's life</td>
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<td>114e</td>
<td>Life insurance</td>
<td>95%</td>
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INTEND, v. 338e (1) What do you intend to do next?
   I intended him to come  62%
(2) Intended as a gift for you
   My son is intended for the army  25%
   ? [(3) I intended no harm  8%

intention, n. 200e With the intention of helping him
   With good intentions  95%

intentional/ly, adj., adv., 16e

INTEREST 2478e

interest, n. A. (1a) (concern in a business)
   Buy an interest in the business  19%
   (benefit)
   I did this in his interest, in the
   interests of justice
   It is to his interest to do it
   Knows where his interest lies  10%
(2) (enthusiasm, curiosity, concern)
   A man of wide interests—sport,
   literature, politics
   This is of no interest to me  23%

interest, v.

interesting, adj. B. Interested in the story
   An interesting story  24%
   Pay interest on the loan  14%
   ? [Disinterested, adj., 20]

INTERFERE, v. 150e (1) (idea of obstruction)
   He allowed nothing and no one
   to interfere with his plans
   Interfere in the work
   Leave me alone! Don’t interfere!  57%
   (step in, interpose oneself)
   The Government interfered in the
   dispute to protect the workers  31%

interference, n. 110e (1) (act of interfering)
   ? [(2) (scientific use), 16%]

INTERNATIONAL, adj., 378e

252
INTERRUPT, v. 100e
(1) (cause to be discontinuous)
Interrupts the view
Interrupt our friendship 40%
(2) (break in on)
Don’t interrupt me when I’m speaking 50%

interruption, n. 38e

INTO, prep. 6274e
(1a) (motion)
Come into the garden
Bite into 44%
(1b) (figurative)
Read a meaning into; enquire into; let me into a secret
Marry into their family 22%
(2) (showing change of state)
Get into difficulty
Driven into rebellion
Divided into parts 34%

INTRODUCE, v. 462e
(1) (bring in)
Introduce some music into a play
Introduce a quotation
Introduce a bill 43%
(2) (bring into practice)
Introduce a new custom 33%
(3) (lead in formally; begin formally)
The actors were introduced with a sound of trumpets 7%
(4) (make two persons known to each other)
Introduced Mr. X to Mrs. Y 16%

introduction, n. 156e
(1) (meanings (1) and (2) above) 62%
(2) (preface of a book) 22%
(3) (initiation into a subject—as in book-titles)
“Introduction to Chemistry—by X.Y.Z.” 6%
(4) (social presentation)
Give an introduction to Letter of Introduction 10%
INVENT, v. 152e
(1) Invent a machine 83%
(2) Invent an excuse 15%

invention, n. 300e
(1) (thing invented)
   The safety razor is a useful invention 53%
(2) (act of inventing)
   The invention of printing 35%

inventor, n. 94e

INVITE
invite, v. 196e
(1) (ask to a meal or social gathering)
   Invite him to dinner 61%
(2) (request politely)
   Invite his opinion; invite questions 8%
(3) (provoke unintentionally)
   The proposal seems to invite discussion 23%
   His behaviour invites criticism 5%
   The water looked very inviting for bathing 5%

inviting, adj.

invitation, n. 96e
   Invitation to dinner 91%

INWARD/S
inward, adj. 42e
   An inward curve
inwards, adv.
   Move inwards

inwardly, adv. 8e
   Inwardly afraid,

IRON 756e
Iron, n.
(1) (metal)
   Made of iron 50%
   Cast iron
(2) (instrument made of iron)
   Electric iron 4%

254
iron-/Iron-willed, etc. 17%
iron, adj. (1) An iron bar 18%
(2) Iron constitution, iron will, etc. 5%
iron, v. Iron a shirt 2%
iron-age, n., 16e; iron-mine, 12e; iron-ore, 22e; iron-work, n., 8e

ISLAND/S . . .

island, n. Britain is an island
The Channel Islands
isle/s, n. The British Isles

IT, pers. pron. 35,512e (1a) Where is the book? It is over there. Can you see it? What is that thing under it 68%
(1b) (referring to a person) Who’s that? It’s the postman 4%
(2) (as subject of an impersonal verb) It was winter, midnight
It’s nice here; it’s warmer today
It is said that . . .
Will it annoy you, if we talk? 27%
[King it, 0.2%]

ITS 7514e
its, det. (= of it)
I don’t like its shape

JAW, n. 81 (1) The teeth are set in the jaw
The upper, lower jaw 84%
(2) (figurative) The jaws of Death
The jaws of a machine 12%

JEALOUS, adj. 51 (1) A jealous wife, husband 31%
(2) Mr. X is jealous of Mr. Y’s success 49%

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<td><em>(continued)</em> (eager to keep) Jealous of their liberty 18% [Under jealous supervision = keen, 2%]</td>
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<td>jealousy, n.</td>
<td>(1) Jealousy of a wife, husband 27% (2) Jealousy of another's success 65%</td>
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<td>JEWEL, n.</td>
<td>(1) <em>(gem)</em> (2) A jewel of a servant <em>(fig.)</em> Jewel-merchant, etc. 3% 5%</td>
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<td>JOIN, v.</td>
<td>(1) <em>(unite things, be united)</em> Join two pieces of wood Join the line A to the line B Join in marriage Join hands; join forces The two roads join at the church The gardens join at the end 25% Phrases: Join with me in doing the work Join in the singing (2) <em>(become one of a group)</em> Join (up) with me in the work Join one's ship, post 54%</td>
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<td>joint, n.</td>
<td>(1) <em>(of the body, also of a plant)</em> Arm joint, elbow joint Phrase: Out of joint 22% (2) <em>(similar movable or fixed mechanical part)</em> Universal joint Carpenter's joints [meat, 3%]</td>
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<td>joint, adj.</td>
<td>Joint owner; joint action; joint state 61%</td>
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<td>[jointed, adj. A jointed rod, 2%]</td>
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<td>jointly, adv.</td>
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joke, n.
Have, make, see a joke; practical jokes
[Be a standing joke, 6%; it's no joke, 4%]

joke, v.

journey, n.
Make, go on, be on a journey
A three day's journey
Break one's journey at Paris
Wish him a safe journey
The sun's journey through the sky
[journey, v. He journeyed south, 15%]

(1) (emotion; its manifestation)
Jump for joy
Ring with joy
(2) (cause of)
My children are a great joy to me
Our joys and sorrows
[Wish you joy of it!, 4%]

joyful, adj.; /ly, adv., 42

JUDGE

(1) Judge of the High Court
(2) Judge in a flower show
I'm no judge of music

judge, n.

judge, v.
(1) (estimate the quality of)
Judge horses
A man should be judged by his deeds, not his words
(2) (form or give an opinion)
Judge whether he's right or wrong
Judge its size
Judge that it is the bigger
Judge it to be the biggest
[Judge of its size, . . .]
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| JUDGMENT, n. | 374  | (1) **(legal and religious sense)**  
The judgment of the Court  
The Day of Judgment,  
Sit in judgment on  

|          |      | (2) **(opinion)**  
Form a judgment  
An error of judgment  
In my judgment  

|          |      | (3) **(power of judging)**  
A man of good, of sound judgment  

| JUICE, n. | 48   |                                |
| juicy, adj. | 8    |                                |

| JUMP     | 252  |                                |
| JUMP, v. |      | (1) Jump up, over the gate, in through the window  
Jump for joy  
A stream jumping over the rocks  

|          |      | (2) **(figurative)**  
Jump from one subject to another  
Jump to conclusions  
Jump at a chance  
Jumped up (over) his seniors in promotion  

| jump, n. |      | A jump over a gate  
High jump; long jump  
A jump in prices  

| JUST     | 2269 |                                |
| just, adv. | A.   | (1a) **(exactly)**  
Just as, enough, so, then, there  
Just a week, the thing, what I like, it  

|          |      | (1b) **(barely)**  
Just wide enough  

|          |      | (1c) **(polite or apologetic)**  
Do just help me to do this  
I must just run and put on my hat  

|          |      | 17%  
|          |      | 38%  
|          |      | 41%  

|          |      | 71%  
|          |      | 8%   
|          |      | 2%   
|          |      | 1%   
|          |      | 2%   
|          |      | 17%  
|          |      | 42%  
|          |      | 13%  
|          |      | 3%   |
just, adv. (continued)  (2) (of time; shortly before or after the present moment)
It’s just ready
He’s just dead
He was here just now
[Intensive or emotive, Just splendid, 6.6%; Just why did you go and do that?, 3.8%]

just, adj.  B.  A just man, judge, law, punishment
[Just balance, just picture = exact, 1.3%]

justice  558  (1) (quality of being just)
He loved justice and hated any unfairness
In justice to you (your claims, work)
(2) (fairness, correctness)
The justice of these remarks
(3) Do oneself justice; do justice to
(4) Court of Justice
(5) Lord Chief Justice
Justice of the Peace
[Rough justice, poetic justice, 4%]

justly, adj.  56  Justly condemned
Justly believed to be the best

unjust, adj., 58e; unjustly, adv., 6e

KEEP, v.  2415e
1. (transitive)
(1) (attend to, observe; not break)
Keep a promise, an appointment, one’s word
Keep step, time in music
(2) (guard; not lose)
Keep the bridge, the keys
Keep money, a secret
Keep a stock of
(3) (cause to continue to be)
Keep it going, moving
Keep it clean, tidy, etc.
Keep yourself clean, tidy, etc.
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KEEP, v. (continued)

Phrases:
Keep it down (0.6%)
Keep it (him) in (0.3%)
Keep him out (2.6%)
Keep them together (0.9%) 40%

(4) (maintain, maintain in good order)
Keep accounts
Keep poultry; keep a wife

Phrases:
Keep up a road; keep up your music (4.9%) 11%
Keep house (2.1%

(5) (retain; not allow to leave; not leave)
Keep him prisoner; nothing to keep me in London
Will keep me from going abroad (5.0%)
Keep back the good wine until the end (2.1%)
Keep the road, one's bed, one's seat (1.6%) 9%

II. (intransitive)
Keep friendly, in touch; keep good; keep (= not go bad)
Keep straight on, going straight on

Phrases:
Keep on trying (2.7%)
Keep out (= stay out) (1.0%)
Keep together (= stay together) (0.2%)
Keep up—I can't keep up with you
The noise kept up all day (0.8%) 13%

keeper, n. 92e Keeper, of the Records, n.; prisoner-keeper, n.; inn-keeper, n.; house-keeper, n., etc.

KEY, n. 172e A. (1) The key of the door (figurative uses; thing which opens)
Gibraltar is the key to the Mediterranean Sea
Money is the key to her heart 12%
KEY, n. 
(continued) 
(2) (thing which explains) 
  Key to his success
  Key to the mystery
  Key to my Latin book (= crib) 16%

B. (1) (music) 
  The key of C; a high key 8%
(2) (fingertips) 
  Keys of a typewriter, piano, etc. 8%
key-/ 
  Key-board, key-hole, key-ring 2%
[key, v. 6%—retaining wedge—Key of wheel, keystone of arch, 0%]

KICK, 104e
kick, v. 
(1) (intransitive) 
  This horse kicks 27%
(figurative) 
  Kick against all these rules and orders 8%
(2) (transitive) 
  Kick a ball 29%
Phrases:
  Kick him out of the house
  Kick him downstairs
  The bullet kicked up the sand
  [Kick up a dust; kick over the traces; kick up one's heels; kick the bucket.
  The gun kicked] 23%

kick, n. 12%

KILL, v. 978e
(1) (take the life of) 
  Cain killed Abel 90%
  Kill off the flies
(2) (figurative)
  Kill a person's love, etc. 7%

KIND 1577e
kind, n. 
A. 
  A new kind of (silk)
  Something of the kind
  Papers of all kinds
  This kind of thing; things of this kind

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<td><em>kind, n.</em></td>
<td>(continued) All, many, other kinds of things</td>
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<td>It's a kind of orange, but different from the usual kind</td>
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<td>[Payment in kind, 1.1%]</td>
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<td><em>kind, adj.</em></td>
<td>B. A kind person, act</td>
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<td>Kind of you to do that</td>
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<td><em>unkind, adj.</em></td>
<td>20c  Treated the child very kindly</td>
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<td>124e (1) (gentleness and selfishness) Treated him with great kindness</td>
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<td>Act of kindness to him</td>
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<td>(2) Do a kindness to; do him a kindness</td>
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<td>4285e Make him king; King George</td>
<td>98%</td>
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<td><em>kingdom</em></td>
<td>350e (1) (unit of government; territory) Sweden is a kingdom</td>
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<td>The United Kingdom</td>
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<td>The Kingdom of God</td>
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<td>Gave him half his kingdom (= territory)</td>
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<td>[The animal kingdom, 7%]</td>
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<td><em>KISS</em></td>
<td>200e (salute)</td>
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<td>172e (room used for cooking)</td>
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<td>Kitchen-chair, -table, -garden, etc.</td>
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| KNEE, n.   | 242e        | (1) I've hurt my knee  
Take a child on one's knee  
Learned it at my mother's knee  
(2) (various phrases having the idea  
of humbleness)  
Go (fall) on one's knees  
Bend the knee to  
Bring him to his knees  
Knee-cap, joint, etc.  
71%  |
| knee-/-    |             |                                                                            |
| kneel, v.  | 122e        | Kneel (down) on one's knees                                                 |
| KNIFE, n.  | 166e        | (1) (tool)  
Pocket-knife, pen-knife  
60%  
(2) (weapon)  
Stick a knife into  
25%  |
| knife-/-   |             | Knife-edge, etc.  
[verb, 2%]                                                                |
| KNOCK,     | 178e        | (1) (strike a resounding blow)  
Knock on (at) the door  
25%  
(2) (strike hard blows)  
Knock in a nail  
Knock out the ashes  
Knock the bottom out of a box  
Knock to pieces; knock it about  
Knock over  
16%  
13%  
3%  
[Knock down at an auction, 2%;  
knock off work, 1%; knock out in  
boxing, 2%; knock together a box  
= make roughly, 1%; knocked up  
= ill, tired, 1%]  |
| knock, n.  |             | 17%  |
| KNOT       | 114e        | (1) Tie a rope in a knot; knot a rope  
Shoulder-knot  
51%  
(2) (lump, mass, group)  
Feel a small knot under the skin  
A knot in wood  
A knot of people  
26%  
[unit of speed, 23%]  |
KNOW, v. 5489e

(1) (perceive, recognize)
You are just like your father; I'd know you anywhere

(2) (know socially)
Do we know the Smiths?

(3) (have knowledge of facts, be able to repeat)
Know the area, number, etc.
Know your multiplication tables
Know poetry; know by heart

Phrases:
Know about it
Know of (anyone who will do the work)

(4) (with a clause)
Know that it was done
Know who did it, how it was done
Know it to be true

knowledge, n. 656e

(1) (learning)
All branches of human knowledge
His knowledge of science, of drawing

(2) (awareness of a fact)
A wide knowledge of the facts of the case
It has come to my knowledge
He has been there twice to my knowledge

LACK

lack, n. 542e

For lack of money
No lack of money

lack, v.
lacking

The room lacks colour
The necessary materials are lacking
The room is lacking in colour
He was found lacking in common sense

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| LADDER, n. | 56e | Climb a ladder  
The ladder of fame (fig.)  
/-ladder | A step-ladder etc. |
| LADY, n. | 1684e | (1) (woman of good social position) 57%  
(2) (form of address)  
Ladies and gentlemen 9%  
(3) (title)  
Lady Alice Smith 23% |
| LAKE, n. | 686e | The Lake of Geneva 91% |
| LAMP, n. | 186e | Oil lamp, electric lamp 89%  
lamp-/ | Lamp-light, etc. 9% |
| LAND | 2571e | land, n.  
(1) (opposite of sea)  
By land and sea 14%  
(2) (agricultural, etc.)  
Plough land; low land; mountain land 9%  
(3) (property)  
Owns a lot of land in Ireland 24%  
(4) (natural territory)  
My native land 32%  
land-/ | Land-development, -army, -agent,  
etc. 7% |
| land, v. |  | Land a cargo  
Land an aeroplane  
Land from a ship 9% |
| landing, n. |  | A safe landing 2%  
landing-/ | Landing-ground, landing-place 3%  
[— of stairs, 0.2%] |
| landlord | 102e | (1) (land or house owner) 65%  
(2) (— of a lodging house, hotel, etc.) 28% |

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LANGUAGE

| 540e | (1) The English language
|      | A dead language
|      | 71%
| (2) (way of speaking))
|      | Plain language
|      | Bad language, strong language
|      | The language of Science
|      | 26%

LARGE, adj

| 3018e | (1a) (big—with the idea of containing a lot)
|       | A large field, mouth, coat, sheet of paper
|       | Large powers, ideas
|       | Large profits, numbers, size
|       | (also numbers and dimensions)
|       | 51%
| (1b) (equivalent to Big: not easily distinguishable from (1a))
|       | A large man, garden, estate
|       | 39%
| (2) (on a large scale)
|       | A large farmer, business
|       | Large-hearted, etc.
|       | 7%
|       | 1%

largely,

| 434e | (to a great extent)
|      | Largely responsible
|      | Depends largely upon subscriptions

LAST

| 2850e |
| last, adj. | A. (1) (latest in order; final)
|           | The last day of the month
|           | The last days of the holiday
|           | For the (third and) last time
|           | 35%
| (2) (most recent)
|           | For the last few weeks
|           | Last Wednesday
|           | These last (just mentioned) people
|           | 30%
| Phrase:
|           | At last (= finally)
|           | 19%

last, adv.

| (1) (latest in order)
| X came last
| 2%
| (2) (most recently)
| When did you last see him?
| My last-born
| 3%

last, v.

| B. (1) (continue, continue undamaged)
| This paint has lasted very well
| A lasting improvement
| 3%
last, v. (continued)  

(2) *(remain unconsumed, unfinished)*

How long will this performance last?

If the fine weather (my health, the food) lasts (out)

7%

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**LATE** 868e

**late, adj**

(1) *(not punctual, not in time for)*

Late for school  

17%

(2) *(not early)*

Late hours  

Late 18th century  

18%

(3) *(recently dead or ended)*

The late headmaster  

The late government  

20%

*Phrase:*

Of late years; of late (= recently)  

13%

**late, adv.**

(1) *(not punctually, not in time)*

Help came too late  

15%

(2) *(not early)*

Go to bed late  

Roses flowered late  

As late as 1764  

8%

[= recently, Sun which late had seemed so bright, 6%]*

*Phrases:*

Sooner or later  

Better late than never . . .

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**lately, adv.** 118e  

He was lately headmaster of the school  

Till lately  

Lately promoted to be headmaster

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**?LATTER, adj.** 752e

(1) The former . . . the latter  

25%

(2) *(the second-mentioned)*

A house and a cottage, the latter in bad repair  

71%

[Latterly, 4e]  

*(This word is to be avoided in factual, technical and scientific writing, as it is apt to cause confusion. The need of it in other writing is doubtful)*

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LAUGH

laugh, v.  839e
Laugh loudly
Laugh over a letter
Burst out laughing

Phrases:
Laugh at (a joke)
Laugh at (a person) (ridicule)  95%

laugh, n.
Have a good laugh at, over, about
Give a loud laugh
Answered with a laugh  5%

laughter, n.  120e
Roar with laughter
Shouts of laughter  95%

laughable  6e

LAW, n.  2221e
(1) (a body of laws)
Roman law
A court of law  46%

(2) (a particular law)
The Divorce Law
Have made a new law about military service

(3) (in a general sense)
The laws of God, of Nature, of Health
Scientific laws: Boyle's Law
Law-giver, law-court, law-suit, etc.  4%

law-/

lawful, unlawful  42e
It is lawful for him to . . .
A lawful act, marriage
Lawful king, heir, wife

lawfully, adv., 8e; unlawfully, a 26e

lawless, adj., 46e

lawyer, n., 230e
LAY, v. 1231e

1. (dignified word for Put)
   Laid down his pen

   ? [Phrases:
   Lay hands on, 3.2%
   Lay hold of, 1.6%]

2. (— with the idea of burial)
   Lay the body in the grave 14%

3. Lay an egg 3%

4. (idea of spreading out)
   Lay turf, a cable, bricks
   Lay open, bare, waste

Phrases:
   Lay the table
   The scene is laid in Verona, (0.9%) 16%

5. (figurative)
   Lay claim to, a charge against, a
duty on, the blame on, stress on 8%

[Lay a wager, 1.9%; siege, 1.1%]

Phrases:
   Lay aside—Lay aside money for
   the future 1.1%
   Lay down—Lay down your arms;
   lay him down 2.7%
   Lay down a principle, the law 5.5%

? [Lay down a ship, 2.5%]
   Lay out—Lay out streets on a plan 3.9%
   Lay up—Lay up things in store 1.4%

? [Lay off—Lay off workmen = cease
to employ 1.6%]

(In order to avoid confusion with Lie most meanings except No. 3 and ‘Lay
the table,’ may be covered by Put, etc.)

LAZY, adj. 26e

A lazy boy, horse, river 92%

LEAD 1654e

lead, v. A.

1. (guide)
   The peasant led me through the
   forest
   Lead by the hand (4.3%)
   Led by a star (1.7%)
   Led by arguments (13.1%) 29%

Phrases:
   Lead the way 2%
   The channel, wire, road leads
   into . . . 12%
   Lead to results 17%

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lead, v. (continued)  
(2) (command, direct by example)  
Lead an army  
Lead the prayers  
Phrases:  
Lead one’s life  
? [Lead up to, 0.4%]  

leading, adj.  
Leading event, lady, article  

lead, n.  
Take the lead  

leader, n., 730e ; leadership, n., 142e  

lead, n.  
B. (metal) 5% of 1654e  

LEAF, n.  
392e  
(1) (part of a plant)  
Leaf of a tree  
Tobacco leaf  
88%  
(2) (any thin sheet)  
(a) A leaf out of a book  
"Turn over a new leaf"  
(b) Gold leaf  
7%  
3%  
leaf-  
Leaf-eating, etc.  
2%  

leafless, adj., 10e ; leafy, adj., 18e ; [leaflet, n., 32e]  

LEAN, v.  
310e  
(1) (inclining : rest weight : bend)  
Lean on his arm  
Lean against the wall  
The leaning tower of Pisa  
Lean out of the window  
Lean forward  
57%  
(2) (figurative)  
Lean on you (= rely)  
Lean towards your opinions  
6%  
(3) (transitive)  
Lean a ladder against the wall  
Lean my head on your shoulder  
I have a leaning (leanings) towards  
Art  
5%  
12%  

leaning, n.
LEARN, v. 1297e  (1) (acquire a skill, or knowledge, or experience)
Learn golf
Learn wisdom; learn history
Learn how to do it
Learn to control your language

(2) (ascertain a fact)
I have just learned from your letter that you are still in Paris

learnèd, adj. Learned man; a learned book
learning, n. A little learning is a dangerous thing

LEAST, 1140e
least, det. (smallest)
The least amount
Without the least preparation
To say the least, he has been very foolish
At least five hundred
Here at least we shall be quiet
Are you angry? Not in the least

least, adv.
Those who talk least
I wouldn’t blame anyone, least of all you

LEATHER, n. 188e Shoes are made of leather
A leather coat

LEAVE, 1625e
leave, v. A. (1a) (allow to remain)
Leave the glass on the table
Leave me here
Leave a card, a message

(1b) (= property at death)
Leave (Be left) £1,000 in a will

(2) Leave undone, untouched, unsaid
*Leave me alone (= in solitude)

* (The idea 'Do not molest' is perhaps better expressed by Let alone, which is more frequent in this sense)
leave, v. (continued) (3) (idea of entrusting)
Leave it with me
Leave the work to me
Leave me to do it
Leave it to nature
6%
(3) (depart from)
Leave here
Leave London and live in the country
Leave the subject and pass on to the next
28%
[Leave go oof = let go, 0.7%; Let go is nearer the root meaning]
Phrases:
Leave behind—You've left your bag behind—Don't leave me behind 0.4%
Leave off—Leave off warm clothes
Leave off doing it 0.8%
Leave out—Leave out in the rain
Leave out a word 0.7%
Leave over—Leave over food
Leave over 0.2%
Ask, get, give leave to do it
4%
[Take one's leave, 2%]

left over, adj., 4e

LEFT 12e My right hand and my left hand

left-handed, 16e

LEG, n. 328e (1) My right leg
Leg of mutton
A wooden leg 88%
The leg of my trousers
(2) (phrases meaning stand up)
Got up on his (hind) legs
Stand on one's own legs 2%
(3) Leg of a table
[Pull his leg; give a leg up, 0.6%; on his last legs, 1%; find my legs, 0.6%]

LEND, v. 142e
Lend me your book
Lend money
[= give, "Lend me your ears"; lend herself to = support]
### LENGTH

(see LONG)

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<td>(2) (make less) Lessen the costs Lessen his reputation</td>
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<td>Phrase: Let him know (= tell), (0.6%)</td>
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<td>(1b) (allow the use of, hire) Let out on hire Let a house</td>
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LET
(continued)

(2) (special uses)
   Let go (= release)
   Let fly (= release an arrow, etc.)
   Let fall (= drop) 4%

(3) (imperative, expressing a proposal)
   Let's go to the cinema
   Let us suppose that . . . 44%

(4) (not molest)
   Let me alone! don't bother me! 1.4%
   [Let alone = still less, 0.3% ; Leave alone may perhaps be reserved for Solitude, and Let alone may be reserved for Not molest]

Phrases:
   Let down—Let the man down on the rope
   Let her down lightly (= do not be harsh (fig.)) 0.6%
   Let in—Let in the dog, light 1.1%
   Let off—Let off fireworks 0.1%
   Let him off lightly (= not punish severely) 0.3%
   Let out—Let the cat out
   Let out a secret
   Not let him out of your sight 0.2%
   [Let be, 0.3% ; let oneself go, 0.3% ; let down = betray, 0.1% ; let on = divulge it, 0.2%]

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LETTER, n. 1610a

(1) (of the alphabet)
   Capital letter, small letter 7%

(2) (epistle)
   Post the letters 86%

letter-
   Letter-post, letter-paper, etc. 1%
   [Letters = literature, 3% ; Letters patient, etc., 2%]

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LEVEL

level, n.

Water finds its own level
   On a level with
   A high level of excellence 69%
   [A spirit level, 1%]

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| level, adj. and adv. | A level surface, road  
Level country  
Jim is level with Tom in class  
Run level with  
In a level voice  
Level-headed |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| level, v. | Level a field  
Level up, down |
| | [Level a spear at, accusation at, 3%] |
| LIBERTY, | 368e  
(1) (freedom)  
Set at liberty  
The liberty of the people, press  
(2) Take liberties with (an author's writings = change)  
Take the liberty of  
You are at liberty to go where you please  
Dr. X is now at liberty and can see you |
| | 68%  
7%  
6% |
| LIBRARY, n. | 432e  
(1) (collection of books)  
(2) (room, building) |
| | 48%  
52% |
| librarian | 30e |
| LID, n. | 12e  
The lid of a box |
| LIE | 1595e |
| lie, v. | A.  
(1a) (be recumbent)  
Lie on a bed, on the floor  
Lie down; lie back in a chair  
(1b) (—with special reference to sleep or death)  
Lie in bed; lies in his grave  
The churchyard where he lies  
(2) (more vaguely, especially with adjectives)  
Lie open; lie idle  
Lie in wait for |
| | 13%  
13%  
5% |
lie, v. (continued)  
(3) (idea of being stretched out)  
The land lying in the valley below  
Ruins lying all around us  
A big book lying on the table  
(4) (figurative)  
The journey lying before me  
How does the matter lie at present?  
Lie in relation to  
Your future lies in farming  
The remedy lies in education  
? [As far as in me lies; doesn't lie in me to —, 0.8%]

lie, n.  B.  He tells lies  
He lies! He's lying

lie, v.  4%

liar,  20e

LIFE  
(see LIVE)

LIFT  414e

lift, v.  
(1) Lift (up) a box  
Too heavy to lift  
(figurative)  
Lift the soul out of despair  
(2) (go up, intransitive)  
The clouds lifted, fog lifted  
Phrases:  
Lift up your hands, head, heart, eyes, voice  
? [Lift, n., give a lift to, 2%; = elevator, 2%; various, 5%]

LIGHT  2043e

light, n.  A.  
(la) Sun-light, electric light  
The light of day  
Look at it in a good light (= illuminate)  
(mination)  
(1b) An electric light (= lamp)
**light, n. (continued)**

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**light-/**

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<td>[Light = window, Ancient lights, 1%]</td>
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**light, v.**

A. (ignite)

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B. (illuminate)

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**light, adj.**

C. (not heavy)

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<th>(1) Aluminium is light</th>
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<td>(not dense)</td>
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<td>(2) This cake is light; light diet; light soil</td>
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D. (not strong; quick-moving)

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<th>(3) A light cart</th>
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<td>Of light build</td>
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<td>Light armour, light infantry</td>
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E. (not serious; not weighty)

| (4) Light offence, punishment, task |
| Light literature, music |
| Light of heart; light mind |
| Light sleep |
| A light touch |

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**light, adj.**

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A. lighter, n., 6s; light-house, 36s

B. lighten, v., 36s (make less heavy, 56%); light-hearted, adj., 20s;
lightly, adv., 96s (touch, sleep, sprinkle, 42%; talk, think, 27%; dance, jump, 27%); lightness, 18s; light-weight, n., adj., 10s.
LIKE 4266e
like, adj. A. (resembling)
More like his father than his mother
It looks like a bird
A fellow like Edison could invent it

Phrases:
What’s it like? What’s he like 3.8%
Something (anything, nothing) like 0.7%
It’s just like his impudence to . . . 0.7%

?[Do you feel like a walk?, 0.2%]
[‘ve nothing like finished the work, 0.2%]

like, adv.
I wish I could write like that, like you
Don’t speak to me like that!

Phrase:
It looks like rain 0.8%
[like, n., Never see his like again, etc. 1.9%]

like, v. B.
I like hot toast, Bach’s music, your brother

Phrase:
I should like to go to Switzerland, but I can’t 2%

alike, adj. (like each other), 176e; unlike, adj., 156e

LIKELY, 466e
likely, adj.
He is likely to go
It is likely to happen
It is likely that it will happen
The most likely cause is
Very likely, quite likely, most likely 87%

likely, adv.
You’re very likely right
[= strong-looking]

unlikely 16e

LIMB, n, 172e (1) (part of the body)
Phrase:
Tear him limb from limb 70%
(2) (part of tree)
**LIMIT**  
802e

**limit, n.** (boundary)
The limit of my power
Set a limit to
Go beyond the limit
Within limits; within the limits of
Up to the limit of £10 44%

**limit, v.**
My powers are limited
Be limited to two hours, — £10 56%

? [limitation, n. 102c
Know one's limitations
The book has certain limitations 86%

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**LINE**  
3163e

**line, n.**

(1) (string, wire)
Telegraph line, fishing line 4%

(2) (mark)
A pencil line
A thin line of paint 5%

(3) (— showing direction, tendency, type)
Line of force, sight, march (6%)
Line of thought, business (6%) 12%

(4) (— showing arrangement, edge, or contour)
Stand in line, in one line
Bring into line
The line of the sea, of the hills 9%

(5) (— showing a limit)
Must draw a line somewhere
Frontier line

(6) (of ships and railway)
The Cunard Line
The Great Western line
On the railway line

(7) (military uses)
In the front line; line of battle
[Living in the lines = barracks]

Phrase:
All along the line (1%)

(8) (print, poetry, handwriting)
A line of print, of poetry 46%
line, n. (continued)  

| [B. This word is not in the Report, nor is it of the same origin as the above, but it covers an idea which can hardly be expressed otherwise:]
| A coat lined with silk, with a silk lining 27%

| [liner, n., 22e (ship, 64%)]

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<td>(2) phrases</td>
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<td>The word was just on my lips</td>
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<td>Bit his lip (showed restrained anger)</td>
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<td>Curled his lip (showed disdain)</td>
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<td>Smacked his lips (— at good food) 23%</td>
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<td>[Lip-reading, lip-service]</td>
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<td>Lip of the volcano, of the wound, 2%</td>
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| lipstick, n. 2e |

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<td>liquid, adj. 302e</td>
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<td>(1) In the liquid state</td>
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<td>Liquid foods 40%</td>
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<td>(2) (figurative)</td>
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<td>Liquid eyes, sounds</td>
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<td>Pour the liquid into the bottle 54%</td>
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<td>Pour the liquid into the bottle [Liquid assets, 1%]</td>
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<td>Make a list of</td>
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<td>Your name is not on the list</td>
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<td>Next on the list 72%</td>
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<td>Speak and I will listen</td>
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<td>Listen to me when I speak</td>
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<td>Listen for the bell 42%</td>
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| listener, n. 26e |

| 280 |
LITT L E

4156e

little, adj.

(1) (opposite of Big, often with tender emotion or contempt)
A little child
My little one!
I've written a little poem about it

(2) (opposite of Much, Long)
In a little time; a little way

(3) (without "a," opposite of Much)
Drank little wine, eat little meat
We have so little time, hope
Little advantage, interest
Little or no

l i t t l e, n.

Say little, very little
Got little out of it
Little or nothing
Little by little

l i t t l e, adv.

Little more than
Little used, known

? [He little knows, thinks, cares, 0.6%]

L I V E

2679e

live, v.

(1) (have life)
Live fifty years
A better man never lived
His memory lives (fig.)

(2) (subsist on)
Lives by his pen
Live on fruit and vegetables

(3) (manner of life)
Life in hope, comfort
Live well (= luxuriously)
Live a (good, bad, Christian) life,
the life of a hermit
Live for his work

? [Live down the past, 0.5%]

(4) (reside)
He lives in London

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| live, adj. | Live fish | 3% |
| live- | Live-birth, etc. | 3% |
| living, n. | An honest living | 11% |
| living- | Living-house, etc. | 2% |
| living, adj. | The only man living who . . . | 11% |
| | The living and the dead | |
| | [Within living memory, 0.6% ; living image, 0%] | |

| life, n. | 3417e | (1a) *(the state of being alive ; ability to continue living)* |
| | | Come to life ; bring back to life |
| | | Necessities of life |
| | | [Emotional phrases—Run for your life, for dear life ; can’t for the life of me do more, 1.3%] |
| | (1b) *(energy)* | The actors put no life into it |
| | | The life (and soul) of the party |
| | (2) *(the period of one’s existence)* | In the course of my life ; early in life ; all my life |
| | | Provided for life, for your whole life |
| | | A life sentence *(adj.)* |
| | | A good, sad, happy life *(biography)* |
| | (3) | Abbot’s Life of Napoleon |
| | | Life-line, life-study, life-insurance, etc. |

| life- | |

| life-boat, n., 10e ; lifeless, adj., 22e ; life-like, adj., 14e ; life-long, adj., 32e ; life-size, adj., 2e |

| LOAD | 294e |
| load, n. | |
| | (1) A (cart) load of . . . |
| | (2) *(weight : burden on a machine)* |
| | The load on the wheels |
| | A load of sin |
| | The peak load on the electric generators |
load-/  Load-line (on a ship)  3%
load, v.  (1) Loaded the cart, ship  19%
  (2) Load a gun  8%
  (3) Loaded her with gifts, abuse  2%
  [Loaded silk = adulterated, 10%; Bill of Loading, 7%]

LOAF, n.  56e  A loaf of bread  65%

LOAN, n.  250e  Ask for the loan of a pen, of £5
  A government loan  98%
  [verb, to loan (U.S.A.) 2%]

LOCAL, adj.  518e  The local doctor
  Our local customs
  Local government  99%

locally, adv.  30e

LOCK  176e
lock, n.  The lock of a door, a box  18%
lock-/
lock, v.  Locksmith, etc.  3%
  (1) Lock the door
  Lock up the box; lock him in;
  lock him out
  A locked door; locked out  46%
  (2) (fix, make immovable)
  The ship was locked in ice
  Locked the wheel
  Locked in combat  8%
unlock, v.  [Canal lock, 6%]

LODGING, n.  224e  Lodgings for the night
  Lodging house
  Board and lodging  23%
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<td>Adj.</td>
<td>A log of wood</td>
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<td>LONELY, adv and adj.</td>
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<td>(1) (alone, sad because alone) In lonely thought Feeling lonely</td>
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<td>(2) (uninhabited) A lonely place</td>
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<td>(a) Draw a long line A line two inches long</td>
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<td>(b) A long list; a long poem</td>
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<td>(2) A long time; a long life</td>
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<td>Long-range, long-jump, etc.</td>
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<td>? [= dreary, The long hours, years, 1.2%]</td>
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<td>Adv.</td>
<td>Before long; not for long</td>
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<td>I have long thought that it is so</td>
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<td>Long after—Long after the death of Milton</td>
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<td>Any longer—I can't work any longer; I don't like it any longer</td>
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<td>No longer—I no longer like it</td>
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<td>So long as—There's no harm in it so long as you don't over-do it</td>
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<td>Long-lasting, etc [verb = desire, 3%]</td>
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<td>long-lived, adj., 6e; long-sighted, adj., 2e; long-suffering, adj., 2e</td>
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length, n. (continued)  Phrases:
At arm’s length  7%
At length—Described it at (full) length  7%
? [At length she spoke = at last, 26%]

LOOK  2893c

look, v.  (1) (observe)
Look at me
Looked at me angrily, carefully, etc.

(Phrases all in their simple meaning.)
Look about you, after him as he went, down at your feet, into the pool, out of the window, through the telescope, up to the sky (figurative)

His way of looking at the problem  44%

Phrases:
Look here! (= attend)  4%
Look after—Look after her when I’m gone (see AFTER)
Look down—Looks down on me as an amateur  0.4%
Look for—Look for my spectacles  2.0%

[= expect, ? 1.8%]
Look forward to—Look forward to the summer  2.0%
Look into—Look into the matter  0.7%

Look on—Look on at football  
(...?)
Look over—Look over examination papers  0.8%
Look round—Look round the shop  1.3%

? [Look to—Look to him for help  0.8%
Look upon—Look upon it as an insult  3.1%
Look up—Look up to him with respect  0.2%

Look up a reference  
(...?)
look, v. (continued)  

(2) (appear)  
Looks well for; looks as if, looks like a lizard  
? [It looks like rain = gives promise of] 12%  

looking, adj.  
Nice-looking  

look, n.  
(1) Have, take a look at 7%  
(2) The sad look on her face  
Gave me an angry look 3%  
? [Good looks]

looking-glass, 12e; look-out, 44e

LOOSE, adj. 198e  

(1) (not controlled, not bound)  
The horses are running loose  
The horses have got loose  
Let the animal loose; let loose the lions  
Got one hand loose from the bonds  
The loose end of a rope  
The knot has come loose  
Don’t tie them loose; I’ll carry them loose 39%  

(2) (not fixed; not pulled tight, not precise)  
Loose reins  
Loose clothes  
Loose joints  
Loose thinking 17%  
Morally loose  

(3) (not compact)  
Loose stones on the road  
Loose threads, loose earth 22%  
Loose line of men; loose attack  
[Loose v.—Loose the animal, arrow, rope, anchor, 20%]

loosely, adv., 40e

loosen, v. 54e  

(1) Loosened from his chains 25%  
Loosened his tongue  

(2) Loosen the rope, it’s too tight 45%  
Loosened morals, restraints  

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loosen, v. (continued)  
(3) The rain has loosened the stones 25%  
(4) (intransitive)  
The skin of the face loosens with age 5%  

LORD, n. 1030e  
(1) (ruler)  
Obey no lord or king 22%  
(2) (peer)  
Princes and lords  
The House of Lords 16%  
(2b) (title)  
Lord Chief Justice  
Lord Derby  
My Lord 35%  
(3) (God)  
The Lord God of Hosts  
The Lord's prayer 15%  

Lordship 64e  
His Lordship  

LOSE, LOST, 793e  
lose, v.; lost, adj.  
(1a) (mislay; often not distinguishable from (1b))  
I've lost my spectacles  
I've lost the place (in the book) 4%  
(1b) (idea of deprivation, with many figurative uses)  
We shall lose money on publishing this book  
We lost 270 men killed in the battle  
Lose heart, hope, interest  
Phrases:  
Lose one's way  
Lose one's temper  
Lose sight of  
? [Lose one's head; lose ground]  
[causal, Lost him the job, 0.8%]  
(2) (idea of failure)  
Lose one's job; lose the train  
(? § 1b)  
Lost the battle, the game  
Harrow lost (the match) to Eton by 17 runs 6%  

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### Lose, v.; Lost, adj. (continued)

1. A lost child (? lb)
2. Lost in the forest
3. Lost in thought

[idea of waste, Lose time, labour, 5%; such arguments are lost on me, 0.1%; idea of destruction, A lost soul, 2%]

### Loss, n.

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<td>Loss of life, voice, a train, a battle</td>
<td>65%</td>
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<td>Our losses in the business; profit and loss</td>
<td>26%</td>
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<td>(loss = death)</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<td>Our losses were heavy</td>
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**Phrases:**
- (His death is) a great loss
- He is no loss
- [At a loss = not knowing what to do, 3%]

### Lot, n.

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<td>A lot of; a great lot of; a good lot of</td>
<td>54%</td>
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<td>You can have the lot (= all); the whole lot</td>
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[Cast lots, 25%; vacant lot = site, 9%; at an auction, and "He's a bad lot," 1%]

*(The percentages are doubtful)*

### Loud, adj. and adv.

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<td>A loud voice; a loud noise</td>
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<td>Talk loud</td>
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### Loudly

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### Love, n.

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<td>Love of a friend; love for a friend</td>
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<td>(between sexes)</td>
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<td>The Goddess of Love</td>
<td>25%</td>
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**Phrases:**
- In love with
- Fall in love
- My love (= person) | 4%
- Love-affair, love-letter, etc. | 2%
love, v. (1) (have friendship) 16%
(2) (between the sexes)
He loves her 'Tis better to have loved and lost 13%
(3a) (appreciate)
Love reading, good wine, etc. 8%
(3b) (with a verb)
I love to hear you sing, you singing 2%

lovable, adj., 4e; lover, n., 194e; loving, adj., /ly, adv., 14e.
?lovely, adj., 174e]

| LOW, adj. | 1482e | (1) (not high)
| | | A low building Low land 41%
| | (2) (— as in a scale)
| | | Low temperature, price, rank
| | | (— with the feeling of disgust)
| | | Low talk, behaviour, people 1%
| | (3) (— of sounds)
| | | A low note (not high)
| | | In a low voice (not loud) 8%
[| | Lay low, 0.7%; lie low, 0.2%]

low, adv.
The lamp burned low
Don’t value yourself too low
Speak low, aim low 5%

low- (adj. and adv.)
Low-lying, low-class, etc. 8%

lower 380e
lower, adj.
A lower pace, class, note 63%
lower, v.
(make less high)
Lower the roof, rents, pressure
Lower one’s voice
(cause to descend)
Lower the sails
Lowered by a rope down the cliff 28%

lowland, n. 36e

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LOYAL, adj. 120e
(1) Loyal friendship; loyal to his friends 33%
(2) Loyal to the King; loyal subject 65%

loyalty, n. 104e

LUCK, adj. 136e
(1) (fortune, good or bad) Have good, bad, no luck 63%
(2) (good fortune) Have had the luck to . . . 24%
Phrases:
Be in luck
Try your luck
A stroke of (good/bad) luck
Worse luck! (= how unlucky I am!) 3%

lucky, adj. 74e
(1) Lucky person Be lucky at games 46%
(2) A lucky chance, guess Lucky sixpence 54%

unlucky, 22e; unluckily, 6e

LUMP, n. 44e
A lump of clay
A lump on my neck
[Lump sum, . . . ]

LUNCH 58e
(noun) (verb) 90%
10%

? [luncheon, 26e]

LUNG, n. 40e
(1) (organ) (2) (figurative) 85%
10%
Lung-power, etc.

lung-
### MACHINE, n. 578e
(see also MECHANICAL)

Sewing-machine, printing-machine, etc.
He treats me like a machine, not a human being 76%

machine-/  
Machine-shop, etc. 20

machinery, n. 446e
A room full of complicated machinery 75%
(= figuratively)
The machinery of government 25%

### MAD, adj. 128e
1. (insane)
Go mad  
Drive a person mad  
A mad bull 40%

Phrase:
(Shouting) like mad (= like a madman) 2%

2. (loosely = excited, uncontrolled)
Mad with anger  
Mad on dancing  
Mad about Alice (= in love)  
A nice fellow, but a bit mad (= wild in behaviour) 34%

[(3) (= angry, especially in U.S.A.) 19%]

madly, adv., 8e; madman, n., 50c; madness, n., 46e; madden, v., 8e

### MAIL
mail, n.
1. (letters)
The Indian mail  
Has my mail come yet? 39%

2. (transport of letters)
The Calcutta mail (= train)

mail-/
Mail-train 48%

? [mail, v. Mail it to him (mainly U.S.A.), 5%]

### MAIN, adj. 570e
Main body of an army  
Main points of an argument  
Main road, main line, main drain 76%
main-

Main-mast, -sail, etc. 2%

[noun, 20%]

mainly, adv. 220e

mainland, n. 46e

MAKE, v. 9600e

A. (general idea of construction)

(1a) (construct, compound)
God made the world
Make a coat out of this cloth
Make this cloth into a coat
Shoe-making; paper-making
Hay-making; bread-making

Special uses:

Make a fire; make a bed (0.3%)
Made of iron (1.0%)
Make a friend; make a friend of him (1.5%)

 [= become, e.g., She will make a good wife, 0.4%; — except as in (2) below, calculations]

(1b) (with the idea of gaining)
Make a living, make money

(2) (special use in calculations and thinking)
Two and two make four
I make the total fifty-seven

Phrases:

How do you make that out?
Make me out a fool, out to be a fool
I can’t make it out

(3) (idea of causing to exist)
Make a fuss, trouble, work

Phrases:

That makes a difference (0.8%)
Make a rule (0.3%)
Make room (0.2%)

B. (forming a verb-equivalent)

(1) (forming a verb)
MAKE, v.
(continued)
Make, a gesture, a marriage, a
journey, a voyage, a speech, a
mistake, make haste 36%
(2) (with an adjective)
Make ready; make sure (16%)
Make it ready; make it known
(6%) 22%
(3) (with two nouns or a noun and
pronoun)
Make John a baronet; make it an
offence 3%
[Make a man of him, 0.4%]

C.
(idea of compulsion)
Make him do it
These figures can be made to
agree; made to seem right, made
to look right (1.5%) 9%

Phrases:
Make out—Make out a list 0.1%
Make up—Make up a total (1.5%)
Make up one's face
Make up one's mind
(0.6%) 2.2%
Make up quarrel (0.1%) 2.2%
[Make over = give, 0.1%]

make, n.
It's a good make of pen 0.1%

maker, n., 80e; make-up, n., 20e; ? [make-believe], n., 12e]

MALE 168e
male, adj.
Male animal, plant, organ 56%

male, n.
The female is more deadly than the male 44%

MAN, n. 10388e
(1) (human, often with a capital letter)
The brain of Man 10%
(2) (adult)
Not a man, he's just a boy
Be a man!
Grew up and became a man 14%
(3) (male)
Man and wife 9%
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MAN, n.  (continued) 
(4a) (soldier) The officer led his men up the hill 6%
(4b) (servant) My man will bring you a drink 1%
(5) (vaguely, person) Any man would be glad of the chance 54%

-/man

Workman, postman, milkman, etc. (counted under work-, post-, etc.)

? [man, v.]

Man the guns 0.4%

manhood, n., 78e; mankind, n., 154e

? [manly, adj., manliness, adj., 42e]

MANAGE, v. 268e  
(1) (control a horse or other living thing) Manage a horse, husband 4%
(2) (conduct a business, a piece of business) Manage a grocery business Managed the affair very well 20%
(3) (succeed in) I just managed to get there in time Did you get them in time? Yes, I just managed (it) 50%

managed, adj.

managed, adj.

managing, adj.

Managing Director 8%

management, n. 186e  
(1) Good management 60%
(2) The Management (= directors, etc.) 40%

manager, n. 164e

MANNER/S, n. 892e  
(1) (air) He has a self-confident manner
(2) (customs) Manners and customs of the Romans
MANNER/S, n. (continued)

(3) Good manners, bad manners
A bad-mannered person

[In this manner, in the same manner,
etc., . . . , mainly literary]

MANUFACTURE
(see also FACTORY)

manufacture, v.
adj.
manufacture, n.
manufacture, n.

To manufacture shoes
Manufactured goods
A manufacturing town
The manufacture of shoes

61%
34%

MANUFACTURE

MANUFACTURE

MANY, det.

(1) (numerous)
Many people, things, years, etc.
A great many people, etc.

(2) (with Of)
Many of the people, etc. (n.)

[Many a year, 4%]

As many; one too many; too many

[Many a year, 4%]

MAP

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 March, v.

The soldiers marched well
By the right, quick march!
He marched off in a temper

92%
8%

21%
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<td>(2) (indication put onto a thing) Post mark, trade mark Marks of illness on his face Marks on (for) my essay; school marks</td>
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<td>? [Will make his mark, leave his mark, 1.2%]</td>
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<td>(1) (trace out boundaries) Mark out a tennis court</td>
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<td>(2) (put a sign on) Mark the accents Mark examination papers Markings on a dog (n.) Marked the occasion by losing his temper (fig.) A marked improvement</td>
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<td>? [Mark time, 0.2%]</td>
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<td>[Mark = notice; mark him well, mark my words, 3.9%]</td>
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<td>(1) The market-place Bring one's eggs to the market Market day</td>
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<td>(2) (buying and selling) Come into the market Put it on the market No market for Find a market for</td>
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<td>[verb, 4%]</td>
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MARRY 554e

marry, v.  
The priest married them 21%
Mr. A married his daughter to a rich man 1%
Mr. A married Miss B; Miss B married Mr. A 44%
I shall never marry 8%

married, adj. 12%

marriage, n. 306e  
(1) Take in marriage
Give in marriage
A marriage has been arranged
An unhappy marriage 59%

(2) (the ceremony or legal act)
Marriage at the church, at a registry office, on board ship 30%

marriage-/  
Marriage-vows, etc. 8%

MASS, n 542e  
(1) A shapeless mass of snow and stones 34%

(2) (implying a large amount)
The garden is a mass of flowers
He has masses of money 13%

(3) (applied to people)
A mass of people
The great mass of people (= majority)
Educate the masses 11%

(4) (scientific meaning)
Mass-production, etc. 7%

mass-/  
Mass-production, etc. 7%

[= religious ceremony, 7%]

mass-meeting, n. 12e

MASTER 782e

master, n.  
(1) Servant and his master
Dog and his master 27%

(2a) (controller)
Master of the house
I must ask the Master
Master of my fate 17%

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<th>master, n. (continued)</th>
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<td>Study the old masters</td>
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<td>A.</td>
<td>Match one fighter against another, ill-matched, 13%]</td>
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<td>Match one’s match</td>
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<td>Be no match for, more than a match for</td>
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<td>Cricket match</td>
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<td>matches, n.</td>
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<td>A box of matches</td>
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<td>Strike a match</td>
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<td>MATERIAL, n.</td>
<td>876e</td>
<td>Raw material</td>
<td>63%</td>
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<td>Cake made of good materials</td>
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<td>(2)</td>
<td>Gather material for a Life of Bacon</td>
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<td>(3)</td>
<td>Dress material [adj., 18%]</td>
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Matter

matter, n.

(1) (substance)
Dead matter, living matter, colouring matter
Matter from a wound (= pus)

Phrase:
His speech contained very little matter (= facts, ideas) (2.6%)
(opposite of mind, spirit, 1.7%; printed matter, 1%) 18%

(2) (affair)
Business matters; a matter of business
A serious matter; the matter in question
Look into the matter

Phrases:
To make matters worse
A matter of opinion; a matter of fact
(For that matter = so far as that is concerned, 1%; A matter of course,
... ? ...; a matter of course, about, 0.3%)

(3) (trouble)
What’s the matter?
What’s the matter with you?
No matter!

matter, v.

It does not matter (to me) what you do

May, might,

v. 8831c

(1) (showing possibility)
He may come, or he may not
That might be difficult

(2) (showing permission)
May I leave this with you?
He asked if he might leave it with me
Might I make this suggestion

(2) (showing hope)
May you live long
O! that we might end all wars

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MAY, MIGHT, v.  
(continued)  
(4) (equivalent of a subjunctive)  
So that he may know in time  
He died (so) that others might live 12%  
(with words expressing fear or hope)  
Afraid that he might catch cold 5%  
Phrases:  
We may as well go 2%  
[What might your name be?  
You might post this letter for  
me—would you?, 0.1%]

? [may-be, adv., 106e]  

ME, pron., obj.  5248e  
(1) Can you see me?  
Give it to me 82%  
(2) (without preposition)  
Lend it me 15%  
Get me a horse  
[Hang me this villain, 0.1%]  
(3) (equivalent to the French Moi)  
Will you have a drink?—Who?  
Me?  
And last of all was—me  
There’s no one so bad at chess as  
me; no one worse than me 2%  
[We’re a cheerful crowd, me and my  
friends]  
[(4) Ah me!  
0.6%]

MEAL, n.  172e  
The midday meal  
Make a meal of bread and butter 87%  
[= ground grain, 13%]

MEAN  
mean, v.  2838e  
A.  
(1) (intend)  
I mean to go  
This present is meant for you  
He means well  
I mean what I say 27%  
[Phrases: What do you mean by  
coming here! (= how dare you), less  
than 0.1%. This means a lot to me  
= is important, less than 0.1%]

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mean, v. (continued)  (2)  (of words = signify)

What does this word mean?
meaning, n.

What is the meaning of this word?  28%
means, n.  B.

By means of
By fair (unfair) means
By this means  29%

[By all means = yes; by no means = no, 5%; live beyond his means, 6%]

[mean, adj., 4%]

MEANWHILE  268c

meanwhile, n.

In the meanwhile
For the meanwhile
meanwhile, adv.

I slept; meanwhile he was on watch

meantime, n.  156e

MEASURE  1016c

measure, n.

Take a measure
Liquid measure
Use this cup as a measure for the flour

[In some measure of music, verse, dancing, 3.6%;
take stern measures, 14.1%;
= bill in parliament, 27.6%]

measure, n.

Measure its length
It measures 18 inches
Our characters are measured by our actions (fig.)  27%

measurement, n., 38c; ?[measurable/-ly, adj. & adv., 6e]

MEAT, n.  256c

Roast meat  65%
meat-/  

Meat-eater  14%

[Meat of the coconut, 2%; food, 11%;
a meal, 8%]
MECHANIC 46e

[mechanic, n. (skilled workman) 29%]
[mechanics, n. (science) 30%]
[adj., 30%]

mechanical, adj. 184e (1) (connected with machines)
Mechanical arts
Mechanical difficulties in the work
Mechanical, not chemical, mixture 64%
(2) (acted out by a machine)
Mechanical toy, piano-player 26%
(3) (like a machine)
Washing dishes is very mechanical work 7%

mechanically, adv., 16e; mechanism, n., 16e

MEDICINE, n. 200e (1) A doctor of medicine 45%
(2) A bottle of medicine 50%

medicine-
Medicine-bottle, etc. 4%

medical, adj., medically, adv., 204e

MEET

meet, v.; meeting, n. (1a) (encounter)
I met him in the street; our usual
meeting-place
Run to meet him
Meet the train
Where two rivers meet
An accidental meeting; the meeting of two rivers
The two armies met at Arbela 40%

(1b) (encounter socially or professionally)
I want you to meet Professor X
The other doctors refused to meet
Dr. Quack 16%

(2) (hold a gathering)
Parliament meets next week
A meeting of Parliament
A sports meeting 20%
meet, v.; meeting, n. (continued)

? [Meet with—meet with disaster, meet with approval, 10.9%]
[Meet your wishes, a bill; meet you in the matter, 1.9%; meet the eye, 0.3%; a meet of the hounds, 0.7%; = suitable, 0.9%]

MELT 190e

melt, v.

(1a) (transitive—liquefy with heat)
Melt iron; melt down old iron
Melted butter

(1b) (intransitive; became liquid with heat)
The iron melted 38%

(2a) (transitive = dissolve)
She melted the sugar in hot water

(2b) (intransitive = dissolve)
The sugar has melted in my tea 5%

(3) (figurative uses)
Melt his heart; his heart melted
Melted away (= vanished) 23%

? [melting, adj.]
A melting tune, melody 5%

melting-/
Melting-furnace, etc. 13%

MEMBER, n. 1266e

(1) Member of a Club 74%
(2) Member of Parliament, of the Assembly 18%

membership, n. 100e

MEMORY, n. 406e

(1) (power)
Have a good memory 37%

Phrases:
Say it from memory 6%
Within living memory 4%
Within the memory of man 4%

(2) (thing remembered)
"Memories of Spain"
One of my proudest memories 24%

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MEMORY, n. (continued) (3) (in reference to remembrance after death)
In memory of . . . [Of blessed memory] 30%

memorial, n. & adj., 90e; memorize, v., 8e

MEND, v. 244c Mend a road
Mend a clock
Mend my socks
[= improve]

MENTION 650e
mention, v. Mention his name, the price
Too bad to mention
Not to mention . . .
I should mention that . . .
Phrase:
Don’t mention it! (answer to an apology) 80%

mention, n. Make little, no mention of 19%

MERCHAND, n. 330e (1) (person engaged in foreign trade)
India-merchant 42%
(2) (shopkeeper)
Corn merchant 28%
merchant-

MERCY, n. 134e Have mercy on; Lord have mercy
upon us
Show mercy to
In mercy to
At my mercy
[It’s a mercy that . . ., 5%]

merciful, adj., 20c; merciless, adj., 28e
| **MERE**, det. | 460e | A mere child  
For the mere purpose of . . .  
The merest nobody |
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| **MERRY**, adj. | 278e | (1) *(jolly, mirthful)*  
Merry gathering  
Merry laugh, eyes, *etc.*  
Merry companion  
(2) Make merry  
*Obsoletе meaning “pleasant” as in*  
Merry England, Islington, month of May, 29% |
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<td>[merriment, n., 34e]</td>
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| **MESSAGE**, n. | 262e | Send a message  
Go on a message  
*Have a message = religious call, 2%* |
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<td>88e</td>
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| **METAL**, n. | 598e | *(e.g., gold, iron, etc.)*  
Metal-worker, *etc.* |
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| **MIDDLE**, n. & adj. | 492e | In the middle of the room, night  
The middle tree |
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| ? [midst, n. | 211e | In the midst of life, we are in death  
In the midst of his troubles, he could find time to . . .  
In our midst  
|           |     | 89%  
|           |     | 7%  |
| x | 305 |
### MIGHT

(see MAY)

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<td>(2) (not excited) Mild manner, interest, look of surprise 33%</td>
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<td>(3) (not cold or stormy) Mild weather, winter 28%</td>
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<td>(4) (not violent, or strong-tasting) Mild medicine, beer, tobacco 3%</td>
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<td>(5) (not exciting) Mild exercise; a mild joke 9%</td>
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mildly, adv., 18e; mildness, n., 6e

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<th>Ten miles long A square mile For miles; for miles and miles</th>
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mileage, n., 24e; milestone, n., 6e

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<th>milk, n. Fresh milk 83%</th>
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<td>milk, v. To milk a cow 6%</td>
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milkmaid, n., 4e; milkman, n., 10e; milk-white, adj., 14e; milky, adj., 30e;

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<td>(1b) (house with machine for grinding) Flourmill; windmill; watermill 7%</td>
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<td>(2) (factory) Cloth mill; steel-rolling mill 58%</td>
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mill-/
mill-stream, mill-worker, etc. 12%

miller, n., 16e; mill-stone, n., 8e
## MIND

### mind, n.

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<td>His mind was filled with sad thoughts</td>
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<td>(1b) (seat of reason)</td>
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<td>(2) (Phrases concerned with the memory)</td>
<td>Call to mind</td>
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<td>(3) (Phrases concerned with decision)</td>
<td>An open mind</td>
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<td>Speak one's mind</td>
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<td>Know one's mind</td>
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### mind, v.

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<td>Don't mind me!</td>
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<td>Mind what I say</td>
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<td>Mind you do!</td>
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<td>Mind the step!</td>
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<td>(1a) (attend to)</td>
<td>Mind the baby</td>
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<td>(2) (object to, care about)</td>
<td>Do you (would you) mind if I smoke?</td>
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<td>I do not mind (what you do)</td>
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<td>Never mind!</td>
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## MINE

### mine, n.

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### mine-/ (in both senses)

| Mine-owner, mine-layer |

### mine, v.

| (mine, pron.—see MY) |

## miner, n., 120e; mineral, n. & adj., 142e

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MINISTER, n. 592e  
(1) (political)  
Minister for Foreign Affairs 66%  
(2) (church)  
The minister will preach today 28%  
[verb, 5%]

MINUTE, n. 714e  
(1) (unit of time)  
Sixty minutes in one hour 54%  
The minute hand  
(2) (a short space of time)  
Wait a minute 23%  
Half a minute! (= wait a little)  
In a minute  
(3) (exact point of time)  
I'll do it this minute 4%  
The minute (that) I see him  
? [(geometry), 1%]  
[adjective, 18%]

MIS-/  
e.g., misadventure, n., 4e; misapply, v., 4e; miscalculate, v., 4e; mischance, n., 4e; misconduct, n., 6e; misdirect, v., 4e; misfit, n., 12e; misfortune, n., 80e; misgovern, v., 6e; misguided, adj., 8e; misinformed, adj., 6e; mislead, v., 36e; mistrust, v., 14e; misunderstand, v., 78e; misuse, v., 12e

MISERABLE, n. 72e  
(1) (sad)  
Feeling miserable 61%  
A miserable life  
(2) (contemptible)  
A miserable little house, dinner 39%  
O you miserable coward!

miserably, adv. 2e

misery, n. 134e  
Living in misery  
All the miseries which we have suffered

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MISS

miss, v.

(1) (idea of not hitting a thing aimed at, of not meeting)
Miss the mark
Sorry I missed you at the station

? [misfire, 0.2%]

(2) (idea of omitting by accident or chance)
He missed his breakfast
Never missed a day's work
Missed his chance
Missed the point of the argument

miss out

You've missed out a word

(3) (idea of loss)
There's a shilling missing from my purse
Missing persons; soldier reported missing

(4) (feeling of loss)
We miss her terribly

mis-/ (see above, MIS-/)
MIX, v.  216e  (1a) Mix flour and sugar  Mix this with water  41%  
(1b)  \textit{(intransitive)}  Oil and water don’t mix  
8%  
mix up  
(2)  Mix up all these substances together  
I always mix up George I and George II in history  
I’m all mixed up! (= confused)  
7%  
(3)  I don’t want to be mixed up in this dishonest affair  
3%  
mixed, adj.  
A mixed company of Scottish and Irish soldiers  
A mixed population  
The company was very mixed. \textit{(of various classes, high and low)}  
16%  
Mixed bathing  
Mixed motives, feelings  
24%  
1%  
5%  
mixture, n.  180e  (1)  A mixture of fact and fiction, of sulphur and saltpetre, \textit{etc.}  
88%  
(2)  Take this mixture three times a day  
2%  
(3)  \textit{(scientific meaning, not a compound)}  
4%  
MODEL, n.  210e  
(1)  \textit{(solid representation)}  
A model of the thing to be made  
Working model  
Clay model  
8%  
(2)  \textit{(design)}  
The latest model of the Morris Car  
32%  
(3)  \textit{(person or thing to be imitated)}  
Let him be your model  
A model father  
Quite a model school  
? [Artist’s model, 9%; \textit{verb}, 9%]  
42%  
MODERATE, adj.  132e  
(1)  Moderate in opinions  
A moderate \textit{(noun)}  
36%  
(2)  Of moderate size, loudness, etc.  
[\textit{verb}, 14%]  
47%  
moderately, adv., 16e; moderation, n., 48e
MODERN, adj. 826e  (1) (of the present or very recent times) Modern times, women, history, language  55%
(2) (up to date, of the most improved type) All modern improvements The most modern weapons  42%

modernize, v.  12e

MODEST, adj. 88e  (1) (not aggressive) Modest manner, behaviour  36%
(2) (in a woman, — proper, not meretricious) Did not behave as modestly as a young girl should Modest, almost Puritan, way of dressing  9%
(3) (idea of humility) Modest demands My modest home Modest way of living My modest means (= income)  39%

modestly, adv. 16e

modesty, n. 50e  (1) (humility)  72%
(2) (womanly propriety)  20%

MOMENT, n. 1254e  (1) (short space of time, point of time) Happiest moment in my life He is here at this moment He will be here at any moment It will be ready in a moment This will do—for the moment One moment!—And I'll be ready I'll tell you the moment (that) he comes 92%
[Affairs of moment = importance, 1%; special use in Mechanics, 1.3%]

momentary, adj., 40e; momentarily, adv., 14e
MONEY, n. 2257e Make, lose, save, raise money 89%
money- /
Money-box, etc. 11%
money-maker, n., -ing, n., 10e

MONKEY, n. 108e (animal) 82%

MONTH, n. 1285e
monthly, adj. 118e

MOON, n. 406e The moon; full moon; new moon; half moon
moonlight, n. 110e

MORAL, adj. & n. 398e
(1) (having to do with Right and Wrong)
Moral goodness, judgment, philosophy 27%
(2) (teaching a moral lesson)
Moral stories
The moral of the story, n. (5%) 11%
(3) (as opposed to legal)
A moral, but not a legal right to it 35%
(4) (as opposed to physical)
Moral courage 11%
(5) (having to do with chastity)
Moral (immoral) private life
His morals 15%

immoral, adj., immorality, n., 26e
morality, n. 74e
morally, adv. 24e [Morally impossible = almost, 8%]
MORE

more, det. (greater in amount or numbers)
More money; more things
I want to know more
Some more; any more?; not any more; no more
Two more; many more

Phrases:
The more he gets, the more (of it) he wants; the more the better
(2.6%)

Three years, or more
(2.2%)
[And, what's more, 1.1%]
25%

more, adv.
Work more and eat less
More beautiful, true, etc.

Phrases:
More and more beautiful
(3.6%)
I believe, more or less
(2.8%)
?
(—, only more so, 0.2%)
48%

more than
More than usual; more than ever
[More than once = often, . . . ]

MOREOVER, conj. 332e

MORNING, n. 978e
(1) (before noon)
Till morning; from morning to night
This morning; tomorrow morning
Good morning
84%

(2) (used as an adjective)
A morning call; morning light, etc.
9%

morning-
Morning-prayers
7%

MOST, det. 5076e
(1) (superlative of Much, Many)
Of the three brothers, Tom had most money
Most of my pupils are very young

Phrases:
At the most; at most
Make the most of
(7%) 24%
[For the most part, . . . ]

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| MOST, det. (continued) | (2) (forming a superlative)  
This is the most difficult of the three 58%  
[= very, A most interesting story, 7%] |
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| MOTHER, n. 1619e | (1) My father and my mother 78%  
(2) (figurative, as a title)  
Mother Nature; Mother Shipton;  
Mother Siegel 20%  
Mother-country, mother-tongue  
(3) (forming a feminine)  
That’s the mother bird 2% |
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| MOTION, n. 352e | Motion of the stars; Laws of Motion  
In motion 95%  
[Propose a motion, 5%] |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|

| MOTOR, n. 510e | Electric motor  
Motor-cycle, -car, bus 87%  
[Motor nerve, 1.2%] |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|

| MOUNTAIN, n. 1319e | (1) Mount Everest is a high mountain 63%  
(2) (figurative)  
A mountain of books, of work, etc. 3%  
(3) (as an adjective or in compounds)  
Mountain-top, -torrent, -railway, etc. 34% |
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<td>mount, n., 37% of 358e; mountainous, adj., 42e</td>
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| MOUSE, n. 30e |

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MOUTH, n. 520e  
(1) (part of the face)  
Put it in your mouth  
Phrases:  
Too many mouths to feed (2%)  
By word of mouth (2%) 62%  
(2) (orifice)  
Mouth of a cave, etc. 12%  
(3) Mouth of a river 26%  

mouthful, n., 24e; [mouthpiece, n., 16e]

MOVE 1353e
move, v.  
(1a) (transitive)  
Move the table, your hand, the crowd 16%  
(1b) (of the emotions)  
Moved him to anger  
A moving speech 10%  
(2) (intransitive)  
Keep still; don’t move!  
He moved over to the left  
The Earth moves round the sun 54%  
Phrases:  
We’re moving to London; moving house 7%  
? [Well, at last things seem to be moving = progressing, 0.8%]

move, n.  
Make a move (= begin to move)  
Be on the move  
It’s your move (chess and figurative) 9%

movement, n. 912e  
(1) Movements of troops  
Watched his movements  
Movement of prices (fig.) 44%  
(2) Political movement, religious movement 56%

MUCH 4073e  
much, det.  
(usually negative or interrogative, but in affirmative sentences often replaceable by A lot, A great deal, A large part)  
Much of our success is due to  
I couldn’t eat much breakfast  
There isn’t much hope  

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much, det. *(continued)*

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<td>So much, as much as; (?) [as much again]</td>
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<td>Too much</td>
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52% |

much, adv.

| Much obliged |
| Thanks very much |

13% |

much, adv. of degree

| Much bigger; much the same |
| Much too much |
| Thinks much as I do |

21% 11% |

much-/

| Much-loved, etc. |

1% |

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| multiplication, n. 16e |

| MURDER 298e |

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<td>Play music</td>
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<td>Set a song to music</td>
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| musical, adj. 170e |

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<td>(2) All the mu-</td>
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47% 53% |

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<td>able from (2))</td>
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<td>I must go</td>
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<td>You must not do that</td>
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[If I must say, I'm rather surprised, 0.5%] 86% |

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<td>He must be there by now</td>
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<td>He must have been late</td>
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<td>As you must (of course) know, it is quite untrue</td>
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<td>MY, MINE,</td>
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<td>(1) This is my house</td>
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<td>This house is mine</td>
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<td>Say my prayers and then work at my Latin</td>
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<td>My lord</td>
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<td>My dear Richard</td>
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<td>[O my!, my word!, etc., 1%]</td>
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<td>The explanation is a complete mystery</td>
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<td>Make a mystery of</td>
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<td>[secret ceremony, 6%]</td>
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<td>mysterious,</td>
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<td>(1) (finger-nail)</td>
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<td>Don't bite your nails</td>
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<td>[Fight tooth and nail]</td>
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<td>A two inch nail</td>
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<td>&quot;Nail one's flag to the mast&quot;</td>
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<td>His Christian name is Tom and his family name is Smith</td>
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name, n. (continued)  

Phrases:
Call a person bad names
A wife in name only  (0.2%)
Richardus by name  (2.0%)
[of the name, R; by the name of R, 0.8%]
In the name of (God, the King) (2.5%) 74%

(2) (reputation)
One's good name
Make a name for oneself  2%

name, v.

A girl named Jane; a substance named Penicillin

Phrase:
Named after his grandfather  (U.S.A., Named for) (1.3%) 14%
[i = nominate, He was named (as) Principal, 1.6%; = mention, Could you name an instance?, 1.6%]

nameless, adj., 10e; [namely, adv., 112e]

NARROW, adj. 338e
(1) A narrow road 68%
(2) (within strict bounds)
In the narrow sense of the word 14%
Narrow-minded
(3) (with little margin of safety)
Narrow powers, majority 7%
By a narrow margin
Narrow escape

narrowly, adv. 30e
[(1) (carefully)
Enquire narrowly into it 40%
(2) (within strict bounds)
Narrowly confined
Narrowly interpreted 20%
(3) (by a small margin)
Narrowly escaped, missed 40%

narrowness, n. 6e

318
NATION, n. 1506e

national, adj. 1620e

NATIVE

native, adj. 792e

(of the people of the country)
Native customs, costumes, huts 38%

? [My native village = in which I was born, 11%]

[Native impulse = inborn, 3%]

native, n.
A native of the country, of Africa, of India, etc. 42%

NATURE, n. 1142e

(1) (essential qualities)
Could not discover the nature of the substance
Any thing of this nature 29%

(2) (of a person or animal)
His generous nature
Generous by nature
Human nature 21%

(3) (as opposed to the works of man)
A lover of nature
Nature-study 18%

(4) (controlling power of the world; often personified)
Laws of Nature
Course of Nature
It's against nature 29%

natur-/

Nature-worship, -cure, etc. 2%

natural, adj. 680e

(1) (of the world)
Natural forces
Natural science

(2) (unchanged by men)
Land in its natural state

(3) (in-born, not acquired)
His natural charm of manner

(4) (normal, to be expected)
The natural result

319
naturally, adv. 384e

1a) (by nature; in the course of nature)
The land is naturally fertile
He is naturally very gentle, but the
school has made him rough 13%

1b) (in the normal way)
Grew up quite naturally in the
country
Speak naturally, not in that silly
way 22%

2) (of course, as might be expected)
Naturally I refused such an offer 61%

NEAR 1757e

near, adv.
My house is near the river, near to
the river
As soon as she came near, nearer
The fatal day drew near
[Near upon, near about, 2.4%] 86%

near, adj.
A near relative
The nearest policeman
A near escape, 0.7% 10%

near, v.

nearly, adv. 902e
(almost)
Nearly dead

Phrase:
Not nearly so big 97%
[= closely. Nearly matched, nearly concerned, 3%]

NEAT, adj. 60c

1) (elegant without needless ornament)
A neat dress 13%

2) (apt, skilful)
A neat translation, reply, piece of
work 10%

3) (tidy)
Clean and neat 17%

4) (general, having the idea of tidiness
and plainness)
A neat garden
Neat handwriting 40%

neatly, adv., 20e; neatness, n., 8e
NECESSARY,  
adj.  1038c  (1) Food is necessary to life  58%  
(2) It is necessary that I should do it  
It is necessary to do it  35%  

necessarily, adv.  176c  (as a natural consequence, e.g., in a piece of reasoning)  
It necessarily follows that . . .  

necessity, n.  508e  Food is a necessity of life  26%  
The necessity of providing more houses, of raising a loan  34%  
[destiny, constraining force, 31%; need, poverty, 8%]

unnecessary, /-ily, adj., adv., 108e

NECK, n.  354e  I've a pain in my neck  87%  
A stiff neck  
A neck of land, a bottle-neck  7%

necklace, n., 22e; necktie, n., 2e

NEED  1795c

need, v.  
(1) (want, require)  
I need, food, money  
This car needs oil, needs oiling,  
needs to be oiled  38%  
(2) (be compelled)  
Need I go? No, you needn't  
You don't need to go  25%

need, n.  
(1a) (want, requirement)  
There is need of food; I am in need of food  
Our daily needs  20%  
(2) (necessity)  
There's no need to do that  6%  
 [= poverty, rather literary, 2.0%; = difficulty, straits, In your hour of need, 1.1%]

? [needful, adj., 14e; needless, adj., 46e; needy, adj., 10e]
NEEDLE, n. 64e  (1) Sewing needle  
(2) (various things so shaped)  
Compass needle  
Hypodermic needle  
Pine-needle  
Cleopatra's Needle  

NEGLECT  
neglect, v. 178e  
The teachings of Buddha were neglected by his followers  
His education has been neglected  
Neglect a child  
Neglect a duty, a precaution  
Neglect to do it  
neglect, n.  

NEIGHBOUR  
neighbour, n. 510e  
Nice neighbours in the house next door  
neighbouring, adj.  
He stood behind a neighbouring tree and watched  
nearhood, n. 234e  
(surrounding country)  
A pleasant neighbourhood  
Phrase:  
In the neighbourhood of ( = near)  
? [The whole neighbourhood = all the people, 7%]  

NEITHER, det. 733e  
either (of)  
Which of them do you want?  
Neither. Neither of them  
Neither is satisfactory  
The first isn't good, neither is the other . . .  
[Neither one of us, . . . ]  
either . . . nor . . .  
He is neither good nor bad  
He neither wrote nor telephoned  
I don't like it. Neither do I  
neither, conj.  

NEPHEW, n. 68e  

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<td>(2) (figurative) Nest of robbers</td>
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<td>NEVER, adv.</td>
<td>3085e (not at any time) In some countries it never rains I’ll never go there again; never again! Never before; never after; never yet</td>
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<td>Mind you look nice; how nice you look!</td>
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no, det. 8394e  

* (not any)  
I have no money

[No dishonest purpose, no earthly crown; I'm no musician, 13.1%, but mainly literary. There was no refusing, 1.6%; whether or no, 0.3%]

no, adv.  
He's no worse
Will you go? No, I won't
Say Yes or No

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nobody, pron., 424e; nowhere, adv., 84e  
non-, nonsense, n., 62e; nonsensical, adj., 6e; nonexistent/ce, adj., n., 18e; non-stop, adj., 4e

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Noble 616e  
noble, adj.  
(1) (of high rank)  
The noble lord 13%  
(2) (worthy of respect or admiration)  
God save our noble Queen
Noble deed, mind, effort
Noble animal 70%

noble, n.  
The nobles of the Court of King James 17%

nobleman, n., 24e; nobleness, n., 6e; nobly, adv., 30e; ? [nobility, n., 92e]

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Noise, n. 190e  
Make a noise
The noise of trains on the bridge
Noise of a banging door 96%

noisy, adj. 46c  
(making a loud or unpleasant sound) 91%

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None, 576e  
det. and pron.  
None of my friends 21%
None of this stuff will sell 7%
None but the brave 18%
NONE det. and pron.
(continued)

Have you any sugar? No, I have none
None the better, worse for it None too well
[None other than; this and none other, 14%]

NONSENSE, n. 62e
You’re talking nonsense
Now! No nonsense!
And no nonsense about it!
Make nonsense of the whole thing

NOON, n. 92e
(The word is inevitable in Afternoon
but otherwise of little value)

NOR, conj. 1172e
(1) (preceded by Not)
Not a piece of bread nor a drop of water
Did not take any notice of me, nor speak to me
(2) (preceded by Neither, see NEITHER)
(3) (negative of Too, Also)
I don’t like it, nor does my brother

NORTH, 1410e
north, n.
Turn to the north
north, adv.
Go north to York
north, adj.
The North Pole

north-east, adv., 92e; northern, adj., 436e; northwards, adv., 76e;
north-west, ad., 158e

NOSE, n. 302e
(1) (part of body)
Blow your nose
Phrases:
“Right under your nose”
“Follow your nose”
(2) (figurative)
Nose of an aeroplane, etc.
NOT, adv. 21587c  I do not (don't) believe it
Is it true? I believe not 89%

**Phrases:**
- Not that—Not that I would doubt your word (1%)
- Not—but—Not a father but a tyrant (3%)
- Not a—He said not a single word (2%)
- If not—Can you be there by six? If not, I'll go in (2%)
- And not—Thought only of themselves, (and) not of the people (3%)

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NOTE, 1186e  note, n.

1. *(music)*
   - The black notes of a piano
   - A high note
   - The note of a bird 12%

**Phrase:**
- A note of terror in her voice 4%

2. *(written memorandum)*
   - Take (down) notes at a lecture
   - Make a note of it

**Phrase:**
- Compare notes
- See the note in the appendix 9%

3. *(letter)*
   - Send him a note 7%

4. *(finance)*
   - Note of hand
   - Bank-note
   - One-pound note 18%

note, v.

1. Note well that . . .
   - I would have you note that 18%

2. Note it down 19%

noted, adj.

- Noted singer; noted as a singer
- Noted for her beauty 5%

*notebook, 36e; notepaper, . . .*
NOTHING, 1826e
nothing, n.

(1) Asked for nothing 60%
(2) (with an adjective)
   It's nothing special 8%

Phrases:

   Nothing of—Nothing of any import- (2.5%)
   ance 
   Nothing but—Nothing but trouble 
   ever since I came 
   Did nothing but 
   grumble (13.1%)
   For nothing—Did the work for nothing (1.4%)
   Nothing to do with—That's got 
   nothing to do with it (me) 
   Nothing else—Nothing else which 
   I have to do (see ELSE) 
   Nothing like 
   Nothing near 1.8%

NOTICE, 518e
notice, n.

(1) (information)
   Give notice that a sale will be 
   held 
   A printed notice on the wall 
   (warning)
   I have had no notice of it 
   At short notice, at ten minutes' 
   notice Give a month's notice Until further notice 
   Without notice 6% 8%

(2) (observation)
   Bring to the notice of 
   The baby is beginning to take 
   notice (of things) I shouted, but he took no notice 26%

(3) Did you notice the mark on his 
    arm? I noticed that there was . . . 
    I didn't notice him, it 
noticeable, adj 58e; noticeboard...
**NOW**, n. 16e

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<td><strong>now, adj. and conj.</strong></td>
<td>(1a) <em>(at this moment; at this juncture)</em></td>
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<td>Every now and then</td>
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<td>And now, as to Richard</td>
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<td>Now (that) he's gone; now you mention it</td>
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<td>By now; till now; before now</td>
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<td>Now, now, now! What's all this!</td>
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<td>Now, now! don't cry, etc.</td>
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**NOWHERE**  
*(see NO)*

**NUISANCE, n.** 76e

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**NUMBER, n.** 2285e

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number, n. (continued) Phrases:
A large [good] number of (= many) 12%
A number of (= some) 18%
Numbers of people (= many) 8%
[In our next number = issue of magazine, 2%; = song, 0.3%]

number, v.
Number the pages 3%
? [The people numbered over a hundred = were . . . in number, 2.8%]

numerous, adj. 418e (many in number) 94%

NURSE

nurse, n.
(1) (child's nurse) 13%
(2) (sick nurse) 50%

nurse, v.
(1a) (nurse a child) 5%
(1b) (hold caressing; and figurative) Nursed her wounded arm 31%
(2) (take care of the sick) 31%

nursery, n. 52e (child's nursery; and figurative)
Children's day-nursery
The nursery of genius
[Nursery garden]
nursery-
Nursery-door, -book, rhyme, etc.

NUT, n. 76e (1) (fruit) 82%
(2) (metal) 11%

OAR, n. 46e

OBEY, v. 132e Obey an order
Obey a person
Speak, and I will obey
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<td>OBJECT,</td>
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<td>OBSERVE, v.</td>
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<td>(study carefully and scientifically)</td>
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<td>Observe the flight of birds, the moon</td>
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<td>[remark, sav, 26%; observe laws, 9%; observe the feast of Passover, 3%]</td>
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<td>occasionally, adv.</td>
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<td>Sixty of them; more of them</td>
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<td>The best of, cream of, flower of</td>
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off, adv. and prep. (continued)  
Three miles off
The house stands just off the road
The water is turned off
Come, break, drop, fall, roll off
Go, drive, move, pass, run, start off (= away)
Get, fall, jump, slip off (a horse)
(= down)
Keep off, hold off
Give off gas; let off a gun
Wear off

Phrases:
See off at the station
? [Show off = be exhibitionist]

[Be off! Off with you, 1.1% ; well off = rich, 1.9%; leave off = cease. . .]

(2) [idea of completion; not easily distinguished from §1]
Finish off
Cool off

OFFEND, v. 88e
(1) Offend against the law
(2) (cause displeasure)
Are you offended with me?

offence, n.
(1) Commit an offence
(2) (displeasure)
Give offence, take offence

? [Offence and defence, 4%]

OFFER, v. 1084e
Offer him the post
I offer £10 for it
Offer to do it

offer, n.

OFFICE, n. 1088e
(1) (position)
Take office, hold office
(2) (building, room)
The Colonial office
The table in my office

Office-hours, etc.

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| officer, n.  | 760e | 1. (person holding office) | Elect officers of the club for the coming year | 25% |
|            |      | 2. (Army, Navy, etc.) |                                              | 70% |

| official, 732e, noun, 51% ; adj., 49% |

| OFTEN, adv.  | 1321e | How often ? |
|            |      | More often than not |
|            |      | The flowers most often (oftenest) visited by bees |

| OIL, n. 856e | lubricating, oil, cooking oil, etc. 60% |
|             | Lamp-oil, oil-can, oil-painting, etc. 38% |
| oil, v.      |                                             2% |

| oily, adj., oilily, adv., 4e |

| OLD 3811e |
| old, adj. |

| (1) (opposite of young) |
| How old are you ? |
| Ten years old |
| A ten year-old (boy) |
| An old man |
| 38% |

| (2) (opposite of New) |
| Old wine ; twenty year-old port-wine |
| Old books |
| 14% |

| (3) (opposite of Modern) |
| As old as the hills |
| Old writers |
| 24% |

| (4) (opposite of Recent) |
| His old way of thinking before he became a Socialist |
| Old-clothes shop, etc. |
| 7% |

| (5) (in familiar expressions) |
| Old man ; old chap ; old fellow |
| Men of old |
| 11% |

| older, oldest |

| old-fashioned, adj. 64e |

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OMIT, v.  48e  Omit a word, a passage 75%
   Omit to do 17%
   [Omit doing, 8%]

omission, n.  14e
   (May be taught very late)

ON, ONTO  24750e

1a (idea of resting on a surface)
   On the table; on the earth; on your feet, on horseback
   Turns on an axle
   (figurative)
   On the throne; on the body; on the wing; on an equality (2%)
   On half pay (1.3%) 20%

1b (idea of contact)
   Hang it on the wall; has his coat on
   (— or nearness)
   Burton-on-Trent; on the frontier (3.8%) 14%

2 (showing time)
   On that night; on the occasion of
   On reaching the place 12%

3 (state)
   On fire, on sale, on watch 2%

4 (grounds, reason, basis)
   On good grounds, authority, evidence
   On purpose; on the average (2.1%)
   Borrow money on; a loss on; a tax on (1.8%)
   Feed on, live on, pride oneself on (2.3%) 10%

5 (direction, often replaceable by Onto)
   Stick a placard on (onto) the wall
   Threw his money on (onto) the table

Phrases:
   On a journey; on my way (1.8%)

Smile on; turn my back on
An attack on; [tell on] (2.2%)
### on...ing (continued)

Effect on; check on; determined on;  
(7.9%)  
Gain on  
(0.2%) 16%  
(6) (in reference to)  
Congratulate on  
Write on; speak on  
8%  
(showing advance)  
On! Stanley, on!  
(showing continuance)  
Go on; talk on and on  
(5.6%) 7%  

? [onset, n. 16e; oncoming, n. 12e]

### ONCE, adv.

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| 1990e | (a single time) | Once, twice, three times  
Once a week  
I saw him only once  

Phrases:  
All came at once (= together)  
Once again, once more  
Once for all  

(14.3%)  
(2.3%)  

(Just for once, 1.0%; this once, 0.1%) 36%  

(2) (at one time)  
Once I saw a lion quite close  
Once upon a time  

24%  

Special uses:  
At once (= immediately)  
All at once (= suddenly)  

3.1%  

? [Intensive, If once we lost sight of him;  
when once in; also conjunction,  
Once he knows... 8.1%]

### ONE, det.

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| 12991e | (numeral) | One, two, three; one hundred  
One and sixpence  
Half-past one  

33%  

(2) (emphatic)  
We are one people under one king  

8%  

Phrase:  
For one thing, 0.1%  

(a certain)  
One day  
One of them  
Left his money to one, Jane Smith  

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ONE, det. (continued)

Phrase:
(4) (in impersonal statements)
One must do what one can  11%
(5) (to avoid repetition)
I must buy one  12%

one, other (another)
One said one thing, another said another thing
Came one after another  3.8%
Not this one, nor the other

one another
Little children, love one another  1.6%

one-legged, adj., 8e; oneness, n. 4e; one-sided, adj., 6c; one way, 4e

ONLY 5520e

only, adj. (sole)
The only person present  15%
An only child

only, adv. (solely)
Only boys, not girls under ten
(Boys under ten only) will be admitted
Only once
I did it only to please you  70%

Phrase:
Not only but also  11.5%
? [Intensive, If only, only just, only too, 2.0%; conjunction = but, 1.2%]

OPEN 2084e

open, adj. (not shut)
The door, box, cupboard, parcel, letter is open  14%
(2) (not obstructed, not defended)
Open country; an open space; an open port, city

Phrase:
In the open (n.)  13%

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open (continued)

Phrases and figurative uses:
School open to all; open scholarship
(4.2%)
Three courses are open to us
(2.4%)
Lay open
(0.8%)
An open letter
(0.9%)
Open to doubt, question; an open question
(1.3%)
He was quite open with me
(0.9%)
Open-handed
(0.4%)
Open to offers
(0.3%)
With open arms; keep open house
(2.0%)
Open your eyes to what’s going on; shall not open my lips
(0.8%) 14%

open, v.

(1) (transitive)
Open the door, box, bottle, letter
Open an abscess, the ground
(2.2%) 17%

(2) (initiate, inaugurate)
Open a shop, account
Open a meeting, Parliament
11%

(3) (intransitive)
The school opens on Jan. 15th
Windows opening onto the garden
7%
Opening in a fence
Opening of Parliament
3% 3%

opening, n.
Opening in the business = chance,
0.8%

opening, adj.
Opening ceremony
2%

open-air, adj., 4e; openly, adv., 74e

OPERATION, n. 766e

(1) (effectiveness of working)
In operation; come into operation
39%

(2) (special uses)
Business operations
7%
Surgical operation
7%
Military operations
14%

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OPERATION, n. (continued)

(3) (of machine)
Show you the operation of the machine
Cuts and polishes in one operation 33%

operate, v. 410e
(1) (be effective)
The law will not operate till next year 40%
(2) Operate a machine, railway, etc. 60%
(3) Operate surgically 3%

(The value of this word seems doubtful; the surgical use only is difficult to replace)

OPINION, n. 1074e
Be of (the) opinion that
Give an opinion, on, about
Have a high, low opinion of
In the opinion of Mr. A
That is not my opinion
My religious opinions

OPPORTUNITY, 398e n.
An opportunity for
Take (use) every opportunity
Seize an opportunity

OPPOSITE 280e
opposite, prep. and adv.
The house is opposite the school
The house (just) opposite 25%
On the opposite side of the street
At the opposite end
In the opposite direction
The opposite kind of thing to this one
The opposite sex (noun)
Black is the opposite of white
Black and white are opposites 8%

oppose, v. 352e
Opposing armies
I am opposed to the idea; I shall oppose it]
OR, conj.  15225e  (1)  Black or white; stay or go  
(sometimes expressing vagueness)  
Two or three people  
Either ... or ...  
Whether ... or ...  
Or else  
98%  
(2)  (expressing a threat,)  
Stop, or I'll fire!  
0.4%  
[or = meaning, 0.7%, e.g. “Nyowa, or clarified butter, is used for frying it.” Since this may mean that Nyowa is clarified butter, or that Nyowa is some other form of fat, this usage is undesirable, especially in popular science.]  

ORANGE, n.  76e  (1)  (the fruit)  34%  
(2)  (the colour)  26%  
orange-  
Orange-tree, -blossom, etc.  26%  

ORDER  2160e  
order, n.  
A.  
(arrangement, rank)  
(1)  (rank)  
The lower orders  (4.4%)  
In holy orders  (0.8%)  
The Benedictine Order of Monks  (4.2%)  
Order of the Garter  (2.5%)  
Kingdom; class; Sub-class;  
Order (scientific classification of plants and animals)  (2.8%)  
15%  
(2a)  (arrangement)  
The fleet in battle-order  
The Moral, Natural, Social order  
(2b)  (arrangement, with the idea of tranquility)  
Order was restored by the police  
(2c)  (arrangement, with the idea of efficiency)  
Machine in going order; in order; out of order  (1.8%)  
13%  
Special uses:  
In order  
(a)  (arrangement)  
In alphabetical order; Set in good, bad order  
340
order, n. (continued) (b) (tranquility : function)
Keep the boys in order
In order; out of order (in a meeting) 3%

In order to
Start early in order to get there in
good time 23%

In order that
Start early in order that we may
get there in good time 7%

B. (command)

Give an order; an order of the
Court
Give an order for a dozen hats

Phrase:
By order (of the King) (0.5%) 0.5%
Order-book, etc. (0.5%) 20%

order-/
order, v.
The officer ordered an advance,
the men to advance
The doctor ordered complete
rest
Order a dozen hats; order mutton
for dinner 15%

orderly, adj., 96% of 64e

ORDINARY, adj. 478e (1) (usual)
One’s ordinary day’s work

Phrases:
Not more than ordinary
Not out of the ordinary 60%

(2) (mediocre)
A very ordinary fellow 37%

ordinarily, adv. 70e

ORGAN, n. 264e Organs of the body
[musical, 11%; = political or technical
journal, . . . ]
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<td>A man of humble origin</td>
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<td>(3) (new) A very original idea, person</td>
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OTHER, another, det.  8223e
(1) (different, alternative to)
Not this one but the other
Show me the others
Some agree; others do not
Another and another
(2) (a second, additional)
Give me another cup of tea
I have many other things to do

Phrases:
Every other—Every other day
(0.1%)
Other than—No coat other than
this one
?[Could not be other than pleased]
(2%)
Some . . . or other—Some one
or other, some way or other, etc.
Any other
(1.9%)
?[The other day, only the other day,]
(0.6%)
Each other—see EACH
One another—see ONE

OTHERWISE  354e
otherwise, adv.
(1) (in another way)
Otherwise engaged
But I think (decided) otherwise
28%
(2) (in other respects)
Cross-eyed, but otherwise good-
looking
19%

otherwise, conj.
(if not)
I went early, otherwise I would
have missed him
Do it; otherwise you will be
punished
39%
[otherwise, adj. = different, Would not
wish him otherwise, 12%]

OUGHT, anom. v. 500e
You ought to obey your father
You ought to have done it
You oughtn't to do (to have done)
that
OUNCE, n.

OUR/S, det.

OUT, OUT OF 5029e

A. (from within)

(1) (direction or position)
Way out; go out; Mrs. X is out; called out
Out at sea; out of London; out in Ireland; on the voyage out
(idea of distribution)
Divide out; serve out; lend out
(1.0%)

(idea of selection)
Search out; pick out
(1.6%)

(idea of expulsion)
Drive out, smoke out
(2.2%)

(idea of projection or extension)
Hang, hold, stick out

Stretch, pull, draw out
(4.0%)

Phrases:
Out of reach; out of the ordinary
Out of stock

Special use:
Did it out of kindness (= from, because of) 42%

(2) (various compound verbs, with the above meanings)
Fall out, point out, spin out, etc. 20%

(3) (idea of away from the normal position; away from office)
My shoulder is out, out of joint, put out of joint
Out of office; batsman out at cricket

Out of training; out of practice
[Put out = annoyed, 0.6%; fall out = quarrel, 0.5%]

(4) (idea of loss of function or extinction)
The fire went out, was put out, died out

The food gave out 6%

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OUT, OUT OF
(continued)

(5) (idea of emergence from quiescence, secrecy, obscurity)
Break out, burst out
The flowers, stars are out
My book is out
The secret is out
Call out, cry out, shout out (6.3%) 11%
? [Murder will out, 0.5%; Out with it 1, 0.1%]

B. (idea of completion)
Tire out; fight it out; talk it out; fit out
Find out; make out; the sum came out right 19%

outbreak, n., 90e; outburst, n., 36e; outcome, n., 76e; outcry, n. 32e;
outdoor 52e; outer, adj., 174e; outermost, adv., 10e; outflow, n.,
4e; outgoing, adj., 16e; outgrowth, n., 16e; outlet, n., 70e;
outline, n., outside, n., outwards, adv. (see below); outlook, n.,
66e; outlying, adj., 24e; out-of-door, adj., 16e; out of the way, 8e;
output, n., 214e; outspoken, adv., 8e; outstanding, adj., 88e
(with the idea of "more than") outnumber, v., 10e; outweigh, v., 22e;
(also outfight, outplay, etc.)

outline, n. 170e (1) (drawing, contour)
Draw an outline of the figure 31%
(2) (précis)
Give an outline of the subject
In outline 28%

outline, v. (meaning (2))
34%

outside, n. 562e The outside of the house
Phrase:
Not worth more than £10 at the outside 10%
outside, adj. An outside seat 15%
outside, adv. The outside world
Go outside
No interests outside of his work 39%
outside, prep. Go outside the house 36%

outward, adj. 92e An outward curve
Outward appearances 65%
outwards, ad. Grows from the inside outwards 28%
OVER, prep. and adv.

(1a) (to or on the other hand)
Fall over; roll over
Jump over, climb over the wall
Fold, turn, bend over
Change over; hand over

(1b) (with the idea of long distance)
Over in America (1.8%)
—or short distance and informality)
Come over and see me sometime

(1c) (= finished)
Your troubles will soon pass over, be over
After the meeting was over, was all over

(2a) (idea of above)
Project over; hang over
Over my head (1. above; 2. not understood) (1.7%)
King over, rule over (8.7%)
Preference over (1.4%)

(2b) (from "Hang over" comes the idea of Occupation)
Sat long over their dinner
Delay over the work
Go to sleep over a book

(3a) (idea of excess)
Over five pounds; over age

(3b) (idea of residue)
Left over; remain over.

Phrase:
Over and above

(4) (idea of covering)
Clouds came over the sky
Rub, paint, cover over
Extended over a century
Read over; look over examination papers

all over
Your face is all over dirt; covered all over with dirt

over-/
Over-careful, etc. (see below)

(a) with the idea "To the other side."
overbalance, v., 4e; overflow, v., 54e
? [overboard, 40e; overlook, v., 108e; overnight, adv. 30e; overshoot, 6e; oversight, n., 11e; overtake, v., 44e]
(b) with the idea "Above" or "Covering"
overcoat, n., 16e; overgrown, adj., overgrowth, n., 24e; overhanging, adj., 18e
? [overall, n., 62e; overbearing, adj., 12e]

(c) with the idea of superiority
? [overrule, v., 12e]

(d) with the idea of excess
overcharge, v., 10e; overcrowd, v., 18e; overdo, v., 8e; overfeed, v., 6e
? [overestimate, v., 10e; overjoyed, adj., 10e; overrate, v., 4e; overtime, n., 24e; overweight, n. 4e]

OVERCOME, v. 180e
Overcome the enemy, a difficulty, a bad habit
Overcome by (with) hunger, sleep

OWE, v. 438a
(1) Owe money, a duty to
(2) (be indebted for)
We owe this building to the generosity of Mr. X

owing to, prep.
There was no play owing to the rain

OWN
3244e

own, adj.
(1) (showing possession)
This is my own house; I don’t rent it
Use this pen. Thanks, I’d rather use my own

of your own
Why do you use my pen? Haven’t you got a pen (one) of your own
([= for myself; Cooked my own dinner as the servant was ill, 0.2%]

(1.3%) 89%)

own, v.
He owns a lot of land round here
[own that, own up to = confess, 1.5%]

owner, n., 314e; ownership, n. 52e
PACK, v. 204e
(1) Pack my box
Pack up a parcel
Pack goods for export 25%
(2) Pack as many things in as you can
Room packed with people 24%

packing-case, . . .

package, 96e (see PARCEL); packet, n., 14e

PAD,

pad, n. A pad of wool 46%
padded, adj. A padded seat 15%
padding, n., . . .

PAGE, n. 406e Page of a book 81%

PAIN, 360e
(suffering, physical or mental)
Bear pain, suffer pain, give pain
I've (have got) a pain in my arm 73%
[Take pains, 19%]

painful, 64e

? [painfully, 22e, with pain, 54%; laboriously, 46%]

PAINT, 486e
paint, v.
(1) Paint a picture
A beautifully painted picture
The art of painting
Paint in words a picture of . . . 56%
(2) Paint the door
A green-painted box
House-painting 18%

paint, n.

transfer, n., 146e

348
PAIR, n. 312e  
Pair of shoes, horses, etc.  
Pair of scissors  
In pairs  
[verb, 5%]  

PALE, adj. 236e  
(1) A pale face  
(2) (of low intensity)  
Pale blue, green, etc.  
Pale moonlight  
52%  
paleness, n.  
34%  

PAN, n. 60e  
Cooking-pan, etc.  
67%  

PAPER, n 1324e  
(1) A sheet of paper  
A paper-bag  
20%  
(2) (document; essay)  
Sign these papers  
State papers  
Write a paper on . . .  
17%  
(3) (newspaper)  
52%  

PARCEL, n. 25e  
Tie up a parcel  
Parcel-post  
48%  
The word PACKAGE, 92e, is used in this meaning in U.S.A.  

PARDON,  
pardon, n. 122e  
(1) Ask pardon for an offence  
Sign a petition for a pardon  
44%  
(2) I beg your pardon (= I did not hear)  
I beg your pardon; what you say is not correct  
41%  
pardon, v.  
13%  

unpardonable, adj., 8e  

PARENT, n. 294e  
(1) His parents are still alive  
(2) (figurative = source)  
The parent plant, rock  
87%  
13%  

? [parentage, n., 18e; parental, adj., 12e]
PART

part, n.

(1) (a piece)
Not the whole but a (small) part of it
This is my part of the garden

Special uses:
- Part of speech (0.1%)
- Part I of the book (5.7%)
- Part of the body (2.7%)
- Is three parts Irish (1.1%)
- For the greater part of the year

[For the most part, 3.4%. In part = partly, 3.2%]

(2) (share in an activity)
- Take part in (4.2%)
- Have no part in it; did her part (2.1%)
- Play a part in a play; played her part in the work (5.8%)
- Sing the tenor part in a part-song (0.2%)

[No objection on my part, 6.6%; for my part, 1.1%]

part-/, adv.

Part-time, part-payment

part, v.

The lovers parted at the gate; he parted from her (1.7%)
A sad parting (0.7%)
Parling words (0.4%)

? [The rope parted, 0.2%; part with = give up, 0.9%]

particle, n., 86e (useful in science); partly, adv., 142e; partner, n., 108e

? [partial, adj. (of a part only, 82%; biassed, 15%); biassed, 66e; partially, adv., 60e]

PARTICULAR, adj.

(1) (not general, not universal)
My particular opinion (though others may not agree)
All taxes are hard, but this particular tax is abominable 59%
PARTICULAR, adj. (continued)  (2) (especial)
My particular friend
Give particular thanks to . . .  12%
in particular
Talked about everything in general
and nothing in particular  14%
[Particular = fussy, 3%]

particularly, adv. 396e  (1) (opposite of generally)
Learn about shell-fish generally
and particularly about the crab  28%
(2) (especially)
Particularly pleased to see . . .
Not particularly interested in it  70%
(This word is largely replaceable by Especially.)

PARTY, n. 1628e  (1) Political party  65%
(2) Party of soldiers  12%
(3) Reading party; Card party; Go
to a party  3%
party-/ Party politics, etc.  14%
[Of the first party = person, 3%]

PASS 3180e
pass, v.  (1a) (idea of movement across)
I saw people passing, passing to
and fro
Passing by, passing by the door  (9%)
Pass from one state to another  (2%)
The current is passing along the
wire; thoughts passing through
my mind; time passed, time
passed by  (7%)
Love will pass; pass out of sight;
pass away (= die)  (6%)  24%
(1b) (cause to pass)
Pass the salt; pass a cloth over
the table; pass one's life
Pass on information  (3%)  9%
pass, v. (continued)  
(2a) (pass through hindrance, scrutiny, test)  
Pass through hard times (7%)  
That coin will not pass; the bill will not pass (3%)  
Pass an examination (2%) 12%  
(2b) (cause to go through hindrance)  
Pass a sword through; pass a law (through the Assembly)  
Pass a candidate; passed candidates 11%  

passing, adj. and n.  
(1) Mountain pass (2%)  
(2) A written pass (1%) 3%  
[Come to pass, bring to pass = happen, 1%]  

past, adj.  
Past events  
For some time past, for the past hundred years 7%  

past, n.  
The past, in the past  
My past 9%  

past, prep.  
Half past seven  
Past the border, flow past 5%  

PASSAGE, n.  
322e A. (1) Sea passage 9%  
(2) (narrow alley; passage in house) 25%  
[B. Mark this passage in the book  
[Various meanings replaceable by “passing,” 22%]  

passenger, n.  
252e  

PAST  
(see PASS)  

PASTE, v. and n.  
30e (1) (thick mixture)  
(2) (adhesive)  

pastry, n., 6e
PATH, n.  264e  (1) *(trodden track)*  
A path by the river  34%  
(2) *(course)*  
Path of a star  
Path of glory  66%

PATIENT, adj.  282e  (1) *(uncomplaining, with fortitude)*  
Be patient in suffering  17%  
(2) *(calm, unprovoked)*  
Be patient with the child  3%  
(3) *(steady, not hurried or impetuous)*  
Patient work  
[= sick person, 68%]

patience, n.  132e  (1) Suffer in patience, wait in patience  
Have patience, and all will be well  34%  
(2) A child’s nurse must have patience  
with the young  
I’ve no patience with you!  34%  
(3) The work is not difficult; it only  
needs care and patience  27%

patiently, adv., 26e

PATRIOTIC, adj., 82e

PATTERN, n.  70e  (1) The pattern which you should  
imitate  29%  
(2) The pattern on a plate  46%  
[= sample of cloth, 1%]

PAUSE,  192e  *(noun)*  
*(verb)*  37%  63%

PAW, n.  42e  *(animal’s paw)*  71%
PAY

1772e

pay, v.

I'll pay next Saturday
Pay one's servants
Pay £1,000 for the car
Pay back, pay you back next Saturday
Pay up
Pay off a debt; pay off the man
Pay dividends; the business does not pay

Pay attention, a visit, 1%

Pay, n.

Draw one's pay
Pay-day, etc.

[87%]

pay-/-

unpaid, adj., 14e

payment, n.

202e

In payment of the debt
A payment of £10

PEACE, n

1544e

(1) (absence of war or civil disturbance)
Make peace
The Peace of Versailles
The nation is at peace
Keep the peace

[45%]

(2) (quietness)
Peace and quiet
Peace of mind
Calm and deep peace on this high mound

"Peace be with you"

Peace-treaty, etc.

peace-/-

? [peaceable, adj., 10e]; peaceful, adj., 92e

PEARL, n.

186e

A string of pearls
Pearl-grey
PECULIAR, adj. 272e  (individual)
Every nation has its own peculiar character 17%

(2) (special)
Of peculiar interest 38%

(3) (queer)
A very peculiar fellow, peculiar behaviour 45%

peculiarly, adv. 46e  (1), (2) Peculiarly my own; peculiarly sacred
(3) Behaved very peculiarly

PEN, n. 166e  (writing instrument and figurative  = authorship) 67%

PENCIL, n. 56e  (1) (drawing instrument) 50%
(2) (figurative, and shape) 36%
A pencil of light

PENNY, n. 76e

pennyworth, 2e

PEOPLE, n. 3702e  (1) (race, nation)
All the peoples of the world
The King and his people 28%
(2) (any defined group)
The people of this town
Old people, work-people 38%
(3) (in a political sense)
Government of the people by the people 21%
(4) (to give an impersonal statement: cf. "One," "You")
People ought not to go abroad in these times
I don't care what people say 6%

PER, prep. 616e  Per cent
(per annum, 2%; per capita, etc. 6%) 90%
PERFECT, 350e

perfect, adj.  
(1) (faultless)  
A perfect circle  
As a work of art it is almost perfect  
His perfect honesty  
A perfect copy
  68%
[(2) (complete, quite)  
A perfect stranger, scoundrel  
Perfect nonsense  
  11%]

[perfect, v.]

perfection, n.  80e  
Aim at perfection
  ? [Acted the part to perfection = perfectly]

perfectly, adv.  240e  
(1) (faultlessly)  
She sang the song perfectly; I could find no fault
  30%
[(2) (as an intensive)  
It's perfectly silly!
  70%]

PERFORM, v.  314e  
(1) Perform a ceremony, a part in a play
  16%
  ? [(2) (stylistic word for Do)  
Perform one's duties, your orders] 82%

performer, n.  20e

performance, n.  172e  
(1) (of a ceremony or play)  
Hall licensed for public performances  
Next performance at 8 p.m.
  63%
  ? [(2) (doing) The performance of his duties  
  37%]

[The word is needed mainly for verb §1 and noun §1]

PERHAPS, adv.  1124e  
(1) (qualifying a sentence)  
Perhaps I'll come on Friday  
  96%
(2) (qualifying a word)  
I'll bring three, perhaps four friends
  14%
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<td>(opposite of Temporary) The permanent school-building will be ready in 1960</td>
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<td>Ask, get, give permission [The word is needed mainly for the noun, e.g. in schools.]</td>
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<td>Any person trespassing on this property . . .</td>
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<td>A nice person</td>
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<td>A very important person 88%</td>
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<td>Mr. X will appear in person 3%</td>
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<td>[The meaning First, Second Person of the verb, 0.1%, may also be useful.]</td>
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<td>The personal influence of the King</td>
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<td>A personal interview with Lord X</td>
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<td>Personal abuse</td>
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<td>personally, adv.</td>
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<td>(1) (by himself, to himself, etc.)</td>
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<td>Personally conducted tour</td>
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<td>Must be given to him personally 51%</td>
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<td>Personally I don’t think much of it 49%</td>
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<td>(1) (convince of a fact or piece of reasoning)</td>
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<td>Persuade him that it is true 38%</td>
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<td>(2) (induce to a course of action)</td>
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<td>Persuade him to lead a better life 58%</td>
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<td>persuasion, n.</td>
<td>44e</td>
<td>Power of persuasion, art of persuasion 68%</td>
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<td>[ (= belief) It is my persuasion that . . . ; People of that (religious) persuasion 32%]</td>
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PET, n. and adj. 50e Keep pets; a pet dog

PHOTOGRAPH, 120e
v. and n.
photographic, adj., 46e; photography, n., 42e

PICK, v. 288e
(1) (strike or pull as with a bird's beak)
Pick a hole in the road
Pick at the bed clothes with one's fingers
Pick to pieces
(2a) (take up as with finger and thumb)
Pick flowers
Pick up a pin
(2b) (obtain)
Pick up a living somehow
Pick up a message on the radio
Phrase:
Pick up a person in one's car
(3) (with the idea of selection)
Pick and choose
Pick one's way
Pick out the best
[To pick pockets, 1%; noun, 6%]

peck, v., 27e

PICTURE, n. 818e
A picture of London Bridge
Go to the Pictures (cinema)

PIECE, n. 658e
(1) (bit, bits)
Break, fall, pull, take to pieces
Came to pieces in my hand
Piece by piece
(2) (portion)
A piece of paper, cake, cloth, copper
A piece of land
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<td>A piece of poetry, music</td>
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<td>(4) (coin)</td>
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<td>A piece of carelessness, impudence</td>
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<td>Head-piece, piece-work</td>
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<td>[Sixpence a-piece, 1%; piece together, v., 1%]</td>
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<td>A pile of books, bricks</td>
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<td>[= stake, 5%; funeral, 4%; building, 6%; electric, 8%]</td>
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<td>Table piled with books</td>
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<td>The money continues piling up</td>
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<td>(1) (as used for papers, cloth, etc.)</td>
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<td>[Not worth a pin; Not care a pin, 3%]</td>
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<td>(2) (various mechanical uses, e.g. pegs, split-pins, etc.)</td>
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<td>(2) (figurative)</td>
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<td>Pin my faith on you</td>
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<td>[= skittles, legs, etc., 14%]</td>
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<td>I pinched my finger in the door; a pinched finger</td>
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<td>My shoe pinches (me)</td>
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pinch, n. (continued)  (2) (figurative)
   When hunger pinches  24%
   Pinching cold, hunger
   He gave me a pinch on the arm  4%
   A pinch of snuff  12%
   The pinch of hunger  12%

[pincers, n.  8e]

PINK, adj. and n.  64e  (colour)  75%

PINT, n.  18e

PIPE, n.  206e  (1) (tube of metal, etc.)  32%
   (2) (tobacco pipe)  34%
   [musical, 11%; verb, 23%]

PITY  180e
pity, n.  (1) Take pity on
   Have pity on
   Feel pity for
   (2) It's a (great) pity that it's raining
   It would be a (great) pity if it rained
   What a pity!

pity, v.  26%
   24%

PLACE  3958e
place, n.  (1) (particular area)
   Many trees in this place
   A public place
   A wet place on the floor
   London is a noisy place
   A place of amusement
   [He has a fine place (= estate) near Bath]  42%
place, n. (continued)

(2) (proper position)
Everything in its place
Take his place at the table
That's my place! Change my place.
Change places (with . . . ) 12%

Phrases:
Used cooking fat in place of butter 5%
In the first place it's too expensive and in the second place I don't want it 3%

[Take place = happen, 8%]
Place one foot on the step
Place guards at the gate
Was placed Third in the race 23%
[I can't place him = remember where we met, 1%]

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PLAIN 560e

plain, n.
A flat plain
The plains of India 56%
plain, adj.
(clear, simply expressed)
It is quite plain to me that . . .
Said, in a few plain words that, . . . 17%
(2) (with the idea of frankness and honesty)
To be plain with you; to speak plainly
I'm a plain man 5%
(3) (of food and clothing, etc.)
Plainly dressed
Plain food
Plain, not coloured 12%
[= ugly, 0.4%; adv., Speak plain, 1.8%]

plainly, adv. 86e
(1) (clearly)
See, understand, hear quite plainly 23%
Plainly, it would be better 30%
(2) (simply, frankly)
Tell me plainly 44%
(3) Live, dress plainly 3%

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plan, n. 1216e (1) (drawing) The plan of a house 3%
(2) (scheme) Plan a campaign Form a plan Think out a plan 71%

plan, v. (1) (draw out on paper) 2%
(2) (make a scheme) Plan a journey, campaign 18%

plant, n. 710e (vegetable, flower, bush, etc.) 40%
plant-, Plant-breeder, etc. 5%
plant, v. (put a plant in the ground) Plant a tree Plant out seedlings
[Industrial plant, 28%; to plant a 16%
dagger, etc., fig., 11%]

planter, n., 22e; Tea-planter, n., etc., 73%

plaster, n. 34e Walls covered with plaster Plaster of Paris 65%
plaster, v. Plaster a wall 35%

plate, n. 274e (1) (sheet of metal or other substance) Steel plates, armour plate Skin covered with horny plates 51%
[— in photography or printing] Photographic, electro-, stereo-plate 31%
(2) Dinner plate A plate of bread-and-butter 9%
[= silverware, "Put the plate in the bank," 5%; plate-brush, plate-powder, etc., 3%; verb, 2%]
PLAY 1344e
play, n.
(1) (recreation)
  Play stopped at 5
  Children at play
  The ball is in play
Phrases:
  See fair play
  Mere child's play
  (2) (of the theatre)
  Write a play
  Act in a play
  [= activity, come into play, loose play
  in a joint, 4%; high play = gambling, 2%]

play, v.
(1a) (take part in recreation)
  Play cricket
  Play at "Robbers"
  Play with a boat
  Play with his brothers
  Play Mr. X at golf
  Play up! (= play harder)
  29%
(1b) (cards)
  Play a card
  Play for money
  Playing-cards
  2%
(2) (music)
  Play music
  Play a Concerto
  Play the violin
  10%
(3) (theatre)
  Play a part
  Play Hamlet
  16%
[Play off Mr. X against Mr. Y, 0.4%;
  play up to him = flatter, . . .]

player, n. 186c
(1) (at games)
  63%
(2) (musician)
  18%
(3) (actor)
  15%

playground, n., 22c; plaything, n., 16c

PLEASE, v. 518c
(1a) This picture will please you
  You will be pleased with it
  A pleasing picture
  Our aim is to please

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PLEASE, v.
(continued)

Phrase (with the infinitive):
I shall be very pleased to come
(3.5%) 52%

(1b) (idea of choice)
I shall do as I please
Whichever you please
(19%)

(2) (in prayer and requests)
Please God, there won’t be another
war
Please do it
Do it, please!
Do it, if you please
Another cup of tea, please (if you
please)
25%

pleasant, adj., 320e; unpleasant, adj., 38e

pleasure, n. 502e

(1) (feeling)
Pleasure and pain
Show pleasure
It’s a pleasure to be able to help
you
56%

(2) (sensual satisfaction)
Live only for pleasure
2%

(3) (source of pleasure)
My simple pleasures
25%

Phrases:
With pleasure (= very willingly...)
Take (a) pleasure in doing good
4%

Pleasure-steamer, -ground
[= choice, detained during the King’s
pleasure, ... %]

pleasure-

displeasure, n., 23

PLENTY, n. 170e
and adv.

Plenty of food, money, time
Thank you, I have plenty
Plenty more of this

Phrase:
We shall be in plenty of time
There are plenty more people
who...

plentiful, adj., 52e
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| **Plural, n. and adv.** | 12e | (grammatical term) | 83% |

| **Pocket, n.** | 320e | (1) Coat-pocket | 52% |
| | | Put it in your pocket |  |
| | | (phrases referring to money) |  |
| | | Put one's hand in one's pocket | 29% |
| | | An empty pocket |  |
| | | Anything that touches his pocket |  |
| | | Pocket comb, etc. | 4% |
| | | *Technical uses, e.g. in rock, 15%* |  |

| pocket-book, n. | 20e |  |

| **Poet, n.** | 388e |  |

| **Poetry, n.** | 200e | poem, n. | 290e | poetic, adj. | 46e |  |

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<td>The stock has fallen two points</td>
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point, n. (continued)  

Phrase:  
Point of view  
(3) (critical moment)  
Boiling point, freezing point  
Phrases:  
On the point of going  
When it came to the point  
(sharp end or projection)  
Point of a needle  
Point of land  
Point at, to  
Point a gun at  
Point it out  

point, n.  
B.  

pointed, adj.  

pointer, n.  
16e  
(rod or indicator-hand)  
75%  

POISON, v. and n.  
130e  

poisonous, adj.,  
40e  

POLICE, n.  
214e  
[Police, v., 2%]  

policeman, n.  
82e  

POLISH  

polish, v.  
252e  
Polish (up) the silver; polished silver  
Polish one's manners, a piece of writing; a polished piece of writing  

polish, n.  
Put a fine polish on it  
A tin of boot-polish  
[Excluded, 53%]  

POLITE, adj.  
44e  

politely, adv., 16e; politeness, n., 20e
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<td>Talk politics; foreign politics, What are your politics? 88%</td>
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<td>(1) (having little money) Rich and poor</td>
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<td>Poor people’s children</td>
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<td>(lacking, small, inferior) Poor in minerals</td>
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<td>A poor crop</td>
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<td>Poor boy!</td>
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<td>The poor thing was starving! (= pitiable animal or person)</td>
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<td>(pleasing to many people) A very popular master</td>
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POSITION, n. 1050e
(9) (posture of the body)
Can't stand long in this uncomfortable position 9%
(2) (place)
Find the position of the ship
Position of a town on the map
The regiment was ordered to hold
the position at all costs 25%
(3) (figurative)
The present position of affairs
In our present position
I am now in a position to 32%
(4) (place in the social scale, employment)
Has got a (good) position as Headmaster 28%

POSSESS, v. 492e
(1) (to own)
Possess 150 acres; possess three
suits of clothes 17%
(2) (to have)
Possess the power of doing, the
right to do [Possessed of, with, 8%; — by a devil, 3%]

possession, n. 416e
(1) In possession of
Take possession of 70%
(2) My (private) possessions 16%
(3) (territories)
Great Britain and her possessions 14%

possessor, n. 30e
[Possess and Possessor are used mainly in writing, and are of doubtful
value at this stage; the word was selected mainly for the sake of Possessions.]

POSSIBLE, adj. 1226e
(1) (which can be done)
The best possible house I can buy
With all possible speed
There are three possible ways of
doing the job 40%
POSSIBLE, adj. (continued)  

Phrases:
- It is possible that it will rain
- It is possible for a man to fly 1000 miles an hour
- How is it possible that he can get here so early? 
- Come, if possible
- As soon as possible
  
(2) (which may be)
- The possible loss of all our money if things go wrong
- Write to every possible supporter of the bill
  
possibly, adv. 242e
- Can you come? Possibly; but I can't be sure
- Possibly Mr. X will help you 78% 

possibility, n. 364e

impossible, adj. 542e; impossibility, n., 24e

POST, n. 450e

post, n.
A. Door-post, lamp-post, winning post
B. (position)
- Soldier at his post 3%
- Trading post 9%
- Get the post of headmaster 26%
  [Has been posted to Port Blair, 2%]
C. Send it by post
- Catch the post
- By return of post
- Post-card
- To post a letter (v.) [Post up a notice, v., 2%; Poster, n., 16e] 49%

postage, n., 12e; postage stamp, n., 10e; postal, adj., 98e; postman, n., 4e; postmaster, n., 12e; post-office, n., 98e

POSTPONE, v. 64e
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<td>550e</td>
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| POUR, v. | 246e    | (1) Pour water into a glass  
(2) (intransitive) The people poured out of the hall  
The rain poured down  
It's pouring with rain, pouring rain |
| POVERTY, n.|        | (see POOR)                                                                 |
| POWDER,  | 120e    | powder, n. Powder, n. Grind to powder  
(medical)  
Face-powder  
Gunpowder  
-box, etc. |
|          |         | powder-puff, n., 2e ; powdery, adj., 2e                                      |
| POWER,   | 2714e   | (1a) (physical or mental ability)  
With all the power of my lungs  
Do all that is within my power  
Great powers of mind  
Beyond the power of man to  
The work may be beyond my powers |
|          |         | (1b) (strength of a thing)  
The power of a lens |
|          |         | (2) (legal power)  
Power to arrest, to borrow  
Elected a committee with power to add to their numbers |
|          |         | (3) (political)  
The party in power  
Come into power  
The Great Powers |

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<td>I am in his power</td>
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<td>The power of the engine</td>
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<td>Power-house, etc.</td>
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| powerful, adj. | 344c |

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<td>(3)</td>
<td>(experienced in the practice)</td>
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<td>A practical man</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td>[practically, adv.</td>
<td>436c</td>
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<td>Practically everybody</td>
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<td>[= in a practical way, 3%]</td>
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<td>(1)</td>
<td>(action as opposed to theory)</td>
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<td>The practice of medicine</td>
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<td>Put a theory into practice</td>
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<td>Such bad practices are forbidden</td>
<td>66%</td>
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<td>Phrase:</td>
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<td>A doctor’s practice</td>
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<td>Dr. X is not in practice now</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td>(2)</td>
<td>(repeated action)</td>
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<td>Practice makes perfect</td>
<td>12%</td>
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<td>Phrase:</td>
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<td>I’m rather out of practice</td>
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<th>practise, v.</th>
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<td>(1)</td>
<td>(do)</td>
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<td>Practise what you preach</td>
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<td>The arts (methods) which he practises</td>
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<td>(2)</td>
<td>(practise a profession)</td>
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<td>Practise medicine, the law</td>
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<td>A practising doctor</td>
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<td>practise, v. (continued)</td>
<td>200e</td>
<td>(practise to attain skill) She practises (the piano) every day</td>
<td>He practised the boys in football A practised performer</td>
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<td>(Meaning 3 is the chief value of this word).</td>
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<td>PRAISE</td>
<td>220e</td>
<td>praise, v.</td>
<td>He praised my work</td>
<td>32%</td>
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<td>Praise God</td>
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<td>praise, n.</td>
<td>Loud in praise of</td>
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<td>Loud in their praises of</td>
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<td>A service of prayer and praise</td>
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<td>PRAY, v.</td>
<td>266e</td>
<td>(1) (ask earnestly, of God, or of a person)</td>
<td>We pray in Church</td>
<td>61%</td>
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<td>Pray God to send rain</td>
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<td>Pray to God that it may rain</td>
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<td>Pray to God for rain</td>
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<td>[(2) (I ask you—rather stylistic)] And what, pray, is the reason for this?</td>
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<td>Pray what is the reason for this ?</td>
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<td>prayer, n.</td>
<td>184e</td>
<td>At his prayers ; saying his prayers</td>
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<td>99%</td>
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<td>In spite of all her prayers</td>
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<td>prayer-book, n.</td>
<td>10e</td>
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<td>PREACH, v.</td>
<td>136e</td>
<td>(1) (on a religious subject)</td>
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<td>(2) (not on a religious subject)</td>
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<td>Practise what you preach</td>
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<td>He's always preaching Physical Fitness yet he never takes any</td>
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<td>exercise</td>
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<td>Shut up ! Don't preach (at me)</td>
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<td>preacher, n.</td>
<td>96e</td>
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PRECIOUS, adj. 200e  (1) Gold is a precious metal
A precious stone 59%
(2) (figurative)
My precious child!
Precious memories
His good reputation is a man's most precious possession 21%
[= affected, 2%; intensive, A precious fool, precious few, 18%]

PREFER, v. 260e  I prefer this to that
Which do you prefer? I prefer standing 96%
[= a charge, 3%; = give promotion 0%]

preferable, adj., 16e; preferably, adv., 16e

preference, n.  Give this claim preference
Shall we go to the Café or the Hotel; have you any preference? 90%
[Preference shares, 9%]

PREJUDICE, v. and n. 152e  Show prejudice against
Prejudiced against 85%
["Without prejudice," and other legal senses, 15%]

unprejudiced, adj. 4e

PREPARE, v. 632e  (1a) (make a thing ready)
Prepare ground for crops
Prepare a boy for an examination
Prepare a speech 65%
(1b) (be ready)
Prepare for war
"Be prepared" (Scouts' motto) 9%
373
PREPARE, v. (continued)

(2) (*make*)

Prepare a meal
Ink may be prepared from this powder
Specially prepared glass for scientific use

(?)[I am prepared to = willing, f %]

preparation, n. 200e

(la) Make preparations
In preparation for
A new edition is in (active) preparation

(1b) (*special school use*)
Set the boys preparation
Do preparation

[(2) This preparation of quinine is guaranteed pure]

This preparation is guaranteed to cure a headache (= medicine) 10%]

PRESENT

3798e

present, v. A.

(1) (*cause to be present, show*)
Presented at Court
Present oneself before the examiners

(2) (*figurative*)
Present arguments
The idea presented itself
If any difficulty presents itself

(give)
Presented a clock to the retiring headmaster

a present, n

A Christmas present
I’ll make you a present of it

present, adj.

(not absent)
I was present at the meeting
(now)
The present headmaster
The present value
The present time

the present, n.

At present
For the present
Up to (until) the present
Presence, n. 418e Honoured by the presence of the King 56%
In the presence of  .  .  .
In his presence 32%
Phrase: Presence of mind 5%
[Her ample presence,  .  .  . ]

Preserve, v. 350e (1) (**keep intact; stylistic word for keep**)
Preserved him from danger
Preserve one's good looks
Preserve discipline 76%
Phrase:
She is very well preserved 3%
(2) **(food)**
Fruits preserved in syrup 7%
[verb, Preserve game, 0%; noun = jam, 4%; = shooting grounds, 5%]

[The word was selected mainly for the sake of meaning (2) for which
there is no other one word.]

[preservation, n. 56e]

President, n. 2128e* (of a republic)
(of an institution or committee)

? [presidential, adj. 298e]
(? Rather over-valued for non-American areas.)

Press, v. 784e (1) (**literal meaning**)
Press the button; pressed the child to her heart
The crowd pressed round me, pressed me back
Press the enemy hard (**fig.**)
Press out the juice; the first pressing
Jute-pressing machine

Phrases:
Press my suit
?
{Hard pressed for money, 1.5%} 18%
PRESS, v.  
(continued) 

(2) (urge) 
Press for reform 
Press the King for a reform 
Press him to make a reform 
Press the use of . . . 
I won’t press you 
I won’t press the matter 13% 

Phrases:
Time presses 4%
A pressing invitation 1%

(3) (idea of forced march) 
Press on; press forward; press upwards 1%

press, n. 

(1) (machine) 
A sugar-press 
A printing press 2%
Send to press; in the press; see through the press (?§2) 1%

(2) (printing establishment; newspapers) 
The Clarendon Press 
The popular press 
The daily press 
Liberty of the press 47%
Press-agent, press-cuttings, etc. 12%

[= pressure, press of business, etc., 2%]

press-/

pressure, n. 458e 

(1) (literal) 
The pressure of my feet on the ground 
Pressure of air 
High-pressure; low-pressure 68%

(2) (figurative) 
Financial pressure 
Pressure of business

[If I did it under pressure = was forced to do it] 25%
Pressure-gauge, etc. 7%

pressure-/

PRETEND, v. 88e 

He pretended to be ill 
He pretended that he was ill 
He pretended that the work had made him ill 87%

[= put forward, e.g. a claim, 2.3%; = aspire, 2.3%]

376
pretence, n. Make a, no, some pretence that... Under the pretence of (trying to help the poor) Under false pretences It was all just a pretence [= claim, 15%] 75%

PRETTY, adj. 402e Pretty flowers, child, girl [ironical, a pretty mess, 10%; cost me a pretty penny, 8%; adverbial, I'm pretty sure, 33%] 49%

prettily, adv., 2e; prettiness, n., 2e

PREVENT, v. 512e (hinder, stop) There's nothing to prevent you (from) coming Prevent accidents 94%

prevention, n. 40e Prevention is better than cure 95%

? [preventive, adj. 24e Preventive measures]

PRICE, n. 2328e Trade price, cost price Selling price, high price, low price 91% [Slang At any price, not at any price, 1%]

PRIDE (see PROUD)

PRIEST, n. 284e

PRINT 364e Print a book Printed papers Printing-press 82%

377
print, n. (1) In print, out of print Rush into print Small print (= type) 6%
(2) (= picture) A coloured print (4.4%) A print of a photograph (1.6%) 6%
print-/
[ fingerprint, foot-, 1%; print-, print-
room, /-dress, etc. . . ]

printer, n. 58e

PRISON, n. 216e Newgate prison Put in prison

prison-/
Prison-discipline

prisoner, n. 286e (1) (under trial or condemned) Prisoner at the bar The prisoners in the prison 64%
(2) Prisoner of war 32%
(3) (figurative) Kept prisoners by the storm 3%
imprison, v. 43e

PRIVATE, adj. 600e (1) (to which the public are not ad-
mitted) Private grounds, garden, house My private affairs A private wedding; the wedding will be private 54%
(2) (not official, not governmental) A private gentleman My private life Private business; a private bill in Parliament 29%
[(3) (secret) Keep this private 8%]
? [Private soldier, 2%]
PRIZE, 240e
prize, n.
School prize; got first prize
Took a prize in a flower-show;
win a prize
Prize in a lottery 75%
Most prized possessions 12%
[ship, 12%]

PROBABLE, adj. 186e
possibly, adv. 846e; probability, n., 90e

PROBLEM, n. 890e
Face the problem
Study the problem

PROCESSION, n. 104e
Walk (go) in procession
A funeral procession, procession of boats

PRODUCE, 1424e
produce, v.
(1) (show, cause to be seen)
Produced a rabbit from his hat
Produce a play 7%
(2) (make)
Gunpowder is produced by mixing
The South of France produces wines
Produce young 89%
Agricultural produce 4%

produce, n.
production, n. 906e
(1) (act of producing, goods produced)
Must increase production
Must increase the production of
Our total production was 91%
[Insist on the production of the document, 0.2%; His book is a feeble production, 3%]
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<td>722e</td>
<td>The sale of our products abroad The chief products of Norway are ... [Product of 2 × 4, 1% ; crime is the product of poverty (= result), 4% ; chemical product, 1%]</td>
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<td>PROFESSION, n.</td>
<td>152e</td>
<td>He is a doctor by profession</td>
<td>83%</td>
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<td>professional</td>
<td>214e</td>
<td>A professional soldier, cricketer A professional examination (= in the subjects of the profession)</td>
<td>87%</td>
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<td>He’s not an amateur, he’s a professional</td>
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<td>PROFIT</td>
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<td>Do it for profit Make a profit out of it To the profit of Profit and loss</td>
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<td>profit, n.</td>
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<td>Profited from the business [Profit by a course of physical training]</td>
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<td>profit, v.</td>
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<td>[Will not profit you much, 1%]</td>
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<td>PROGRAMME, n.</td>
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<td>(1) (printed paper) Theatre programme</td>
<td>340e</td>
<td>9%</td>
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<td>(2) (scheme) A very ambitious programme for our visit to London</td>
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<td>programme-/-</td>
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<td>Programme-seller, etc.</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<td>PROGRESS, n.</td>
<td>570e</td>
<td>(1) Our progress upon our journey (figurative) The boy’s progress at school The progress of science</td>
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<td>Phrase: Work now in progress</td>
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progress, v. (figurative only)
How is the patient progressing?
Science has progressed greatly
during this century 7%

PROMISE 574e
promise, v.
(1) Promised him £5, to give him £5,
Will you pay me? Yes, I promise 38%
(2) (indicating the future)
This enquiry promises trouble for
all concerned
A promising book, schoolboy 16%
promise, n.
(1) Make, break, keep a promise 33%
(2) (indication of the future)
Gives promise of success
A book of great promise 8%

PROMPT, adj. 76e
Be prompt in doing it
Prompt action 53%
[verb, 45%]

promptly, adv., 126e; promptness, n., ..

PRONOUNCE, 130e
He pronounces English very badly 17%
* [Other meanings excluded.]

pronunciation, n. 14c

PROOF
(see PROVE)

PROPER, adj. 522e
(1) (as it ought to be, right)
The proper time, place
Proper dress for the occasion 71%
(2) (polite, good mannered)
Proper behaviour; it would not
be proper!
[= own, 4%; — psalm, 1%; — noun,
0.4%; In the proper sense, 3%;
the chestnut tree proper = real,
14%; a proper gentleman, 1%]
properly, adv. 234e  (meaning (2) above) Why can’t you behave properly? 68% [Properly speaking, 21%; = completely, 7.7%]

improper, adj., improperly, adv., 22e; (meaning (2), 55%)

PROPERTY, n. 656e The land is my property House-property; property owner 85% [= attribute, Chemical property, has the property of . . . ing, 13%]

PROPOSE, v. 448e (1) (suggest) Propose a plan What salary do you propose? Mr. X proposed that the motion be rejected; Mr. Y seconded Propose a member for the Club 53% (2) (intend) I propose to go to France in August 41% [Propose marriage, 1%]

proposal, n. 176e (suggestions) The proposals were approved 94% [of marriage, 3%]

PROTECT, v. 424e (defend, safeguard) 86%

protection, n., 246e (defence, safeguard) 94% [Technical and fiscal uses excluded.]

Proud, adj. 198e I don’t like proud people Proud of her children Proud to be headmaster of this famous school Too proud to beg A proud look 78% [Proud inheritance, 8%; —city, 10%; = energetic, fast growing animal, flesh, 2%]

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proudly, adv. 40e

pride, n. 226e
Punished for his pride
Feel pride in, take pride in
Proper pride; false pride; pride
of birth 84%
 [= cause of, Mother's pride and joy,
8%; verb, Prides himself on, 5%]

PROVE, v. 842e
Prove the statement true, to be true
Prove the truth of the statement
Prove that it is true 45%
[It proved to be = was ultimately
found to be, 47%; = test, 2%]

proof, n. 190e
The proof of the statement
As a proof of this
In proof of this 87%
[Printers' proof, proof of a drawing,
...]
[proof, adj., Proof against; water-proof.]

PROVIDE, v. 922e
(1) (use foresight, insure)
Provide for one's children
Provide against accidents 15%
(2) (furnish)
Provide a meal
Provided with warm clothes for
the journey 52%
[The clause provided that...; pro-
vided that it is, providing it is, = if;
23%]

PUBLIC 2198e

public, adj.
Public holiday, meeting, gardens,
education
Public opinion
Make it public (= reveal to all)
Public men; public spirit 72%
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<td>n. The public, the general public.</td>
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<td>84% Pull a rope, pull on a rope, pull an oar, pull together, pull to pieces, pull down a house, pull in a horse, pull out a tooth, pull him out of the water, pull up a plant.</td>
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<td>9% Pull through an illness, pull up.</td>
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<td>PUMP</td>
<td>94e (noun) 49% (verb) 49%</td>
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<td>PUNCTUAL, adj.</td>
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<td>PUNISH, v.</td>
<td>126e Punish a boy for an offence, The offence should be punished severely</td>
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<td>PUNISHMENT, n.</td>
<td>170e</td>
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<td>PUPIL, n.</td>
<td>152e (child in class) [of eye, 7%] 93%</td>
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PURE, adj. 312e
(1) Pure water
   Pure white
   A pure note 45%
(2) (figurative)
   Of pure descent, blood (1.9%)
   Pure taste (7.7%)
   Pure mathematics (5.1%) 15%
(3) My heart is pure; a pure life (= innocent) 15%
   [Intensive, Pure invention, nonsense, 18%]

purely, adv., 146e; purity, n., 30e; impure, adj., impurity, n., 30e

PURPLE, n. 88e
and adj.

PURPOSE, n. 1172e
For what purpose are you doing that?
What is your purpose in doing that?
Phrase:
On purpose (not by accident) 95%
[To little purpose, to no purpose, to no good purpose, 2%; verb, 2%]

PUSH, 212e
push, v.
(1) Push a cart up the hill
   Push the boat out
   Push back, down, in, out, open 39%
(2) (figurative)
   Pushed his cavalry forward (12.3%)
   Push on! we shall get there to-
   night (11.3%)
   Push one's way in (3.8%)
   Push his conquests further (4.7%)
   Push the sales of this article (2.8%) 34.9%
   [Pushed him to = urged, 5%]
PUT, v. 1602e

(1) (things)
He put the key in his pocket 14%
He put on his shoes

(2) (persons)
Put him to bed, in prison, in the navy 6%

(3) (express)
Put into words. That's putting it rather strongly 4%

Various:
Put to use 3%
Put an end to 8%
Put a question to 1%
Put at ease, on guard, in readiness, on record 4%
Put to death, to this expense, to so much trouble, to shame, to rights, to sleep 5%
Put aside (away, by) money for the future 2%
Put it back; put back the clock 1%
Put it down; put down a rebellion 2%
Put forward an argument 2%
Put in seeds, a caretaker, a claim, a request 4%
Put in the tenor part in a song, a figure in a picture 2%
Put in time at the school 1%
Put off my visit till later 1%
Put a roof on, my coat on, put on a welcoming smile 3%
Put out a light, a fire 1%
Put up a house, a tent 2%
Put up a notice 1%

? [Put him up for the night]

[Put it down to = attribute; put in for = apply; it at = estimate; put me off = disgusted me; put out = angry; put up with = suffer; hard put to it = in difficulty]
PUZZLE 110e

puzzle, n.  
(1) (thing which causes perplexity) 14%
(2) (plaything, cross-word) 6%

puzzle, v.  
I'm puzzled about it
Puzzle over it
Puzzle it out 67%

puzzling, adj. 9%

QUALIFY, v. 54e
(1) (as a doctor, lawyer, etc.) 69%
(2) (become eligible for appointment) 13%
[modify a statement, 8%; adjective qualifies a noun, 4%]

qualification, 29e
(The noun only is needed at this stage; "Stating your qualifications". Compare, Apply, application).

QUALITY, n. 530e
(1) (of a person) All the qualities of a great ruler 33%
(2) (of goods, etc.) Of poor, fair, good, excellent quality 63%
[persons of high rank, 1%]

QUANTITY, n. 416e
A certain quantity of
A quantity of
Quantities of
In large quantities 95%

QUARREL, n. 176e
Start a quarrel with Mr. X about it
Make up a quarrel
I have no quarrel with Mr. X, but I dislike his brother 70%

quarrel, v.
Quarrel with Mr. X about it 30%
[pick a quarrel, . . . ]

quarrelsome, adj. 6e

QUART, n. 28e

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QUARTER, n. 510e

(1) Quarter of a pound
Quarter of an hour
Quarter to, — past 25%

(2) (part of year, of month)
Rent for this quarter (= quarter of the year)

The moon in this quarter 4%

[(3) (point of the compass, directions)
From all quarters (of the globe, earth)
Got some support from other quarters 20%

[(4) (area)
The Italian quarter of New York 10%

[(5) (residence, location)
Take up one's quarters
Come to my quarters 27%

[At close quarters, 0.8%]
Quarter size, etc.
[coin, 3.9%; nautical, quarter-deck, etc., 1.6%; v., 2.2%]

quarterly, adj., 18e; [headquarters, n., 154e]

QUEEN, n. 720e

QUESTION 1926e

question, n.

(1) "Ask me no questions and I'll tell you no lies"
Question-mark 32%

(2) (subject under discussion)
The question is, what is to be done?
Raise a question 39%

A political question

Phrases:
It's (all) a question of (money)
? [Out of the question, 0.5%; there's no question of, 2%; beg the question . . . ] 18%

question, v.

8%
QUICK

quick, adj. 314e

(1) (rapid)
A quick walk, movement
Quick work
Quick to answer, in answering 54%

(2) (lively; not always distinguishable from §1)
Quick temper, understanding, eye 13%
[The quick and the dead, quick-set hedge = living, 1.2%]

quick, adverbial use

Be quick
Be quick about it
Follow quick(ly) on

quick-/ 416e

Quick-tempered, -footed, etc. 29%

quickly, adv. He quickly saw the difference

Work more quickly 93%

quickness, n. 6e

QUIET

quiet, adj. 370e

(1a) (not noisy)
Be quiet! Kept quiet; “Quiet as a mouse” 21%

(1b) Quiet colours

(2a) (not active)
We’re very quiet people; we seldom go out
The stock-market was very quiet
“All quiet on the Western Front”
A quiet old age 51%

(2b) (undisturbed:—this distinction is indefinite)
A quiet village
A quiet smoke, walk in the garden
A quiet mind, conscience 9%

quiet, n.

quiet, quieten, v.

quietly, adv., 114c; quietness, n., 16e
QUITE 1004e
(1) (entirely)
Quite covered with ivy
Quite certain
Can’t quite believe it
For quite another reason
Quite the best
65%
(2) (rather; often followed by but)
Quite suddenly
At quite an early age
Quite pretty—but unhealthy look-
ing
34%
[Quite = I agree, 0%]

RABBIT, n. 46e

RACE 642e
race, n. A.
A horse race
The half-mile race
Run a race
Race-meeting
(figurative)
Life’s long race
32%

race, v.
(1) (compete in running)
X is racing Y, against Y
Lord X is racing his horses at
Newmarket
7%
(2) (go quickly)
Racing along the road
3%
[The engine is racing, 0%]

race course, n., 10c; race horse, n., 2e

race, n. B.
(1) (= species)
The human race
13%
(2) (= variety)
The Mongolian race
13%
(3) (= group of persons of common
descent)
A race of heroes
23%
The whole Bourbon race
[= nation, The German race, 7%]

RADIO, n. 182e
### RAIL, RAILING

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| (1) | *(bar)* Guarded by a wooden rail  
Stair-rail  
Ship's rail  
A wooden railing | 38% |
| (2) | A train running on (off) the rails  
Invest money in American rails  
Send it by rail *(= railway)* | 59% |

rail-/  
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Rail-head, *etc.*

railway, n. (railroad), 662c

### RAIN

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| (1) | Heavy rain, driving rain  
A drop of rain  
The rains *(in India)* | 66% |
| (2) | *(figurative)*  
A rain of invitations, kisses, *etc.* | 11% |

rain-/  
---  
Rain-coat, *etc.*

rain, v.  
---  
It's raining hard, fast  
*(figurative, intransitive)*  
Invitations rained down on us  
*(figurative, transitive)*  
He rained blows on me  
Rained bombs down on us | 2% |

rainbow, n., 50c; rainfall, n., 30c; rainwater, n., 2c; rainy, adj., 30c

### RAISE, v.

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| (1) | *(lift, cause to come or go up)*  
Raise a flag-pole  
Raise one's hand, hat  
Raise coal  
Raise the dust  
Raise one's eyes *(fig.)* | 29% |
| (2) | *(cause to project, erect)*  
Raise a monument, temple  
Raise a blister  
Raise bread | 4% |

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RAISE, v.  
(continued)

(3a) (stir up, cause a rising) Raise a rebellion, a protest Raise one's hopes, a laugh Raise a question, objection, demand  
15%  
5%

(3b) Raise a cry, one's voice  
5%

(4) (cause to grow up) Raise a family, crops Raise horses on grass  
10%

(5) (elevate in rank or position) Raised him to the rank of Earl, Colonel, etc. Raise one's reputation  
8%  
8%

(6) (cause to increase in size or degree) Raise the price, temperature, wages  
[= gather, Raise an army, money, taxes, 13%]  
10%

RAKE
rake, n.  
30c
A garden rake  
20%

rake, v.  
Rake up the leaves  
( figurative uses )  
13%  
23%

[ Other meanings excluded ]

RANK, n.  
414e
The rank of colonel Of high rank  
32%  
[v., Ranks high among our leading men, 15%] 
[In the first rank = class in order of comparison, 5%; = file of soldiers, private soldiers, etc., 42%; adj., 3.4%;]

RAPID, adj.  
228e
A rapid river Rapid movement, space, growth

rapidly, adv., 330e; rapidity, 54e
RARE, adj. 258e A rare event
A rare bird
A rare and precious stone
[Rare fun, a rare fellow = excellent,
8%; not dense, 2%]

7 [rarely, adv., 140e, We rarely see him nowadays]

RAT, n. 130e

RATE, n. 572e At a rate of 40 miles an hour
At a great rate; at my ordinary rate
Rate of Exchange
Railway rates (charge per pound per mile)
[At any rate = in any case, 15%; pay the rates, rate-collector, 2%; verb, 6%]

RATHER, adv. 1314e (1) (comparison)
It is a cupboard rather than a room
It is rather a cupboard than a room
(24%)
It is not a room; rather it is a cupboard
(10%)
It is a very small room; or rather it is merely a cupboard
(7%) 41%

(2) (to some extent)
I rather think, believe, suspect
Rather earlier, more, often
Rather clever, silly, inconvenient
42%

(3) (in preference)
Will die rather than submit
Would rather—I would rather go to the seaside than to the country
I would rather not go to the party
Will you come? Thanks, I'd rather not
Which would you rather have?
This or that? 17%
RAW, adj. 240e
(1) (uncooked)
Raw meat 6%
(2) (unprocessed, unfinished)
Raw silk, leather, spirits 35%
Raw materials 52%
(Raw recruit, 2%; raw place on my arm, 1%; raw weather, 1%)

rawness, n. 2e

RAY, n. 154e
A ray of light
Alpha rays

RAZOR, n. 14e

REACH 1496e
reach, v.
(1) (stretch out)
Reach out your hand
I can’t reach so high
The road doesn’t reach as far as my house 8%
(2) (attain, touch)
The road just reaches my house, then stops
Reach London at 6 p.m.
The law cannot reach him
News reached me
Reach middle-age, full size 81%
reach, n.
Out of reach
Beyond my reach 6%

READ, v. 1512e
Read a book
Read aloud
Read to oneself
Read up a subject
Read on and see what happens
Reading-room, reading-matter
(Widely read person = well informed, 0.01%; read my thoughts, 2%)

reader, n. 350e
READY, adj. 640e

(1) (prepared)
Dinner is ready. I'm ready
Ready to go
Ready for the meeting, for bed
Made ready (for) 57%

(2) (willing)
No one whom I am more ready to trust
Too ready to trust anyone you meet
Feel ready for dinner ( = hungry) 33%

(3) (quick to respond)
Ready pen, tongue, wit
Ready money, 0.5%]

ready-/ Ready-cooked 1%

ready-made, adj. 10e

REAL, adj. 952e

(existing, genuine)
A real illness, not just imagination
Real silk
X is King, but Y is the real ruler 89%
[Real estate, 4%]

really, adv. 716e

(1) (genuinely)
He isn't really old; he only looks old 56%

Phrase:
? [Really and truly 1%]

(2a) (intensive)
It really is a pity 40%

(2b) (as a single word—intensive)
Why, really, I don't know
Well, really, what will he do next!
(or showing lack of interest in the conversation)
"Miss X looked charming at the dance."—"Really?" 3%

reality, n. 178e

In reality 48%

{other uses, 62%]
| realize, v. | 518e | (1) *(make real)*  
Realize one’s ideals  
(2) *(understand as a reality)*  
Too young to realize the death of her mother  
Realize that her mother was dead  
Realize how much it meant to her [-estate, profits, 12%] |

| realization, n. | 56e |

| REASON | 1404e |
| reason, n. |  |
| (1) *(faculty)*  
The voice of Reason  
*Phrases:*  
Listen to reason  
See reason  
(2) *(logical cause or motive)*  
For what reason?  
The reason why  
Have a reason for doing it  
I have reason to think . . .  
For no particular reason  
[Lose one’s reason, 1%; anything in reason, 0.3%; with reason, 1%] |

| reason, v. |  |
| (1) *(argue)*  
Able to reason clearly  
Reason that  
Power of reasoning, reasoning-power  
Piece of reasoning  
(2) Reason with him  
[11%  
1%] |

| reasonable, adj. | 136e | (1) *(sensible)*  
A reasonable being, man  
A reasonable decision  
(2) *(not excessive)*  
Reasonable size, price, amount  
Very reasonable (in) price  
[46%  
40%] |

| reasonableness, n., 35e; reasonably, adv., 27e | 396 |
RECEIVE, v. 1600e  
(1) (be given, obtain)  
Receive a present, a letter, the rent, etc.  57%  
(2) (used of abstract things)  
Receive power, attention, an insult, a blow  27%  
Phrases:  
Received the news with (horror)  3%  
Receive on the radio or other instrument  2%  
(3) (a person)  
If he calls, I shall not receive him  
Receive a guest kindly  
The King received the ambassador  
Receive as member of the Order  11%  

receiver, n. 18e  
(1) (instrument, e.g., radio)  66%  
(2) (person)  33%  

receipt, n. 106e  
On receipt of your letters  
A written receipt  
Receipts—Expenses  85%  
[= recipe, 15%]  

RECENT, adj. 620e  
Recent events  
Of recent date  

recently, adv. 496e  

RECOGNIZE, v. 682e  
(1a) (admit as legal or valid)  
Recognize a government, a claim  37%  
(1b) (admit as being —, as true)  
Recognized as the finest musician of his day  18%  
Recognized the fact that . . .  23%  
(2) (know again, identify)  
We met so long ago that you don’t recognize me  
You’ll recognize him by his long nose  22%  

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recognition, n. 218e  (1) (of a claim or right)  
Phrase:  
In recognition of your long services 91%  
(2) (knowing again) 8%

RECOMMEND,  
v. 140e  (1) Recommend a man for a job  
Recommend a book to you as very interesting 27%  
(2) Recommend you to consult Mr. X  
Recommend that the building be pulled down 51%  
[—my soul to God, 7%; has nothing to recommend him, 6%]

recommendation, n. 50e

RECORD  
940e  Records of the past  
On record, place on record 44%  
My military record (≈ career) 7%  
Break the record 9%  
Gramophone record (?)
record-/  
Record-room, etc. 3%
record, v. 36%

RED, adj. 972e  (vermilion, crimson)  
Red cheeks, lips, as blood  
Her eyes were red with crying  
(yellow-brown, as in the paint-box)  
My tube of Light Red  
Red brick houses  
Red hair, soil 81%  
red, n. 19%

redden, v., 6e; reddish, adj., 30e

Red Cross, n., 90e; red-hot, adj., 38e; [red tape, n., 18e]
REDUCE, v. 546e  
(make less or inferior)  
Reduce the swelling, price, temperature  
My staff of servants is reduced to one  
Reduced in rank  
Reduced to begging 78%  
[cause to be in a certain state, reduce to order, powder, subjection, 21%; = deoxidize, 0.7%]

reduction, n. 178e  
(lessening)  
Reduction of the power of... 87%

REFER, v. 314e  
[send or go to for information]  
Refer to a book 62%  
Refer a person to Mr. X 15%  
? [Referring to your letter; These remarks do not refer to you, 17%]  
[Refer it to the 16th century, 3%; refer this to = consider it as caused by, 1%]

reference, n. 186e  
(1) Books of reference  
Many references to be looked up in other books  
No need of reference to previous letters (= referring) 55%  
? [(2) In reference to, with reference to your letter of the 16th inst. 32%]

REFLECT, v. 276e  
A mirror reflects light 22%  
(figurative)  
The newspaper reflects public opinion 33%  
[= think, 30%; reflects credit on, unfavourably on, 3%; fold back, 6%]

reflection, v. 150e  
(1) The reflection of light  
My reflection in a mirror 37%  
[After careful reflection, my reflections upon = thought, 55%; cast reflections upon = blame, 8%]

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REFRESH
refresh, v. 80e
Refreshed by rest and sleep 70%
Refreshed by food and drink  8%

refreshing, adj.
(1) A refreshing sleep, cup of tea 11%
? (2) He's so original; he's always re-
freshing 13%

refreshment, n., 30e; refreshments (= food and drink, 27%)

REFUSE, v. 532e
(1) Refuse help 11%
Refuse an offer, an offer of marri-
age 65%
The Editor refused the story 16%
(2) Refuse to go 65%
(2) I can’t refuse her anything (double object) 12%

refusal, n. 62e

REGARD 1358e
regard, n.
(1) (care)
Without (any) regard to the cost 4%
(2) (affection)
Have the greatest regard for him 4%
Phrase:
Send my kind regards to . . . 4%
(3) (reference)
In (with) regard to your letter 15%

regard, v.
(1) Regard it as an insult, to be an insult 48%
Regard him with affection, con-
tempt 20%
(2) Regarding your letter; [as regards your letter] 20%
[look at, 5%]

regardless, adj., 58e; disregard, v., 146e

REGRET 158e
regret, n.
Feel regret for 49%
Have no regrets
With regret

400
regret, v.  I regret my mistakes  

*polite formula*  
I regret (that) I am unable to accept your invitation  
I regret to inform you that . . . 49%

**REGULAR, adj. 388e**  
(1) (*uniform, symmetrical*)  
Regular teeth, features  
A regular figure in geometry 7%  
(2) (*at intervals fixed by rule*)  
Regular meals, lessons, salary 41%  
(3a) (*conforming to rule*)  
Regular in his habits  
A regular life 4%  
(3b) A regular marriage  
A regular verb 13%  
(4) (*established*)  
My regular doctor  
The regular army 13%  
[A regular tyrant!, 13%; *noun*, the regulars, 9%; clergy, monks, 3%]

regularly, adv. 98e  
(1a) (*at fixed intervals, steadily, unchangingly*)  
Increase regularly, from day to day  
My watch is going quite regularly 77%  
Books arranged regularly in a row  
(1b) (always)  
Comes regularly every week 4%  
(2) (*according to law*)  
Regularly married in church 10%

regularity, n., 18e; irregular, adj., 96e; irregularly, adv., 14e; irregularity, n., 24e

**REJOICE 108e**

rejoice, v.  
Rejoiced when they heard the news  
Rejoiced at the news  
Rejoiced that he was free 56%

rejoicing, n.  
Public rejoicings 30%  
[Rejoice in = be glad to possess, . . . ]  
[The word was selected mainly for the noun.]

DD 401
RELATION, n. 692e
(1) (of things)
Relation of height to weight in children
Weight in relation to height 47%
(2) (of people)
Relation of master and servant
Our relations have always been excellent
Friendly (commercial) relations between countries
Break off relations with ? (49%)
(3) (kin)
My uncles and other near relations ? (4%)*

* [The figure is doubtful but, A relative, 33% of 240c, seems to be commoner in this sense, § (3)]

? [relate, v. 350e
(establish a relation between)
Heat and volume of a gas are related
He is related to me by marriage 65%
[Relate a story, 35%]

relative 240e
(1) Relative position, size, value in regard to other things 80%
Relative pronoun 2%
[Papers relative to the subject, 13%]
(2) My relatives, n. (= family) 33%

RELIEVE, v. 150e
(1) Relieve anxiety, pain 68%
(2) Relieve the guard
Relieve from duty 12%
[Relieve a besieged town, 4%; no tree relieves the monotony, 9%]

relief, n. 358e
(1) Relief from pain or anxiety
What a relief! 34%
(2) Relief of the poor, of victims of disaster, Red Cross relief, Parish relief
[of a town, 10%; legal, 3%]
RELIGION, n. 460e
religious, adj. 420e

REMAIN 1614e
remain, v. (1) (stay)
I shall remain here
Remain the same, remain fixed 66%
(2) (be left over, continue to exist)
Little remains of the town
The cathedral remains; everything else is destroyed
Worse remains to tell 23%
remaining, adj.
The sole remaining survivor 2%
remains, n.
The remains of a meal
Ancient British remains 8%

REMARK 620e
remark, v. (speak)
"That is strange," he remarked
He remarked that it was . . . 67%
? [Remark on = speak about, 1%;
= notice, 4%]
remark, n.
He made several remarks about

Personal remarks 22%
 [= notice, 5%]

REMEDY, n. 200e
(1) Remedy for an illness 17%
(2) Remedy for an evil
We had no remedy but to wait
Seek your remedy in a court of law 64%
? [verb, remedy an evil, 19%]

REMEMBER, v. 762e
Remember a person, a fact
Remember to change at Clapham Junction
Not so far as I remember 97%
[Remember me to . . . = polite message, 0.3%; various obsolete uses, 2.7%]
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<td>You remind me of your father</td>
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<td>Remind me to post the letters</td>
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<td>Rent-day, etc.</td>
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<td>rent, v.</td>
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<td>Rent a house (= take on rental)</td>
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<td>Repair shoes, a bicycle, etc.</td>
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<td>[= make good, Repair the loss; repair the wrong I did you, 11%]</td>
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<td>House repairs</td>
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<td>(2) (state of repair)</td>
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<td>In good (bad) repair</td>
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<td>[Repair to = go, 9%]</td>
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<td><strong>REPEAT</strong></td>
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<td>repeat, v.</td>
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<td>Don’t repeat what I’ve told you</td>
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<td>Repeat poetry</td>
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<td>(2) (do again)</td>
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<td>Repeat a success; repeated failures</td>
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<td>Repeated experiments</td>
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<td>Make repeated changes (= many)</td>
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<td><strong>REPLACE</strong></td>
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<td>(1) (substitute)</td>
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<td>Replace gold by paper money</td>
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<td>(2) (fill the place of something lost)</td>
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<td>I can’t replace that broken cup; they are not made now</td>
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<td>[Replace it on the shelf, 4%]</td>
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REPLY 710e

reply, v. Reply to your letter, to criticisms, to a person
"Yes," he replied 57%

reply, n. In reply to your letter of Jan. 4th
Make no reply 43%

REPORT 1282e

report, n. (1) Report of a committee, of a debate
Make a report
School report, get a good report 34%

(2) (rumour)
I do not believe the report that the Queen has abdicated 17%

[noise of gun, 5%]

report, v. (1) (bring or send news)
It is reported that . . .
Report all you see and hear
Report the debate 31%

(2) (give the result of special observations)
To report on the state of the prisons 11%

(3) (give in a name)
Report a bad boy to the headmaster
On arrival report to the Adjutant 2%

reporter, n. 70e Newspaper reporter 94%

REPRESENT, v. 750e

(1a) (symbolize)
The circle represents the Earth and the dotted line represents the path round the sun (41%)

(1b) (show)
The picture represents Miss X dressed as Ophelia (20%) 61%

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REPRESENT, v. (continued)

(2) (act in place of)
Lord X represented the King
Mr. X represents this constituency in Parliament
The works of Corot were represented by one picture
[Mr. X represented Hamlet, 1%; not as it is represented to be = described, 3%]

representative 520e

representative, n.

(in government)
Our representative in the House of Commons
British representative at the Congress
[of things—The mole is the only representative of this class of animal in Britain, 10%]

? [representative, adj. 17%]

REPRODUCE, v. 84e

(1) (of animals)
(2) (gramophone; photographic process)
[retell, reproduce the story as I heard it, 10%]

reproduction, n. 44e

(1) (animals)
(2) (photograph, etc.)
[retelling, 14%]

REPUBLIC, n. 446e

[republican, adj. = of the republican form of government, 9% of 1050e]

REPUTATION, n. 172e

Have a good (bad) reputation
A man of some scientific reputation

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REPUTATION, n. Have the reputation of being 
(continued) 
The hotel has a reputation for its 
wines 
Lose one's reputation 
Live up to one's reputation 98% 
[in the reputation of, 1%; high in 
reputation, 1%]

REQUEST 220e 
request, n. 
At the request of; at her own re-
quest 
Grant, refuse your request 
By request 
Much in request 63% 
request, v. 
Request you to send 
Request that men be sent 35% 

RESCUE 114e 
rescue, n. 
Go to the rescue of 35% 
rescue, v. 
65% 

RESERVE 426e 
reserve, v. 
Reserve money for future use, for 
a special use 
Reserve this subject for future dis-
cussion 16% 
Reserved seats 1% 
[Reserved manner = cautious, 3%]

reserve, n. 
Reserve of stores; Reserves of a 
bank 47% 
Reserves of an army 7% 
In reserve 2% 
[Game reserve, Indian reserve, 2%; 
reserve of manner, 8%; with this 
reserve, without reserve, 2%]

[The word was selected mainly for the sake of Reserved seats.]
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<td>Resign one's post as headmaster</td>
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<td>The government has resigned</td>
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<td>(<em>intransitive</em>)</td>
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<td>[Resigned to one's fate, 5%]</td>
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<td>The resignation of the government</td>
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<td>RESIST, v.</td>
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<td>He did not resist, but surrendered quietly</td>
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<td>(1) (act) Made no resistance</td>
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<td>(2) (power) A healthy person has greater resistance (to disease)</td>
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<td>(3) Resistance to pressure, to movement</td>
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<td>(4) (non-conductivity) Electrical resistance; a resistance (wire)</td>
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<td>In all (many) respects</td>
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<td>(2) Show respect to</td>
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<td>[Pay my respects to . . . , 1%]</td>
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<td>Children should respect their elders</td>
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<td>[respectable = fairly large, e.g., respectable amount, 26% of 68e]</td>
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* [The chief values are perhaps noun (2) and the verb.]
RESPONSIBLE.
adj. 250e Responsible to him for it 80%  
    A responsible person (= trustworthy) 8%  
    A responsible position 7%  

responsibility, n. 252e Take the responsibility of 78%  
    Bear the responsibility of 78%  
    My responsibilities 18%  

REST 1354e  
rest, n. A. (1) (recovery)  
    A night’s rest; day of rest; need a rest; without rest  
    Get some rest; give my legs a rest 14%  
    ? [At rest (not moving); set at rest] 2%  
    (2) Arm-rest, etc. 2%  
rest, v.  
    Rest a few minutes  
    Never rested till it was finished  
    Rest my legs 12%  
    ? [3 (figurative; and phrases)  
    Rest in Peace (on a gravestone)  
    Let the matter rest  
    The matter rests with you  
    The whole proof rests on one witness 12%  
    (4) (transitive)  
    Rest my head (arm, weight) upon 10%  
the rest, n. B.  
    We walked; the rest were to ride  
    The rest of the (book, people, etc.)  
    And all the rest of it  
    Smith, Jones, Robinson—and all the rest of them 40%  

RESTAURANT, n. 64e  

RESULT 1794e  
result, n. The result was that . . .  
    Without any result  
    As a result of 70%  

409
result, v.
The resulting illness
The illness which resulted from his journey
His journey resulted in a serious illness
[arithmetic term, 3%]

RETIRE, v.
224e The headmaster will retire next year
On the retired list
[= go away, apart, retire to one's room, to bed, to the country, . . .; the army retired, 11%; retiring = shy; 3%]

retirement, n.
100e On the retirement of the headmaster
[going apart, 8%; army, 2%]

RETURN
return, v.
1808e

(1) (go back)
Return home
The pain has returned
"We will return to this subject later" (2%)
(revert)
Return to dust
Return to old customs
46%
(2) (give back, send back)
Return the book you lent me
Return the ball over the net
["No, he returned = replied, 2%; Return the number of deaths, 3%]

return, n.

(1) (coming back)
His return home
The return of Spring
"Many happy returns of the day"
Return journey, return ticket
"One third return to Brighton" 20%
(2) (repayment, gain)
Nothing in return for my labours
No return as yet from the investment (business)
[Annual returns = statistics, 5%]
### REVENGE

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<td>In revenge for; as a revenge for</td>
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<td>Revenge himself on Lord X</td>
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<td>Revenge the wrongs of his family</td>
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### REVIEW

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<td>Review the whole of the facts</td>
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<td>Review one's opinions</td>
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<td>A review of the subject, of the main facts, of the past</td>
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*The word was selected mainly on account of meaning (1a) which is the American equivalent of Revise a lesson, revision of a lesson.*

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<td>Offer a reward</td>
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<td>Silk ribbons</td>
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<td>A ribbon of blue sky</td>
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<td>Her sails were torn to ribbons, hung in ribbons</td>
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<td><em>(the grain; the plant)</em></td>
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RICH
rich, adj.

(1) (wealthy)
   A rich man
   The rich (n.)
   A rich country

(2) (sumptuous)
   Rich dress, furniture

(3) (productive)
   Rich soil, ore
   Soil rich in iron

(4) (ample, generous)
   A rich harvest
   A rich supply of

(5) (special uses)
   Rich food (= oily)
   Rich colour, rich crimson (= intense)

riches, n.

RID, v.

Get rid of
? [Be rid of, rid oneself of, 51%]

RIDE
ride, v.

Ride a horse, on a horse
Ride twenty miles
Ride a race
Ride in a bus

riding-

Riding-boots, etc.
[ Ride at anchor, 2% ]

ride, n.

Go for a ride; take her for a ride
in the country
Have a ride

rider, n.

RIGHT
right, adj.

(1) (morally right)
   It wouldn't be right to do that
(2) (suitable)
   Right use of
   Right-sized

412
right, adj. (continued)

(2b) (correct)
You were quite right; it was as you said
Get the answer right

Phrases:
I feel all right; I'm all right (= not tired or ill)
All right! (= I will do as you ask)

[In his right mind, 0.3%]

right, n.

(1) (moral)
Do right
Be in the right

(2) (legal right, notifiable claim)
Have the right to, have no right to
The right of (wearing a hat in the King's presence)
By right of (conquest)
He should be the heir, by rights
The people's rights

right, adv.

(1) (morally, correctly)
Guess right
Hold it right
Am I doing all right?

(2) (entirely)
Go right up, on, through, out
Turn right round, over; right about turn!
It's right at the end, — at the foot of the stairs

[Right here, now, away, 2%; Right royally, 3%; Right Honourable, 0.3%]

right (hand), adj. and adv.
My right hand; lands right of the river

right, n. and adv.
Turn to the right; turn right

(rightly, adj.
Act rightly
Rightly so called
If I understand you rightly

413
RING
ring, n.  544e
A.  A ring on my finger
   An iron ring
   The rings (marking) in a tree
   Dance in a ring
ringed, adj.  57e
   Ringed round with trees
ring, v.  57e
B.  Ring a bell
   Ring for the servant
   Ring (a person) up (on the telephone)
   Ring off (on the telephone)

RIPE, adj.  110e
110e
Ripe fruit
Ripe old age

ripen, v.  38e

RISE
rise, v.  1398e
(1)  (stand up, get up)
   He rose from his knees
   He rose at 7 and went to bed at 10
   (figurative)
   Rise in the world; rise to power
   Rise to higher things
   They rose in revolt
   (of a slope or excrecence)
   The hill rises out of a flat plain
   New buildings are rising every day
   (go upwards)
   The sun rose
   Smoke rose up
   The curtain will rise at 8
   A bird rose into the sky
   Rose to the surface of the water
   The tide (river) is rising
   (figurative)
   His temperature rose
   His spirits rose
   The barometer is rising
   The wind is rising
   Prices and costs are rising

414
rising, adj.  The rising sun
Rising ground
A rising wind
A rising man  2%

rising, n.  (= revolt)  3%

rise, n.
(1) Sun-rise
The Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire  3%
(2) A rise in the ground  1%
(3) A rise in prices
Get a rise in wages  4%
[Give rise to, 6%]

RISK  218e
risk, n.  No risk of
I’ll take the risk of
At your own risk
Run a risk  70%

risk, v.
Risk one’s life, a broken ankle
Risk losing one’s life  30%

risky, adj.  2e

RIVAL, n.  214e
Rivals for a prize
British bicycles are without rivals,
are unrivalled
Rival business houses

rivalry, n.  30e
In rivalry

RIVER, n.  1138e
A river. The River Thames
River-steamer, river-side, etc.

ROAD, n.  988e
Go by road
The road to London
The London Road
Victoria Road

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<td>[Get out of my road, 0.2%]</td>
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<td>The people roared applause</td>
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<td>[as symbol of punishment, as symbol of authority, divining, actual measure,</td>
<td>= 51 yds., = rood, 31%]</td>
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ROLL

roll, v. 464c

(1a) (of a ball or wheel)
Roll a ball; the ball rolled
Roll away (19%) (3%

(1b) (of the Earth)
The Earth rolls round the sun

Phrases:
Roll over and over (6%)
Roll one's eyes (4%)
The ship is rolling (2%) 34%

(2) (go with a smooth movement)
Roll along in a car
The years rolled on
The waves rolled in
A rolling plain (prairie) 25%

(3a) (form by rolling)
Roll it into a ball
Rolled a cigarette
Rolled up his bed
Roll it up in paper
The paper rolled up 10%

(3b) (flatten with a roller)
Roll the path, the lawn 3%

(4) (make a noise as of a rolling wheel)
The thunder rolled
In his deep voice rolled out the prayers
[They all rolled up = presented themselves, 1.7%]

roll, n.

(1) A roll of paper, of cloth 14%
A (bread-) roll 3%

(2) (rolled sheet of paper, and so a list)
The Roll of Fame (Honour)
Call the roll 7%

roller, n. 40e

Garden roller, ink roller, etc.

ROOF 220e

A slate roof

roof, n.

Lived under the same roof (= in the same house) 90%

roof, v.

Roofed with tiles; roofing 9%

[Roof of my mouth, 0.9%]
room, n. 836e
A. (space)
   Takes less room
   Not enough room to turn round
   (in)
   Make room for
   (figurative)
   Room for improvement
B. Come to my room; bedroom;
   sitting room; drawing room,
   bath room
   (2) (plural = suite, lodgings)
   My rooms in college
   To let rooms

root, n. 240e
(1a) The root of a tree
   Pull up by the roots; take root
   (1b) The root of a hair, tooth
   (2) (figurative)
   This trouble has its roots in the past
   The root of the difficulty, of the matter
   Root-crops, etc.
   ? [Square root, 8%; philology, 0.8%]
root-/
   Deep-rooted opinion, habit
   [Root out, 0.8%]
root, v.; rooted, adj.

ROPE, n. 198e
A strong rope
A coil of rope
Rope-ladder, etc.
[Phrases and figurative uses, e.g., Know the ropes, give him enough rope, 9%]

ROT, v. 22e
Rotting wood, straw, etc.
Rot in prison (fig.)
[noun, Dry rot, etc., 27%; colloquial nonsense, 18%]
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<td>ROUGH, adj.</td>
<td>480e</td>
<td>(1) (not smooth, —of a surface) Rough cloth, skin, ground *20%</td>
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<td>(2) (boisterous) Rough play; “Don’t be so rough”! Rough sea, weather *15%</td>
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<td>(3) (untrained, uncultured) Rough working man Rough manners Lead a rough life in the forest *15%</td>
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<td>(4) (of work, —lacking detailed finish and polish) Rough workmanship A rough copy Rough justice A rough estimate “Give you a rough idea” *30%</td>
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<td>82e</td>
<td>(1) (approximately) Roughly a half 81%</td>
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<td>(2) (in a rough way) Treated him roughly 15%</td>
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<td>(3) (without finish) A roughly made table 5%</td>
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<td>A round pencil                                                      13%</td>
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<td>[Round number, 2%; round trip, 0.2%]</td>
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<td>round, adv.</td>
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<td>Go round in a circle Houses all round From every village round Round and round</td>
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| round, adv. (continued) | Turn round  
Round the other way  
Come round and see me  
(*implying indirect route; short distance or informality*) | 27%       |
| round, prep. | Go round the house  
Walk round the shops  
Round the clock  
It's somewhere round here | 36%       |
| roundabout, adj. | A roundabout way (of going, of doing something) | 36%       |
| ROW    | row, n. | A row of people, houses, seats, plants  
Standing in row, in a row  
Second seat in the third row | 62%       |
|        | row, v. | B.  
Row a boat  
Row a race  
[n. = quarrel, 10%] | 25%       |
| ROYAL, adj. | 472e | (1) Royal family  
Royal arms, palace, etc.  
By royal appointment  
(*as part of title*)  
The Royal Society  
The Royal Air Force | 62%       |
|        | royalty, n. | 52e  
(royal persons)  
Entertain royalty | 50%       |
| RUB, v. | 100e | Rub the floor with a cloth, with oil  
Rubbed himself against a post  
Rubbed his hands together  
Rub oil into; rub in oil  
The wheel is rubbing against the mudguard | 84%       |
### RUB, v.
(continued)

*Phrases:*
- Rub out that word 2%
- Rub up (= polish) 4%
- [Don’t rub it in! 0·2%; rub shoulders, noses with, 0·8%; rub down a horse, 0·2%]

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<th>RUBBER</th>
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<th>Indiarubber <em>(substance)</em></th>
<th>A piece of rubber <em>(for erasing)</em> 32%</th>
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<td>rubber-</td>
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<td>Rubber-bag, rubber-tyre, etc. 61%</td>
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<td>[rubbers = goloshes, 5%]</td>
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<td>The things in this shop are just rubbish</td>
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<td>(2) Rubbish! You’re talking rubbish 25%</td>
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* [Other meanings = crude, excluded.]

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<td>The ruin of our hopes</td>
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<td>Unhappiness and ruin</td>
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<td>Ruined hopes, beauty, prospects, life 11%</td>
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<td>I'm ruined; I shall go bankrupt 7%</td>
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RULE

rule, n.

(1) (Rules of conduct, of an institution or club)
   Make, break a rule 27%

(2) (Rules of science, grammar, mathematics)
   Rule of Three 6%
   [Rule of Thumb, 0.2%]

(3) (general statement of probability, as in these phrases:)
   As a rule
   As a general rule
   [You can't make a hard and fast rule
   The exception proves the rule] 18%

(4) (government)
   British rule in India
   Under the rule of
   The ruling party 25%
   [A two-foot rule = measure, 0.5%]

rule, v.

[guide, control, Be ruled by me, 2%;
the court ruled that . . . , gave
a ruling that . . . , 2%; ruling
prices, 0.2%; rule a line, 2%]

RULER

130e

A. Rule lines with a ruler 2%
B. Ruler of a country 98%

RUN

1870e

run, v.

(1) (of man or animal)
   The boy ran; the dog ran
   Let the cattle run in the field
   Run about
   Run after him
   Run for the doctor
   The boys ran off
   Run to him for help
   Run wild
   Run an errand, a race, a hundred yards
   [Run in an election (U.S.A.) . . . ] 29.2%

(2) (extend)
   The road runs up a hill 9.5%
run, v. (continued)

(3) (cause to run)
Run a car, a train, a horse in a race
Run a ship on the rocks (3.9%)
Run a business (4.9%) (8.8%)

(4) (move smoothly)
The rope ran through the pulley
The ball ran past the hole 1.0%

(5) (of machines—function)
The trains aren’t running (2.2%)
My car is running very nicely (1.7%) (3.9%)

(6) (of liquids)
The water is running into the bath
The tide is running out (6.7%)
The colours have run; the wax melted and ran (0.3%) (7.0%)

(7) (of time)
The time has run out
The agreement has two years to run 2.0%
[= be valid, So far as British justice runs, 1.2%]

(8) (of fire, disease, etc.)
The fire ran through the building
A rumour ran through the town 1.0%

Special uses:
Ran at me with a knife (0.4%)
Run away (= retreat) (4.2%)
Ran away with X’s wife (1.0%)
Run down—The clock has run down; run down in health (0.2%)
Run dry, low, short, (1.0%)
Prices, feelings ran high (2.1%)
Run risks (1.3%)
Run into danger (0.7%)
Run over it (again) (= look at) (0.4%)
Ran over a boy in the street (0.2%)
The bath ran over (0.3%)
Run up a bill, a dress, a house (1.2%) (13.0%)

[Run across = find, 0.4%]

423
running, n.
Running and jumping
[Out of the running, . . . ] 1%

running, adj.
A running fight, jump
Running expenses
Three times running 3%

run, n.
Go for a long run (0.6%)
A ship's run (0.4%)
The play had a long run (0.2%)
In the long run (2.0%)
Made twelve runs (cricket) (4.5%) 7.7%
[A run on the bank, 0.3%; The general run of . . . , 0.5%]

runner, n.
[1] (in a race) 55%
[2] (messenger) 5%
[smuggler, 5%; of sledge, etc., 32%]

RUSH
rush, v.
[1] (go in haste)
The people rushed down the street Rushing water 58%
[2] (cause to move hastily)
They rushed him out of the room Please rush this order through 10%
[I'm very rushed, . . . ]

rush, n.
A rush of water, work
They came (all) in a rush Rush-hours; a rush-order

RUST
rust, n.
rust, v.
Iron rust 42%
The iron is rusting, rusted "Rust away in idleness" 38%
[rusty, adj. 28e]
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| (2) Sacrifice everything to one’s children  
  Sacrifice oneself for the Cause 26% |
| sacrifice, n.         |
| (1) Make a sacrifice to the goddess 28%  
  This goat is the sacrifice |
| (2) Make sacrifices for one’s children  
  At some sacrifice of accuracy 35%  
  [Sell goods at a sacrifice = *as a bargain*, 3%] |

? [sacrificial, adj., 16e]

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| Feel sad; a sad look; a sad event 65%  
  It is sad for him to . . . , that he should . . . 26% |

sadden, v., 12e; sadly, adv., 58e; sadness, n., 22e

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| saddle, v.  
  Saddle a horse 9%  
  [In the saddle = in control, 5%; saddle-shaped, and technical uses, 8%] |

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| (1) Safe from danger 58%  
  A safe place  
  See you safe home  
  Keep you safe in the house |
| Phrases:  
  In safe-keeping 1%  
  Safe and sound 2% |
| (2) (of an action, not risky:) 22%  
  It is safe to say  
  A safe guess, bet, investment |
| Phrase:  
  Be on the safe side 1% |
safety, adv. 62e

safety 298e Get home in safety 77%

safety-/- Safety-razor, etc. 18%

save, v. 1078e

(1) Save a person from danger
Just saved himself in time
I saved my books from the fire
( = rescued) 17%

(2) [protect against possible danger or loss]
A railing to save people from falling over
God save the King 24%

(3) [economise]
Save time, trouble, cost
A great saving of time (n.) 9%

(4) [store up against the future]
Save money
Save up (money)
My savings (n.)
The savings-bank (n.)
[Save = except, 14% ; adj., saving grace, etc., 2% ; prep., saving your presence, 2% ; conj., save that, save to, 2%]

SAIL 558e

sail, n.

(1) The sails of a sailing-ship
Set a sail ; lower a sail
Full sail 25%

(2) Go for a sail
[ = ship, Sail ho !, 2.9%] 4%

sail, v.

Sail by the Queen Mary 20%
The ship sails at 11 (= will start) 16%
The ship is sailing on the sea 6%
To sail a ship or boat 2%

sailing-/-

A sailing-ship 5%

sailor, n. 216e

A tall sailor (= seaman)
Phrase:
Be a good sailor (= not be seasick) 97%

sailor-/-

Sailor-hat, etc. 2%
| **SAKE**, n. | 232e | For the sake of  
For my sake  
For the children's sake  
[For goodness sake! For heaven's sake!, 4%] |
|--------------|------|------------------------------------------------------|
| **SALE**, n. | 458e | I have made no sale to-day  
Goods on sale  
House for sale; put up for sale  
An auction sale  
Autumn sale at Selfridge's Store  
Sales-book, -room |
| **SALT**, n. | 428e | (common salt)  
? [Not worth his salt, 2%; salt of the earth, 2%]  
Salt-cellar, etc.  
[as in chemistry, 21%] |
| **SAME**     | 3710e| Both came the same day; on the same day as I did  
The same thing that I saw yesterday  
The very same; just the same  
This same; that same  
Much the same  
? [At the same time = in spite of what I have just said, 11%; one and the same, 0.6%]  
It was very cold and wet in Paris, and in London it was just the same  
[in legal papers = it, 1%] |
same, adv.  I feel (think) the same, just the same  1%
? [You didn’t use the room, but I must be paid all the same, 0.1%]

SAMPLE,  76e
sample, n.
Take a sample of
Give a sample of
Sample-card, etc.  90%

sample, v.  10%

SAND/S, n.  372e
Sand on the shore
Play on the sands

sandbank, n., 20e; sandhill, n., 10e; sandy, adj., 56e

SATISFY, v.  308e
Satisfy one’s hunger, thirst, curiosity
adj.
Be satisfied; rest satisfied  79%
? [convince, satisfied that, 10%; not anxious, satisfied as to, 5%]
dissatisfy  78e

satisfaction, n  208e
Give satisfaction (= cause to be satisfied)
Work done to my satisfaction  92%
[In satisfaction of a debt, 3%]
dissatisfaction, n  64e

un/satisfactory, adj.  205e
A very (un)satisfactory arrangement  99%

SAUCE, n.  20e
(relish for food)  90%

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<td>Cup and saucer</td>
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<td>“Thank you,” said he</td>
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<td>He said (that) he was grateful</td>
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<td>“Thanks”</td>
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<td>I’m glad (happy, sorry) to say</td>
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<td>I said to myself (= thought)</td>
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<td>I have nothing to say</td>
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<td>self (= had no excuse)]</td>
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<td>Well, shall we say five pounds?</td>
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<td>Say, five pounds (= drawing attention)</td>
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<td>I say! (= expressing ignorance)</td>
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<td>It’s hard to say when he’ll be back</td>
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<td>(Really), I couldn’t say</td>
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<td>[The said John Smith, 0.3%]</td>
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<td>On a large (small) scale</td>
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<td>[Scale in music, to practise scales, 5%]</td>
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<td>A pair of scales</td>
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<td>[verb, 5%; Fish scale, 11%]</td>
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<td>He scattered his papers (about) all over the room</td>
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<td>Scatter seeds</td>
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<td>The crowd scattered when the police arrived</td>
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<td>The scene is a square in Venice</td>
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<td>Change the scene</td>
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<td>[Behind the scene/s, 0.3%]</td>
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SCENE, n.
(continued)

(above, but in real life)
The scene of the crime
A scene of confusion, of woodland beauty
Appeared on the scene
(division of a play)
Act II, Scene I
The scene between Lady X and Mr. Y
(in real life)
An angry scene with my father
? [Make a scene = emotional disturbance,

scenery, n. 52c
(1) (theatrical-)
All the scenery was burnt
31%
(2) (natural)
The scenery in Switzerland
69%

SCENT

scent, n. 60c
(1) A dog's power of scent
Follow the scent; on the scent;
put them off the scent
7%
10%
(2a) (pleasant smell, perfume)
The scent of flowers
33%
(2b) A bottle of scent; a scent bottle
10%

scent, v.
adj.
(1) The lion scented its prey
I scent mischief
23%
(2a) Sweet-scented flowers
7%
(2b) A scented handkerchief
10%

[The word Perfume is useful to keep meaning (2b) separate.]

SCHOOL, n. 1352c
The Grammar school (institution)
The school was burnt down (building)
Speak to the whole school (its pupils)
School begins at 9 (session)
Keep me in after school (session)
38%

Phrases:
Be at, send to, go to school
6%
Keep a school
1%

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<td>[School of Economics, Dancing, etc., 21%]</td>
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<td>[School of thought, 14%; soldiers of the old school = type, 2%; verb, 1%]</td>
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<td>Science master, class-room</td>
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<td>[Science of self-defence, etc., 3%]</td>
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<td>[Laugh to scorn]</td>
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<td>Scrape one's hand against the wall</td>
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<td>[Scrape together money, people, 20%; scrape up an acquaintance, 4%;</td>
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<td>just scraped through, 16%]</td>
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SCRATCH  60e

scratch, v.

(1) (make scratches in the surface)
   Scratch her face
   Scratch the table

Phrase:

scratch out

? [Scratch up a meal]  46%

(2) (scratch one's body)
   Scratch a flea-bite
   Scratch one's head (1, literally; 2, in perplexity)  27%

(3) (make a scratching noise)
   The dog scratched at the door  10%

scratch, n.

A scratch on the table
Not badly hurt; it's only a scratch  17%

SCREEN, n.  190e

(1) (thing used to intercept rays of light)
   Cinema screen
   X-ray screen  70%

(2) (thing used as a protection)
   Fire screen
   Screen of trees  18%

[screen, v. = hide, shelter, 5%; = sift, 3%]

SCREW  36e

screw, n.

(1) (wood screw, metal screw)  24%
   Screw-driver, etc

screw-/  10%

(2) (ship's propellor, air-screw)  22%
   Screw up a box
   Screw off the top of the bottle
   [Screw up one's eyes]  44%

[The word Propellor is useful to keep meaning (2) separate.]

SEA, n.  1192e

(1) Rivers flow to the sea
   Sea and land
   Go to sea ( = become a sailor)
   The sea ( = tide) was in  50%

(2) (in names)
   The Red Sea, the Caspian Sea  16%

(3) (plural)
   Mistress of the Seas
   Rough seas, high seas  6%
   Rough seas, high seas  3%

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SEA, n. (continued)

sea-/ (4) (figurative)
A sea of troubles, blood, green
Sea-battle, -blue, -fog, -painter,
-passage, sea-side. etc. [Very
numerous and many of them tech-
nical. For more common ones,
see below]

Phrases:
At sea. He is now at sea
? [All at sea = confused]
Go out to sea [put, stand out to . . . ]
By sea; travel by sea
By the sea; living by (= near)
the sea
Clacton-on-Sea
Those in peril on the sea
Countries beyond the sea

(Nouns). Sea-bathing, 4c; sea-coast, 8e; sea-level, 46c; seaman,
118e; seaport, 34e; sea-power, 6e; sea-shell, 8c; sea-voyage, 4c;
sea-wall, 4c; sea-water, 16e; sea-weed, 4c

SEARCH, 310e

search, v.

Search for the treasure
Searched the whole house
Search a person
Search through the dictionary
Search out a fact
Search into my affairs

searching, adj.

A searching look
Searching questions

search, n.

A search for a missing person
Make a search of
In search of

SEASON, n. 452e

(1) The four seasons
(2) (special time for a certain activity)
Fruit growers have had a bad
season
The hunting season; the holiday
season
The London season

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SEASON, n. (continued) (3) Oysters are now in season (= suitable for eating)
       Out of season 4%
       [= reproductive period of animals, 3%]
       [give taste to, verb, 4%]

SEAT 620e
seat, n. (1) (thing on which one sits)
       A garden seat
       The seat of a chair
       Take a seat (= sit down)
       Keep your seats (= remain sitting) 22%
    (2) (place and right to sit in it)
       Reserved seats 19%
    (2b) (special use)
       A seat in Parliament
       Hold a seat (= not lose in the election) 10%
    (3) (place of)
       London is the seat of government
       Oxford is a seat of learning
       Your liver is the seat of the trouble
       Seated herself in the biggest armchair
       Three old men were seated at the table 23%
       [This hall will seat 300 persons, 1%]

SECOND 1370e
second, n. A. (1) (in geometry)
       Ten degrees fifteen seconds 2%
       (unit of time)
       60 seconds make one minute
       (short space of time)
       Wait a second!
       Half a second! 14%

second, dct. B. First, second, third
       Charles the Second
       Second master, mate, lieutenant
       Mr. B spoke second
       (= another)
       I want a second opinion
       79%
       2%
       [Second to none, 1%]

second-hand, adj. (= not new), 26e; secondly, adv., 70e
SECRET
secret, adj.
(1) Keep it secret
   A secret agreement, language
   My secret feelings, love, anger, etc. 32%
   [In my secret heart, of my secret soul,
   0.5%]
(2) (special uses)
   Secret service; secret agent;
   secret society 8%

secret, n.
(1) It's a secret; keep it a secret
   A dead secret
   An open secret 38%

Phrase:
   In secret 5%
(2) (recipe or process)
   The secret of making good coffee
   is . . .
   The secret of success 9%

Secrecy, n. 14e

SECRETARY, n. 648e
(1) (= writer, office worker)
   Dictated it to my secretary 33%
(2) (government official)
   Secretary for War 64%

SEE, v. 7048e

(1a) (have power of vision)
   He can't see; he's blind 2%

Phrase:
   See double
(1b) (perceive)
   I saw him coming
   I saw him come
   He was seen to come

Phrases:
   Let's see; let me see it
   Let me see (delay phrase said
   while deciding; ? (3a))
   ? [Can't see my way to = how I can]
(2) (view, experience)
   See round the town
   See over the school
   See the sights 17%
SEE, v. (continued)

Phrases:
See life
Well, we shall see (= time will show)
Well, we'll see (avoiding refusal)
Wait and see

(3a) (look)
See who it is
See what you've done! (= consider)
See what you can do (= consider, try)

(3b) (look to, supervise, ensure)
See that it is done
See it done
See it through
See to it
See about it
See her off; see her home; see her safe home, safely home

(4) (read)
See page 29
I see in the papers that...

(5) (interview, visit)
Come up and see me some time
I want to see Mr. X; Mr. X can't see anyone today
See him about the book
Go and see him

(6) (understand, not always distinguishable from §1b)
Can't you see I'm tired
I can't see the good of it
See why, how
See it to be a fraud
See a joke
Now do you see?
It's like this, you see
I see!

[Seeing that = because, 0.6%]

SEED, n. 250c Seeds of a plant 62%
seed-/
Seed-case, seed-corn, etc. 12%
[= descendant, 24%; verb, 2%]

[seedling, n., 9e]
SEEM, v. 3366e  (1) Things are not what they seem
This seems good
Seems as if it is good
Seems as though it is going to be good
Seems to be good
(with verbs other than Be)
Seems to change its colour 79%
(2) (impersonal use, It seems, There seems)
It seems to be getting colder
It seems to me that . . .
So it seems; it seems so
It seemed wiser (to me) to . . .
It seems as if, as though
There seems to be no one here 16%
? [as it seems, = as would appear from later information; Had been ill, as it seems, for a long time, 3%; It would seem that, 1%; Seeming, 1%]

SEIZE, v. 336e  (1) (take possession of)
Seized his goods 38%
(2) (take hold of)
Seized me by the arm, in its teeth
Seized the thief
? [Seized hold of me] 38%
(3) (figurative)
Seize an opportunity
[Seize on, upon, 1%]

[The word seizure, 32e, is useful in connection with medicine (= epileptic fit, 6%) as wider in meaning than the awkward homonym, “fit.”]

Seldom, adv. 164e

SELF . . .
(pron.)
Pay Self or Order 15%
[Various archaic uses]
self, n. My better self, real self
Thinks only of Self
Just our two selves 45%

self-/, prefix (also see below) Self-adjusting tool 41%

(Adj. and Nouns.)
self-conscious/ness, 12c; self-contained, 10c; self-control, 18c; self-
defence, 8c; self-governing/ment, 30c; self-interest, 30c; selfish, un-
selfish, 46c; self-respect, 32c; self-sacrifice, 8c; [self-same, 12c]

SELL 960e (1) (transitive)
(see also SALE) Sell a house for £3,000
Sell fruit at 2/- a pound 69%
(2) (intransitive) Has no power to sell
The book is selling well
Oranges are selling at 6d. each 25%
sell out Sold out all his stock
Sold out of cigarettes 2%
? [Sell off . . . , sell up . . . ]

seller, n. 96e

SEND, v. 1530e (1) (cause a person to go)
Send a messenger
Send him with a message
Send him away
Send to school, to prison
Phrase:
Send to sleep 48%
(2a) (despatch a thing) Send a letter
Send the box after you
Send it along as soon as you can
Please send back the box
Send in my card; send in a picture
for the show
Send off a letter
Send up breakfast for three 28%

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SENSE

sense, n.

(A) (power of receiving sensation)

The sense of touch, hearing, sight 13%

(2) (the same, but in a wider use)

Sense of time, direction
Moral sense
Sense of honour, of humour
(a general feeling of)
Sense of security, danger
[ = sensation, Sense of acute pain, 7%]

(B) (practical wisdom)

Good sense
Common sense
[Bring him to his senses, Frighten him out of his senses, 1.5%]

(2) (of intelligibility)

Doesn’t make sense; can’t make
(any) sense of it
Talk sense (see NONSENSE)
? [ = meaning, Use the word in that sense]

38%

A. (in the meaning Sensation) (adj. and n.)

senseless (unconscious) 20e/40% ; insensible, 24e/25% ; sensitive (— instrument), 74e/54% ; sensation, 136e/54% (= excitement, 37%)

B. (in the meaning Wisdom) (adj. and adv.)

senseless (— slaughter), 20e/60% ; sensible (— person), 114e/60% :
sensibly (reasonably), 12e/83%

* [It is suggested that Senseless and insensible be excluded to avoid confusion: substitute Unconscious]
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<td><strong>(unit of speech)</strong> Describe it in a sentence</td>
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<td><strong>SEPARATE</strong></td>
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<td>Two separate houses</td>
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<td>separate, adj.</td>
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<td>A wall separates the two gardens</td>
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<td>The boys are fighting; separate them!</td>
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<td>Mr. X and Mr. Y separated and went different ways</td>
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<td>The cream separates out and comes to the top</td>
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<td><strong>SERIOUS</strong>, adj.</td>
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<td><strong>(not playful or half-hearted)</strong> A serious worker; a serious attempt</td>
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<td>I’m quite serious (about it); I mean what I say</td>
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<td>Look serious; a serious look</td>
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<td><strong>(not trivial)</strong> A serious matter, needing serious thought</td>
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<td>A serious illness; serious damage</td>
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<td><strong>(not playfully)</strong> Take life seriously</td>
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<td>I seriously considered going to Africa</td>
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<td><strong>(not trivially)</strong> Seriously injured</td>
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<td><strong>SERVE</strong>, v.</td>
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<td><strong>(act as servant or employee)</strong> Serve as a cook</td>
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<td>Serve one’s time</td>
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<td>Serve in a shop; I’m waiting to be served</td>
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<td>This area is served by the Southern Railway (5%)</td>
<td>This area is served by the Southern Railway (5%)</td>
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SERVE, v. (continued) (1b) (in the special sense of serving in the Forces)
Serve my country, in the army, in Libya, in the Parachute Regiment
Serve God and the King
Serve as a juror, as Sheriff (or other officer) (8%) 24%

(2) (at table)
Served in silver dishes
Served hot; served up hot
Serve out soup to the boys 8%

? [The following uses, though frequent, are easily replaced by other words:
Serve as a post, serve for a post, serve to hold up the roof, serve some useful purpose, 38%]
[Serve a writ, 2%; ill-served = treated, 2%; serve you right, 1%]

servant, n. 208e (a) (domestic servant) 75%
(b) (of the Railway, of the State) [Your most obedient servant—in letters, 6%]

service, n. 1384e (1) (employment)
Go into (domestic) service
Enter my service
The Civil Service
The Services (= army, navy, air force)

Phrases:
At your service (2%)
On His Majesty’s Service (2%)
On active service (9%)
See service in Burma (1%)
Service ammunition (supplies, etc.) (3%) 30%

(2) (helpful act)
Do a service
For professional services, 5 guineas
In gratitude for your valuable services 43%
service, n. (continued) (3) (organized supply)
The telephone service
There is a good bus service, service of buses
The service in this restaurant is bad 19%
(4) (special religious use)
A Church service
The Marriage Service 6%

SET 1938e
set, n. (A) (1) (group of persons)
The smart set 2%
(2) (group of things)
Set of china, of teeth 7%
set, v. (B) (1a) (often replaceable by Put)
Set a crown on his head, his feet on the path, his hand to the work (6%)
Set aside money; set aside a judgment (3%)
Set the boys to work; set work to the boys (2%)
Set the hands of the clock; set the clock to wake us at 7; set a trap (6%) 17%
? [Set type, 0.2%; set to music, 0.2%]
(1b) (with a prepositional phrase or adjective)
Set (Put) at ease, at rest, in order, ready, right
Set free, loose, going
Set fire to, set on fire
(2) (with the idea of fixing)
Set a limit, a time, a date, the value at (2%)
Set a fashion, an example (4%)
Set a jewel; a gold setting (n.) (4%)
Set up a statue (4%)
Set up a government, a custom (4%)
Set up a home, business, as a doctor (1%) 19%

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set, v. (continued)

(3) (with the idea of aiming) (2%)
Set me on my way (2%)
Set my face towards, my mind to
(2%)
Set out on a journey (5%) 9%

(Special uses)
The sun has set; sunset (n.) 3%
Set a sail; set sail (= start) 2%

? [The plaster has set = solidified, 0.1%]
[Set the table = lay, 1%: set about forming, 1%; set forth reasons, 5%; set forth on a journey, 2%; set off on a journey, 1%; and very many other phrases replaceable by a less idiomatic expression, e.g. Winter has set in; set one's face against, set off a loss, etc.]

SETTLE, v. 532e

(1) (sit)
The bird settled on a tree 5%

(2) (take up residence; colonize)
We have settled in a cottage
Englishmen settled in, were settled in Virginia
Virginia was settled by (with) Englishmen 34%

(3a) (of a substance)
The snow settled on the branches
The newly made ground must have a year to settle (down)
The solids settled down to the bottom of the liquid
The solids will settle out of the liquid
The dust settled; the rain settled the dust 9%

(3b) (of a person, and of feelings)
The excitement will settle down
He was wild in his youth, but now he has settled down
Settle down to work 7%

(4) (fix, decide)
Settle the boundary
Settled order of government
Settle a quarrel, a lawsuit, a doubt
SETTLE, v.  {Settle (= pay) a bill}  38%
(Special use)
Settle money on her  3%

settlement, n.  336e  (1)  (colony)
Made a settlement in Canada  65%
A mission-settlement in London  34%
(2)  (decision of a dispute, of a bill)
[Marriage settlement, 1%]

settler, n.  90c

SEVERAL, det.  1546e  (unfixed number)
Several men  81%
Several of the men  10%
[= each several, = separate, 9%]

SEVERE, adj.  198e  (1)  (pitiless, stern)
A severe judge, critic; criticism, judgment, punishment  37%
A severe look
(2)  (harsh, painful)
A severe winter, illness, pain  54%
A severe training, test
? [puritanical, devoid of ornament, severe style, dress, 8%]

severely, adv.  26e

SEW, v.  26e  Sew a dress; sew a button on; sew up a tear; sew up in cloth

SHADE  328e
shade, n.  (1a) Sit in the shade, in the shade of a tree  38%
(1b) Lamp-shade, eye-shade  2%

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shade, n. (continued)

(2) (in art)
Light and shade
Wrong shade of green 9%

(figurative)
All shades of opinion 18%
[A shade too sweet; 1%; shades of night, death 4%; = ghost 9%]

shade, v.

(1) Shade one's eyes 7%
(2) Shade a drawing
Pencil shading (n.) 6%
[Blue shading off into green, 2%]

shady, adj. 28e
Shady lane, wood 79%
[dishonest, 14%]

SHADOW, n. 350e
In (under) the shadow of a tree
I and my shadow 57%
[Various proverbial and figurative uses,
(a) with the idea of night, gloom, sadness, 11%; (b) with the idea of unreality, ghost, 18%; verb, 2%]

shadowy, adj. 36e
(1) (full of shadows) 39%
(2) (unsubstantial) 61%

SHAKE, v. 460e
(1) (intransitive)
The branches shook in the wind 12%
She shook with laughter

(2) (transitive)
The wind shook the branches
He shook the cloth out of the window
The dog shook himself
The nurse shook the child 23%

(figurative)
Shake my trust 13%

(3) (special uses)
Shake one's head (= no) (17%)
Shake one's fist, sword (= anger, warning) (12%)
Shake hands (= greeting) (14%) 43%
[Shake off an illness, a person, 3%]
SHALL (7046+)

[The figures represent proportional but not absolute values]

shall, aux. v.

(1) (simple future)
I shall arrive at 4 p.m.
Shall we be back in time?
Shan't I know before tomorrow?

(intention)
I shall come home every week.
Shall we start tomorrow? Let's start tomorrow, shall we? 17%

(2) (compulsion, promise)
You shall do as I order!
If you're good you shall have a bicycle 9%

(3) (question, or offer of service)
Shall the boy wait?
Shall I get you another cup of tea? 5%

should

(1) (hypothetical and conditional)
I should be glad to do so—if I could.
I should say that.
If it should rain (Should it rain), we'll have tea indoors.
In that case I shouldn't know until later.

Phrase:
I should like to; I shouldn't like that 11%

(2) (Shall or Will, in reported speech)
I said I should (would) be there early.
I asked if I should give her another cup of tea.
I said that if he were good, he should have a bicycle 19%

(3) (obligation)
You should be more careful.
No better than she should be.
Children should be taught to speak the truth 23%

(4) (probability)
They should be here soon.
How should you understand?
Why should he think that? 4%
SHALLOW 66e

shallow, adj.
shallowness, n.

(1) Shallow water
A shallow mine, depression 79%

(2) (figurative)
Shallow thought 6%

shallow-
shallows, n.

9%

SHAME, 208e

Feel shame
He has no shame, no sense of shame 27%
Bring shame on the family (disgrace) 33%

? [It's a shame! = unfair, 9%; put to shame, 3%; for shame!, 4%;
to my shame, 3%; cries of "Shame! Shame!", 2%]

shame, v.

8%

shameful, adj., 34e; shameless, adj., 12e (see also ASHAMED)

SHAPE 414e

shape, n.

Keep in shape
Get out of shape
It's the right size but the wrong shape . . . 58%

[In human shape, 6%; in the shape of a pension, 4%; throw into shape, 4%; in bad shape, 4%]

shape, v.

It must be well-shaped; shaped out of a log 18%

[— character, 2%; — his course, 3%]

shapeless, adj., 16e

SHARE 448e

share, n.

(1) Have our share (a fair share) of the food 24%
Take one's share in the work 19%

448
share, n. (continued)  
Share it with him  
Share my feelings  
Share the expenses  

(2) (company shares)  
7%

share, v.  

SHARP, adj. 322e  
(1a) Sharp edge, sharp knife  
10%

(1b) (figurative)  
Sharp outline  
10%

(2a) Sharp point, angle, nose  
17%

(2b) (figurative)  
Sharp eyes, mind, business-man  
10%

(3a) (with sudden or painful onset)  
A sharp rise in the road  
(4%)  
Sharp attack of disease, pain, frost, winter  
(11%)  
Sharp words, punishment  
(10%)  
Sharp movements, drill, orders  
(8%)  
33%

(4) Sharp cry, sound  
[Sharp taste of vinegar, 1%]  
(9%)  

sharp-/  
Sharp-eyed, -nosed, -tongued  
...

sharpen, v., 32e; sharply, adv., 64e; sharpness, n., 2e

SHAVE 70e

shave, v.  
(1) Shave off a thin piece of wood  
A heap of shavings (n.)  
20%

(2) Shave one's face  
Shaving-soap, brush, etc.  
40%

shaving-/  
? [Clean-shaven, 9%]

shave, n.  
The barber gave me a shave  
[Just shaved the wall, 3%; had a near shave, 11%]

SHE, pron. (4092c*)

[The figures represent proportional but not absolute values]

(1) (human or animal)  
89%

(2) (ship or country)  
11%
**SHEEP, n.** 198e

**SHEET, n.** 154e
1. Bed-sheets
   - A sheet of paper
     - Printed sheets
   - (so also, a thin piece of any material)
     - A sheet of glass, iron
   - (a wide expanse of)
     - A sheet of water, ice, snow, fire
     - Rain fell in sheets
   - Sheet-iron, etc.
     - [= rope, 6%]

**SHELF, n.** 76e
1. Fix up a shelf, a book-shelf
2. (any flat projection)
   - A shelf of rock

**SHELL, n.** 288e
1. Sea-shell, snail-shell, egg-shell, nut-shell
2. A 12-lb. shell (war); shell-fire
3. (various thin hard containers, casings, coverings)
   - The shell of a boat, of a burned-out building, etc.
   - Shell peas, 0.7%; shell the enemy, 0.7%

**shell-fish, n.** 10e

**SHELTER**

**shelter, n.** 112e
1. A shelter (= hut on sea front, etc); air-raid shelter, etc.
2. Take shelter from; under the shelter of
   - Shelter behind a hedge
   - The trees shelter me from the east wind

**shelter, v.**
- A sheltered life, part of 4%
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<td>(2) Polish the metal till it shines</td>
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<td>(1a) The shock of battle, a blow, or explosion</td>
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<td>(1b) Electric shock</td>
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shock, n. (continued)  
(2) (figurative)  
A shock to my feelings  
23%  
Her death was a great shock to me  
(3) (special medical use)  
Cases of shock after air-raids  
8%  
Shock-absorber, etc  
1%  
24%  

? [Shocked = scandalized, 12%; shocking behaviour, 3%; = very bad, your shocking spelling, 2.2%]

SHOE  
344e  
shoe, n.  
A pair of shoes  
74%  
Horse-shoe  
1%  
shoe-/  
Shoe-lace, -polish, etc.  
11%  
[BRAKE-shoe, etc., 3%; proverbs, "in your shoes," "dead men's shoes," etc., 5%]

shoe, v.  
2%  
shoe-maker, n.  
20e

SHOOT,  
690e  
shoot, v.  
Shoot with a gun  
Shoot dead; shoot through the arm  
Pistol shooting; pheasant shooting  
61%  
Shoot a goal (fig.)  
(1.2%)  
[Shoot ahead, past = go quickly, 4.3%]  
[Shoot the rapids, 0.9%; shoot up = grow, 2.1%; shoot coal into the cellar = discharge, 0.9%; shoot out his lips, rays, 3.1%; = photograph, 1.1%]

shot, n.  
Fire a shot; hear a shot  
That was a good shot (e.g. football  
2%  
Powder and shot  
1.4%  
[He is a good shot, 1.1%; have a shot at it = try, 1.7%]

shot-gun, n.  
6e
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<td>Go shopping; my shopping 4%</td>
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<td>[To some distant shore = country, 11%]</td>
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<td>In short, it was a failure 7%</td>
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<td>Hermione, called Hermy for short</td>
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<td>[short, adv., Strip short of, fall short of, 3%; cut short, 1%]</td>
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<td>[shortly, 134e = soon, 93%]</td>
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<td>(part of body) 85%</td>
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<td>[Figurative and proverbial uses excluded; verb, 3%]</td>
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SHOUT

shout, n. 
A loud shout
27%

shout, v.

SHOW

SHOW

show, v.

(1a) (exhibit)
Show me your new hat
Show me round (all over) the house
Show you your room, you to your room
10%

(1b) (reveal)
A light carpet will show the dirt
Show (no) signs of wear
20%

(2) (point to, describe)
The signpost shows the way to London
The diagram shows how it works
We will now show (= tell) what Edward had been doing
22%

(3) (prove)
The experiment shows that work produces heat, shows the relation between work and heat
The work shows carelessness, shows that he has been rather careless
20%

[That just goes to show, . . .]

Phrase:
Show kindness to
2%

A show of hands
The parade was a fine show
Lord Mayor’s show; horse show

Phrases:
Dresses on show
Just for show
Make a show of friendship
(0.3%) 6.4%

Show-room, show-case, etc.
0.5%

[A poor show, colloquial . . . ; I hate these shows = social occasions, 0.5%]

? [showman, n., 8e]; showy, adj., 8e, is useful cover for the idea Ostentatious

454
SHOWER
shower, n. 92e (1) A shower of rain 44%
(2) (figurative)
A shower of letters, blows 41%
shower, v.

SHUT, v. (7 223) (1) (close)
Shut the door 38%
Shut your eyes
Shut the book
(2) (enclose)
Shut in a room
House shut in by trees 11%
(3) (cut off)
Shut off the steam
Shut off from the view 12%
shut out
Shut the dog out
Shut out the noise 17%
shut down
Shut down the lid, the factory 4%
shut up
Shut up the box
Shut up the house for the winter 11%
[Shut up = silence, be silent!, 3%]

SICK 224e
sick, adj. (1) (= ill)
Sick people *71%
* [The figure probably shows the influence of U.S.A. usage.]
(2) (vomit)
Feel sick
Be sick 2%
[Sick at heart, 5%; sick of it = tired, 6%]
sick, n.
Heal the sick 12%
sickness, n., 54e; sick-room, n., 2e

SIDE, n. 2178e A pain in my side
The side of a box, ship, the road, 455
a hill
SIDE, n.
(continued)

Phrases:
By my side
On this, that, the other, the wrong side of
Push it to one side
On both sides of
On each side, every side, all sides
Side by side (7%)
No ill feeling on my side
I'm on his side; take sides

sideways, adv. 13e

? [side-walk, 52e, U.S.A. only]

SIGHT, n. 672e

(1) (power of seeing)
Lose my sight; weak sight, keen sight

(2) (thing seen)
Mt. Vesuvius is a wonderful sight
See the sights

Phrases:
Catch sight of
At the sight of
At first sight
In sight (of)
Out of sight (of)

[verb, 5%]

sight-seeing, v., 8e

SIGN
sign, n. 826e

(1) (gesture)
Make (Give) a sign when I'm ready

(2) (indication)
Clean finger-nails are the sign of a gentleman
Red clouds at night are a sign of rain

(3) (symbol)
Algebraic signs; the signs + and −

(4) Shop sign; inn sign
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<td>Sign myself (as) &quot;Father of Family&quot;</td>
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silver, adj. (continued)  
(3) (yielding or having to do with silver; like silver)  
A silver mine  
Silver polish, alloy  
A line of silver in the sky  
5%  
(4) (coining)  
Count the silver and I'll count the pence  
Sorry, I've got no silver  
15%  
silvery, adj. 24e

SIMPLE, adj. 736e  
(1) (not difficult)  
A simple explanation  
It's really quite simple!  
57%  
(2) (not ostentatious)  
We're very simple people and we live  
simple lives  
[mentally deficient, 0.3%; intensive, 0.5%; technical uses = not compound, e.g. lens, fracture, 6%]
 
simplicity, n. 116e

simply, adv. 412e  
(1) Explain it quite simply  
Live very simply  
4%  
(2) = (merely) Simply did as he was ordered  
[intensive, Simply lovely! 13%]

SINCE
since, adv. 1608e  
Fell ill at Xmas and has been ill ever since  
Has since completely recovered  
[A house long since demolished, 4%]  
6%  
5%

since, prep.  
Ill since Xmas  
A year since I saw you  
Have known him ever since he was a child  
2%  
42%

since, conj.  
? [since = because, We must stop here  
since it is impossible to go on, 34%; apt to confuse and is easily avoided]  
8%
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(1) *of a person*  
A sincere friend, well-wisher  
*57%*  
(2) *of feelings*  
Sincere grief  
*43%* |           |                                |       |       |
| sincerely, adv. | 18e  
Yours sincerely *(in letter writing)* |           |                                |       |       |
| SING, v. | 700e  
Sing a song  
Birds singing in the trees  
*82%* |           |                                |       |       |
| singer, n. | 96e |           |                                |       |       |
| song, n. | 480e  
A comic song  
The song of a bird  
*72%*  
*14%* |           |                                |       |       |
| song-/ |           | Song-book, song-bird  
*2%* |           |                                |       |       |
| SINGLE, adj. | 750e  
(1) *one only*  
A single hair, purpose, exception |           |                                |       |       |
| | | (2) *each singly*  
Each single thread must be tied separately  
Paid four single pennies into his hand  
(3) *(for one person or thing only; in one direction only)*  
A single bed, (railway) line  
Single journey, ticket  
*74%* |           |                                |       |       |
| | | ? *emphatic, with the negative—Not a single man, not a single one, 14%*  
*[unmarried, Remain single, 6%]* |           |                                |       |       |
| singly, adv. | 20e; (?) [single-handed, 18e] |           |                                |       |       |
| SINK, v. | 296e  
(1) *go down into water*  
The ship sank  
It won’t float; it will sink  
*8%* |           |                                |       |       |
SINK, v.
(continued)

(2) (go down into)
My feet sank into the mud
This side of the building has sunk
(into the ground)
The sun sank down 20%

(3) (figurative, become lower, less)
Sink into an armchair, into sleep,
into his old habits, under misfortune
Prices sank
His voice sunk till I could hardly
hear it 38%

(4) (transitive)
Sink a ship with gun fire
Tie a weight to it to sink it 12%

[Sunken, adj., 2%]
[Sink a well, 8%; sink money in, 1%]

SIR, n. 6104e
Sir John Jones (title)
Yes, sir
Dear Sir, (letter)

SISTER, n. 422e
(1) Brother and sister 87%
(2) (title in hospital, etc.) 6%

sister-in-law, n. 4e

SIT, v. 1422e
(1) Sit in a chair
Sit by me, between Mr. A and
Mr. B
Sit up, sit up straight
Sit back in a chair
Sit down to dinner
Sit up late 86%

(2) Sit for an examination, for one's portrait
Sit in Parliament, in judgment on
(fig.)
[Parliament is sitting, 1%]

sitting-room, n. 14e
SITUATION, n. 738e  (1) *(general state of affairs)*
   The political situation; financial situation 85%
   (2) *(personal)*
      I'm in a very difficult situation 10%
   [House in a pleasing situation, 2%; novel full of exciting situations, 2%; situation as housemaid, 0.5%]

SIZE, n. 536e  (1) *(magnitude)*
   The size of the house 90%
   All of the same size
   (2) What size do you take in boots? Size nine; boots size nine 4%
   [Size up, 1%; that's about the size of it, 1%]

SKILL, 358e
skill, n.  Skill in wood-working, in teaching, etc. 72%
skilled, adj. A skilled workman 22%
skilful, adj., 76e; skilfully, adv., 14e

SKIN 292e
skin, n  (1) The skin of a sheep
        Made of sheep-skin
        Rub it into your skin
        Skin disease 83%
   (2) *(any similar outer surface)*
        The skin of a fruit
        A skin on the boiled milk 2%
skin, v. Skin a rabbit 3%

SKIRT, n. 66e  A woman's skirt 52%
   [Skirt = edge, 12%; verb, 36%]

? [outranks, n., 24e]

SKY, n. 502e  A clear blue sky; star in the sky 70%
   [The skies; religious and poetical uses, 30%]
SLAVE, n. 338e

slavery, n. 154e

SLEEP 726e

sleep, n.
(1) Go to sleep; put to sleep; sing to sleep; have some sleep; talks in his sleep 36%
(2) (figurative uses)
The last sleep (= death)
Put to sleep (Have an animal . . .) 3%

sleep, v.
(1) Sleep all night, sleep well
A sleeping child (adj.) 45%
[— with, upon it, on it, . . . ]
(2) (figurative uses)

sleeping-
[Sleep a sleep, a sleep his last sleep, 1%]

sleep, n. 34e
(person who sleeps)
technical uses, e.g. railway, 41%

sleepless, adj., 10e; sleepy, 32e

sleepiness, n. (see ASLEEP)

SLIDE, v. 136e
(1) (move as over ice) 47%
(2) (move imperceptibly) 7%

sliding, adj.
Sliding door, collar, scale, etc. 7%

SLIGHT, adj. 378e
(light, little, unimportant) 47%
A slight illness, delay
Phrase:
Not the slightest need, hurry, etc. 31%

slightly, adv., 160e
(in a small degree)
He's slightly better today
SLIP

slip, v.

(1a) (move smoothly and quickly as in escaping)
Slip away, into, out of a room
Slip by, up to your room, along to the shop, etc.
The boat slips through the water
The river slips by
Time slips by (fig.)

(1b) (figurative)
It slipped my memory

Phrase:
He let slip the name

(2a) (slide; slide and fall)
Slip on the ice, on the stairs
My axe slipped out of my hand; I slipped down the bank and slipped into the river

(? (2b) (make an error)
Slip up (mainly U.S.A.)

(3) (transitive, cause to slide)
Slip your hands under the baby and raise it up
Slip on (off) a coat
Slip a £1 note into his hand

slip, n.

(error)
A slip of the pen; make a slip

[Slip of paper, 3%; gave him the slip, 2%; undergarment, 1%]

slippery, adj.

Ice is slippery
This fish is too slippery to hold

SLOPE

slope, n.

Push the cart up the slope

slope, v.

A sloping bank; the bank slopes sharply

SLOW

slow, adj.

(1) (of a person)
Slow in his speech, slow of speech
Slow to anger, slow to take offence
slow, adj. (continued) (of things)
Slow trains, a slow march 11%
Slow music, pulse 17%
Slow progress, trade 24%
The clock is slow (= behind time) 3%

slow, v.
The train slowed down 2%
He slowed down (up) the machine 11%
[slow, adv., 8%]

slowly, adv. 436e; slow-moving, adj., 6e; slowness, n., 14e

SMALL, adj. 2244e
(1) (small in size)
A small box, town, child 58%
(2a) (small in amount)
A small sum of money, helping of food 19%
Small powers of understanding
(2b) (small in number)
A small dinner party, guard 7%
(3) (minor)
A small error, shop-keeper
Phrase:
Feel small (= foolish) 7%
[Small love of, 4%; no small, 1%]

smallness, n. 12e

SMELL
smell, n. 164e
Sense of smell 6%
A nice smell 23%

smell, v.
(1) I can smell onions! 46%
I can smell danger (fig.)
(2) It smells nice, smells of smoke 13%
Sweet-smelling flowers
[It smells dishonest, of dishonesty, 1.2%]

smelling-/
Smelling-bottle, etc. 4%

SMILE
smile, n. 602e
A smile on his face 38%

smile, v.
Smile at a person (thing) 36%
[Smile on, upon, 14%]
SMOKE 266e

smoke, v.  
(1a) (give out smoke)  
The chimney is smoking  7%  
Smoking ruin  
(1b) To smoke fish; smoked glass  
Smoke out bees  5%  
(2) Smoke tobacco, a pipe, a cigarette  
Smoking-carriage  33%  

smoke, n.  
Smoke from a chimney  
"Have a smoke" (= tobacco)  47%  
Smoke-cloud, etc  6%  

smoker, n., 2e; smoky, adj., 6e

SMOOTH 268e

smooth, adj.  
A smooth road, surface, cheek  
A smooth sea, passage  
A smooth temper, tongue, manner, style  72%  

smooth, v.  
Smooth the way for  
Smooth out roughness  
Smooth over a rough place, a quarrel, a fault  
Smooth down feathers, an angry person (fig.)  22%  

smooth-/, adv.  
Smooth-running engine  4%  

smoothly, adv., 20e; smoothness, n., 6e

SNAKE, n. 118e  
A snake is a reptile

SNOW 402e

snow, n.  
A fall of snow; white as snow  79%  
? [snow-, e.g. Snow-leopard, mostly technical or rare, 18%; for others, see below]  

snow, v.  
It's snowing  2%  
[Cookery and chemistry, 1%]  

snow-shoes, n., 20e; snow-storm, n., 16e; snow-white, adj., 6e

snowy, adj. 28e  

HH 465
(1) (in such a way)
Stand just so
And so on (= in like manner)
And so the day ended; and so to bed
I hope so; I shall do so
Is that so? Why so? So it is!
Quite so
He's ill now, and has been so for months
(As—so)
As A is to B, so B is to C
As in war, so in peace
(And so... = also)
You're hungry; (and) so am I
I did it, and so did he
(2) (to such an extent, of such an amount)
Why is she so silly?
Oh, I'm so glad (= very)!
I've never felt so ill as I did then
After so much work, I'm tired out; I've got so much to do and so little time
Phrase:
I've heard nothing, so far
So far as I know
(Special use)
(unspecified amount)
Worth so much, and no more
Worth £100—or so
So many shillings and so many pence
[So big a, 2%; never so much as thanked me, 1%]
(3) (result, purpose)
So badly made that it was useless
It was badly made, so that it was useless
It was so badly made, it was useless
Start early so as to get there in time
466
so, conj.

(1) It was late; so I went home  
It was late, and so I went home  
(14%)

(2) *(exclamatory)*  
So you're back again at last!  
And so it's finished at last!  
(3%)  
[So it be not = if, 0%]

so-called *(called, but not really so)*, 204e ; (?) [so-so, 6e]

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<td>Soap-powder, -dish <em>(etc.)</em> 97%</td>
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<td>Soap the baby all over 3%</td>
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soapy, adj. 8e

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<th>SOCIETY, n.</th>
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| 1) *(association with others)*  
I enjoy his society  
The society of his fellow men  
6% |
| 2) *(the organization of human beings)*  
In the early stages of society  
The laws of society  
A danger to society  
32% |
| 3) *(a group)*  
The Literary Society  
50% |
| 4) *(fashionable people)*  
Get into Society  
Society man, journal, etc.  
9% |

social, adj. 724e

| 1) *(of human organization)*  
Social usefulness, evils, studies, sciences  
Social rank  
87% |
| 2) *(of friendly and fashionable intercourse)*  
Social gathering  
Social success  
11% |

socially, adv. 22e
SOCKS, n. 36e

SOFT, adj. 402e (1a) (yielding)
Soft cushion, bed, cloth, ground, clay
37%
(1b) (smooth)
Soft silk
10%
(2a) (figurative)
Soft heart, nature
Soft character, life; soft and out of training
13%
(2b) Soft voice, colour, spring day, breeze
34%

soften, v., 66e; softness, n., 20e; softly, adv., 44e

SOIL, n. 384e
Rich, heavy, light, sandy soil
58%

SOLDIER, n. 860e

SOLEMN, adj. 142e (1) (causing awe)
Solemn ceremony, silence, sight
38%
(2) (done in a grave manner)
Solemn vow, look, voice, manner
He's (looking) very solemn this evening
56%

solemnly, adv. 53e

SOLID solid, adj. 254e

(1) (not hollow)
A solid wall, ball
19%
(2) (compact, not liquid nor gas)
Ice is the solid form of water
The solid earth (36%)
The solid state (4%)
Solid rock (1%)
Solid mass of clouds (1%
Solid food (3%)
45%
solid, adj. (continued)  (3) (strong, firm, genuine)  
A solid (solidly built) table (15%)  
A solid vote (5%)  
Solid silver (1%)  
A person of solid worth (4%) 25%  
Separate the solids from the liquid 10%  

solidly, adv.  18e  ? [solidify, v.; solidification, n., 14e]  

SOLVE, v.  180e  Solve a problem 99%  

solution, n.  252e  (of sugar, 41%; of a problem, 59%)  

SOME  6722e  

some, adj  (1) (indeterminate persons or things)  
Some man was asking for you  
There are some things which annoy me very much  
Phrases:  
Someone; someone or other; something or other  
Some day (or other) you'll understand  
(2) (unfixed amount)  
I see some change in him  
Some nice cakes for tea  
Would you like some tea? No, I don't want any tea  
For some years past—to come 45%  

some, det.  
Cook some (of them), and leave the others 25%  
[Some 50 people = about, 4%]  

somebody, n.  136e  [Thinks he's a Somebody, 2%]  

somehow, 118e; someone (see ONE)  

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<td>There's something in the box, something nice in the box</td>
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<td>substitute</td>
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<td>? [Make something of it = use advantageously; there may be something in it, 3%]</td>
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<td>sometimes</td>
<td>768e</td>
<td>Sometimes with and sometimes without success</td>
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<td>[Sometime, 4%]</td>
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<td>somewhere</td>
<td>138e</td>
<td>[somewhat, 508e, entirely replaceable by Rather]</td>
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<td>SON</td>
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<td>Son-in-law; grandson</td>
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<td>SOON</td>
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<td>(not long after the present time) I'll be back (very) soon</td>
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<td>Soon after this; soon afterwards (not long after an unspecified time; early)</td>
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<td>How soon can you come?</td>
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<td>I didn't expect you so soon</td>
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<td>Too soon; not soon enough</td>
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<td>? [No sooner said than done, 4%]</td>
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<td>[I'd sooner = would prefer to, 0.3%]</td>
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<td>as soon as</td>
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<td>sooner</td>
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<td>I'll go as soon as he calls</td>
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<td>SORE</td>
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<td>A sore finger, spot, throat</td>
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<td>sore, adj</td>
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<td>Feel sore all over [Sore grief, need, etc., 45%]</td>
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<td>[sore, adv., 19%; sorely, 50e]</td>
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SORRY, adj. 170e (genuinely repentant; also polite expression of mild regret)
I'm sorry for what I've done
You'll be sorry about this later
I'm sorry to hear you've been ill
I'm sorry (that) I can't come (polite formula)
Did I hurt you? Sorry! So sorry!
[Sorrry sight, knav, etc., 15%]

sorrow 374e
sorrow, n.
A look of sorrow
Has had many sorrows in his life
[sorror, v., 4%]

sorrowful/ly, adj., adv. 52c

SORT
sort, n. 896e
An iguana is a sort of lizard
What sort of thing, person?
Which sort?
Some sort of; something of the sort
All sorts of; of all sorts; those sorts of
A good sort of; not a bad sort of; of the right sort
[Not my sort; she's a good sort; sort of sorry, 5%]

sort, v.
Sort out these cards

SOUL, n. 740e (1) (religious meaning)
Body and soul; for the good of your soul
Lost souls; souls in heaven
(2) (seat of thought and inspiration)
Has no poetry in his soul
[Every living soul = person, 3%; such a good soul = person, 8%; Bless my soul! Upon my soul! 2%]
SOUND, 1072e
sound, n. The sound of bells; sound-waves 24% 
The bell sounded
Sound the bell
It sounds cracked
[Other meanings, e.g. Safe and sound, excluded]
sound, v. | 51%

SOUP, n. 28e

SOUR, adj. 34e Sour fruit; sour milk 71%
[She looked very sour, sour temper, 
12%; verb, 18%; sourly, adv., 8e]

SOUTH, n. & adj. 1124e
south-east/ern, adj., adv., 76e; southern, 512e; southward/s, 60e; south-
west/ern, 116e

SOW, v. 60e Sow seed in the field 70%

SPACE, n. 492e The Earth moves through space 83%
The space is occupied by a solid
Spaces between words
[A space of time, here for a space, 11%]
[space, v., Space out, 3%]

SAPADE, n. 42e

SPARE 200e He cannot be spared
Spare money (the time) for
Spare him a penny 87%
spare, v. | 8%
spare, adj. 
Spare time, spare wheel, spare 
room 10%
[Spare person, diet, 3%]
SPEAK, v. 1860c
The baby can’t speak yet
He spoke little, but what he said was sensible 28%
Speak about, for, of, to, with, up, out 49%
Mr. Smith spoke next (= made a speech) 3%
Speak French 5%
So to speak 3%
Properly speaking, strictly speaking 4%
Speak good (evil) of 5%
Speak the truth 2%
[/-spoken, plain-spoken, etc., 0.7%]

speaker, n. 114e

speech, n. 662e (1) (act or manner of speaking)
The power of speech 33%
I can tell from your speech that you are a Scot
(2) (oration)
He made a speech 67%

SPECIAL, adj. 658e (1) (extra)
A (very) special favour 20%
Special care

(2) (not general, not for general use or work)
My own special chair
A special train
Our special correspondent
A special case 79%

specially, adv. 92c (1) (unusually)
He’s not specially clever 76%
(2) (specifically)
I made it specially for you 14%

SPEED
speed, n. 464e
The speed is 90 miles an hour
At a great speed, at full speed, at half speed 72%

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speed-/
speed, v.  
Speed-trial, -boat, etc. 5%
(increase the speed of)
Speed up production 18%
[God speed you, etc., 4%]

SPELL
spell, v.  
How do you spell this word?
English spelling is very irregular 30%
[Other meanings excluded.]

SPEND, v.  
Spend money on foolish pleasures 96%
Spend time, energy
Spend time (energy) in gardening
 [= exhaust, 4%]

SPILL, v.  
Spill water, the salt on the table 94%

SPIN, v.  
Spin thread (rotate, cause to rotate) 88%
Spin round
Spin a coin, a top 12%

spinning-wheel, n.  
10e

SPIRIT
spirit, n. (A.)  
(1a) (soul)
God is a spirit 14%
Body and spirit
I am with you in spirit

(1b) (angels, devils)
Evil spirits 9%

(2a) (mood, inspiration)
In a patriotic spirit 50%
A spirit of progress
Show a noble spirit, the right spirit
Was the spirit of the party
The letter but not the spirit of the
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| spirit, n. (continued) | (2b) *(energy and character)*
A man of spirit; he has no spirit | 4%        |
| spirit, n. | *(B.)* *(distilled extract)*
Wine and spirits
Spirit of Nitre | 5%        |
| spirits, n. | (6) In high, low, good spirits | 7%        |
| SPIT   | 50e                                                                          |           |
| SPITE, prep. | 332e *(Other meanings excluded)*
In spite of | 91%       |
| SPLENDID, adj. 222e | (1) *(beautiful, imposing)*
A splendid palace, scene
In splendid robes | 22%       |
|         | (2) *(showing enthusiastic appreciation of anything)*
A splendid joke
Did she say that? Splendid! | 78%       |
| splendidly, adv. | 12c                                                                 |           |
| SPLIT  | 104e                                                                        |           |
| split, v. | *(transitive)*
Split a log with an axe
Split off a piece with the axe *(figurative)*
The question may split the party | 25%       |
|         | *(intransitive)*
The log split when it was dried *(figurative)*
The party split on the question [Noise split the air, 2%; with laughter, split his sides with laughter, 4%; ear-splitting, 14%] | 17%       |
| split, n. | Cause a split                                                            | 14%       |
SPOIL, v. 114e (damage)
adj. You've spoilt the pudding, your your life, everything 39%
(Special uses)
A spoil child; spoil a child 11%
[The fruit will spoil if left in the damp, 9%; plunder, 39%]

SPOON, n. 30e; spoonful, 4e

SPORT, n. 356e (1) (football, cricket, athletics, etc.) Athletic sports; winter sports 58%
sports-/
Sports-editor (2) (shooting, hunting) 3%
sporting, adj.
A sporting man 5%
[Idea of fun, amusement, 20%; verb, 4%]
sportsman, n. 12e

SPOT 414e
spot, n. (1) (small mark)
A painful spot on my face 28%
A spot of ink on my dress
A blue cloth with red spots
(2) (place)
A pleasant, quiet, spot 54%
Phrase:
The man on the spot 6%
spotted, adj.
My dress is spotted with ink 3%
My spotted dress
[A policeman spotted him, 2%]

spotless, adj. 6e

SPREAD 570e
spread, v. (1) (transitive)
Spread its wings
Spread the cloth (on the table)
The city spread itself
spread, v. (continued)

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<td>Spread out its wings; spread out payments over 5 years</td>
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<td>Spread butter, paint</td>
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<td>The branches, disease, story spread</td>
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SPRING, n. & v. 690e

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<td>Flowers springing up from the ground</td>
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<td>In the Spring; Spring flowers</td>
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<td>A spiral spring, a watch spring</td>
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<td>Spring up, back, out</td>
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<td>[Spring from = originate, 15%; a breeze sprang up, 1%]</td>
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spring-time, n. 42e

SQUARE 464e

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<td>Trafalgar Square</td>
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<td>A square piece</td>
<td>14%</td>
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<td>Square inch, foot, yard, mile</td>
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<td>Square-cut, -sailed, etc.</td>
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<td>The square of four is sixteen; four squared equals sixteen</td>
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<td>Ten foot (feet) square</td>
<td>3%</td>
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<td>[Put it square on, 1%; = honest, 5%]</td>
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STAFF, n. 258e

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(The word was selected for the sake of staff of school, business, etc.)
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<td>At this stage of the work</td>
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<td>Early, later, final stages</td>
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<td>? [landing-stage, 1%]</td>
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<td>A stain on the carpet; fruit-stains</td>
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<td>Floor-stain (= dye)</td>
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<td>Without a stain on his character</td>
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<td>(fig.)</td>
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<td>Go upstairs; she’s upstairs</td>
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<td>A rubber-stamp</td>
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<td>Has set its stamp on</td>
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<td>? [— of the foot, 1.8%]</td>
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<td>Have this document stamped</td>
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<td>To stamp a letter</td>
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<td>? [figurative uses, e.g., Stamped on his memory, which stamps him as a man of courage, 5.5%]</td>
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<td>? [Stamp one’s foot, stamp down the earth, stamp out a rebellion, 26%]</td>
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stand, v.

(1) (remain upright)
I'm tired of standing
Stand there!
Stand still; stand at attention 36%

(2a) (remain, not run away)
Stand firm (also fig.)
Stand and fight 8%

(2b) (remain undamaged, tolerate)
This cloth will (won't) stand washing
I will not stand such behaviour!
I won't stand it! 4%

(3) (of things, remain in position)
The house stands on a hill
The flower-pot stands (on a stand)
in the middle of the table
Let the mixture stand for three hours
The order stands 15%

Phrases:

? [How do you stand? How do matters stand?] 7%

? [A man of good standing] 2%

stand for —

Stand for parliament
"I stand for Free Trade" 3%
√ stands for Square root 1%

stand up

He stood up in class

(Phrases:)

He stood up for his little brother
He stood up to the big bully 3%

stand out

A knob standing out from the surface
A piece of land standing out into the sea
The red colour makes it stand out 2%

(Other uses)

Stand about, apart, back, against,
before, by, forward, in (need)

[Stand to win, stand a chance, it stands
to reason; stand drinks] 1%

stand, n.

Make a stand; (?) [Take one's stand]
A hat-stand, band-stand 1%
STANDARD

standard, n.  516e
Fix a standard, set up a standard
The standard of living
[flag, 8%]

standard, adj.
Standard size, weight, etc.
[Standard authors, 2%]

standardize, v.  34e

STAR, n.  1020e
Stars in the sky
A gold star in her hair; star-shaped
[Film star, 6%]

START

start, v.  1008e
Start our journey, on our journey;
start from London
Start work, start a business
Start him in a business
The bell started ringing

start, n.
Make a start
[Give him ten yards start, 1%]
[He started back; give him a start =
fright, 5%]

STATE

state, n.  7348e
A. (condition)
In an unfinished state
In a (terrible) state (of confusion)
An (unhappy) state of mind (7%)
Liquid state, solid state (9%) 16%

state, n.
B. (government)
Service of the state
Secretary of State
(2) (area under one government)
A native state
Ohio State
States
The United States of America
(so also Brazil, Malaya, etc.)
[statesman, 196e]
state, v.

C. He stated that . . .
It is stated that . . . 8%

statement, n.

664e A false statement; the statement that . . ., 94% [financial statement, 6%]

STATION

station, n.

574e (1) (cantonment, depot, etc.)
Hill station, naval station 5%
(2a) (place of special work)
Police station, telegraph station 41%
(2b) Railway station 26%
[Rank and station in society, 7%]

station, v.

Stationed at Calcutta 14%

STAY

stay, v.

496e (la) (remain)
Stayed there half an hour (44%)
Do stay and talk (4%)
Stay to dinner (2%)
Stay away, behind, in all day, out in the rain (5%) 55%
(1b) (continue to be)
Stay young 10%
(2) (be a guest)
Stay with the Robinsons 11%
Stay at the Grand Hotel
[Cease, cause to cease, 11%]

stay, n.

A long stay at the sea-side 5%

STEADY

steady, adj.

180e (1) (firm)
Hold the thing steady while I fix it 4%
Stand steady; a steady hand
(2) (not varying)
A steady wind, rise in prices 56%
(3) (of purpose and behaviour)
A steady young fellow 17%
A steady worker; steady work
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| STEAL, v. adj. | He stole my watch
Stolen goods
[= move quietly, 27%] | 70%       |
| STEAM         | The steam of a kettle
Driven by steam
? [Full steam ahead, 1%]
Steam-pump, steam-pipe, etc. | 18% 32% 30% |
| steam, n.     | The ship steamed away
? [The horses are steaming, 1%;
a steamed pudding, 1%] | 17%       |
| steam-/-      | steamer, 116e; steamship, 42e                                           |           |
| steam, v.     | steamb-boat, 80e; steam-engine, 42e;                                     |           |
| STEEL, n.     | 600e                                                                      |           |
| STEEP, adj.   | A steep hill                                                              | 77%       |
| STEER, v.     | Steer a ship, car, bicycle
Steering-wheel, -gear
? [Steer clear of, 2%] | 98%       |
| steering-/-   | steamer, 116e; steamship, 42e                                           |           |
| STEM, n.      | 72e The stem of a plant, of a wine-glass                                 |           |
| STEP          | step, n. 752e                                                             |           |
|              | (1) (a pace in walking)
Take three steps
His step was steady
A great step forward (fig.) | 47%       |
step, n. (continued)  

**Phrases:**

- Go step by step 6%
- Keep step; in step, out of step 2%
- ? [Take steps = do something, 7%; went a step further, 0.5%]
- (2) A stone step 8%

**step, v.**

*(walked)*

- He stepped slowly into the room 24%
- Step aside, back, in, into, off, on, out, over, up

[Step short, step out, 1%]

stepping-stone, n. 14e

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**STICK** 380e

**stick, n.**

A.  
- Pick up sticks
- Hit him with a stick
- Walking stick, hockey stick, etc. (6%)
- Stick of chocolate, of sealing-wax (5%) 58%

**stick, v.**

B.  
(1) *(push a pointed thing)*  
- Stick a knife, a pin into it 4%
- Stick one’s chin out

(2) *(fix, e.g., with a pin or paste)*  
- Stick up a notice
- Stick it with glue 10%

(3) *(remain as if fixed)*  
- Stick together
- Stick to one’s work
- Stick in one’s throat, memory
- Stick on a horse

The machine, the door has stuck 20%

[= stay, e.g., Stick here, around, part of 2%; stick up for, part of 1%]

sticky, adj. 6e

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**STIFF, adj.** 90e *(not easily bent or worked)*  
- Stiff wire; stiff brush 38%
- Stiff neck, arm 7%
- Stiff paste, soil 9% 55%

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STIFF, adj. (continued)

(figure)
Stiff refusal (7%)
Stiff in manner, in style of writing, in design (22%)
Stiff reading (difficult) (9%) 38%
[Stiff drink, 2%; stiff breeze, 4%]

stiffen, v., 14e; stiffly, adv., 14c; stiffness, n., 8c

STILL

still, adj. 26862e
(not moving)
Keep your feet still; stand still
Still air, water; a still evening 9%

still, adv.

stillness, n. 56e

still, adv.

B. (up to this—that—time)
He’s still asleep; he was still asleep 69%

(2) (yet)
Still more, less, later, etc.
[= but, Still we must not forget; But still, 5%]

STING

sting, v. 90e

(1) A bee stung me
A stinging nettle
A stinging blow
My face is stinging
Stinging words 38%

(2) A (bee’s) sting on (in) my hand
The sting of a blow, of a cruel joke 35%

sting, adj.

sting, n.

STIR, v.

stir, adj. 27e

(1) (mix)
Stir one’s tea, the pudding
(excite)
A stirring speech
Stir up trouble 58%

484
stir, adj. (continued) 23% (move)
     it was very early, and no one was
     stirring
     Stir out on a wet day
     [Created a stir = excitement, 14%]

[The word was selected only for the sake of meaning (1), the other meanings
being covered.]

STOCK 456e
stock, n.
     (store of goods)
     Lay in a large stock of sugar

Phrases:
Stock in trade
Take stock
Not in stock
     [= shares, bonds, 35%; Live stock,
     stock-breeder, 15%; rolling-stock,
     3%]

stock, adj.
     Stock-size, -mixture, preparation 2%
stock, v.
     Does this shop stock men's socks? 3%

STOCKINGS, n. 54e

STOMACH, n. 120e 62% (digestive organ)
     ? [“On an empty stomach,” and other
     phrases, 8%]

stomach-
     Stomach-ache, etc. 3%

(2) (front of the body)
     Lie down flat on your stomach 17%

STONE 932e
stone, n.

(1) (substance)
     Built of stone
     Lime-stone, etc.
     Stone-cutter
     Stone wall 83%

(2) (a piece of stone)
     Built stone by stone
     Gravestone, grindstone, etc.
     A heap of stones, throw stones 6%

485
stone, n. (continued)  (3) (jewel)  A precious stone  8%  [Stone-blind, 0.4%; fruit-stone, 0.2%;  proverbs, No stone unturned, Rolling stone, Cast a stone, 0.4%]

steny, adj.  60e  Stony road  67%  [figurative, 20%]

STOP  866e
stop, v.

(1) (arrest)  Stop the train, the machine, the thief  27%  Stop him doing that; stop the work  16%

(2) (discontinue)  Stop work, working, talking  Here I must stop; I'll go on tomorrow  20%

? [Phrases: Stop short, 3%; stop dead, 3%]

* [(3) (stay, remain)]  Can't stop here talking  Stop to dinner, at the hotel, for three days  16%

? [Stop a hole, a tooth, 1%]

stop, n.

(1) Put a stop to  A door-stop, etc.  5%

(2) (punctuation)  Put in the stops  Full stop  1%

* (Meaning 3 may be excluded to prevent confusion)

stoppage, n., 14e; stopper (of a bottle), n., 18e

STORE  448e
store, n.

(1) Lay in a store of  Keep plenty of food in store  In store for the future  She has plenty of stores in her store-cupboard  31%
store, n. (continued)  
(2) (= shop)  
The Co-operative Store (Stores) 42%  
[Set great store on, 2%]  
store, v.  
Store up; store away 18%  
I stored my furniture during the war 3%  
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store-house, n., 20e; store-keeper, n., 14e; store-room, n., 4e  
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STORM, n. 348e  
(1) A storm at sea; a snowstorm, a thunder-storm 60%  
(2) (figurative)  
A political storm; brain-storm 18%  
storm-  
Storm-clouds, etc. 3%  
[verb, 15%]  
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stormy, adj. 46e  
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STORY, n. 1024e  
(1) (narrative)  
The story of my life  
I'll tell you the whole story of how it happened 57%  
(2) (fiction)  
A short story in a magazine 20%  
Funny story 7%  
[= lie, 2%]  
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story-teller, -telling, n., 8e  
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STOVE, n. 64e  
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STRAIGHT 334e  
straight, adj.  
A straight line, road, etc. 36%  
[= honest, 5%; U.S.A. = unmixed, 5%]  
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**straight, adv.**

Go straight there, straight on, across
Sit straight

\[= \textit{frankly, } 1\%; \textit{straight away = immediately, } 4\%\]

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**straighten, v.** 38e

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**STRANGE, adj.** 714e

1. (foreign)
   Visit strange lands; strange customs
   6%

2. (unusual)
   Sleep in a strange bed
   17%

3. (abnormal)
   Strange behaviour
   A strange look on her face
   A strange-looking man
   74%

*Phrases:*

- Strange to say
  2%
- Strange!
  1%

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strangely, adv., 52e; strangeness, n., 10e; a stranger, n., 238e

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**STRAP, n.** 88e

A leather strap

46%

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**STRAW, n.** 108e

1. A heap of straw
   56%

2. A straw
   9%

*Phrase:*

Not care a straw

\([\text{straw-}]: \text{straw-fork, } -\text{knife, etc., mostly technical, } 21\%]\)

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**STREAM**

stream, n.

1. \(\textit{small river}\)
   Sitting by a little stream

1b. \(\textit{current}\)
   With the stream, against the stream
   Up stream, down stream

66%

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stream, n.  (continued)  
(2) (figurative)  
A stream of paint down the side  
A stream of people, letters (= many)  
[emotionally, meaning Much: Streams of blood, tears, abuse, 8%]

stream, v.  
The people streamed out  8% 

STREET, n.  986e  
The village street  
Bond Street  85%  
street-/
Street-singer, etc.  9%

STRENGTH  
(see STRONG)

STRETCH  342e  
stretch, v.  
(1) (of the body; set at full length)  
He stretched himself on the bed  
He stretched and yawned  12%  
Phrase:  
Stretch one's legs (= go for a walk)  1%  
Stretched out his hand (= held out)  9%  
(2) (of country, road, etc.; extend)  
The plain stretched out before me  
The road stretches away for miles  49%  
(3) (pull out, e.g., indiarubber)  
Stretch a rubber band;— a string 
adross the room  
Indiarubber stretches easily  12%  
(figurative)  
Stretch my powers to their utmost  4%  
stretch, n.  
A stretch of road, country  10%

STRICT, adj.  94e  
(1) (exact)  
The strict truth  17%  
(2a) (not lax)  
Strict discipline  44%  
(2b) A strict teacher  28%
strictly, adv.

(1) (severely)
Strictly forbidden

(2) (exactly)
Strictly true, strictly according to law
Strictly speaking

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STRIKE, v.

A. (1) (hit a person)
He struck the man with a stick
Struck him down
Struck him dead
Struck at him with a sword (10%)
The French army struck the enemy on the flank (2%)
Struck by lightning, terror, disease (3%) 15%

(2) (hit a thing)
Strike a ball, a nail, “while the iron is hot” (6%)
Strike a light (2%)
Strike a note (1%)
The clock struck twelve (2%)
[Strike a medal; strike off = print, 3%]

(3) (intransitive)
His head struck the floor
His head struck against the table 7%

(4) (figurative, impress)
It strikes me that
Very striking in appearance (17%) 19%
The men at the factory struck (work) (10%)

A strike at the factory (15%) 25%

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strike, n.

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stroke, n.

(1a) (a blow)
Six strokes of the cane
Killed seven flies at one stroke (29%)
At the third stroke of the clock (4%) 33%

(1b) Special uses:
This sad stroke (e.g., death) (5%)
Had a stroke (cerebral haemorrhage) (3%)

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stroke, n. *(continued)*

(2) A stroke of business, of luck 10%
(3) *(single movement in a game)*
   A stroke at tennis, cricket (18%)
   A stroke of the pen, brush (12%) 30%
   *[Stroke in rowing, 5%]*

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<td>A long, strong pull</td>
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<td>Strong language; a strong protest 3%</td>
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strongly, adv. 178e

strength, n. 696e (1) (of body) 30%  
(2) (of mind, capacity) 23%  
(3) (of character) 11%  
(4) (of feelings) 3%  
(5) (of military force) 11%  
(6) (resistance to breakage, etc.) 7%  
(7) (concentration) 1%  
(8) (intensity, e.g., electric current, sound) 8%  
(9) (of the argument, case) 1%  
[On the strength of this = because, 2%]

STRUGGLE 468e

struggle, v. Struggle along, with, against 67%  
Struggle to do something 33%

struggle, n.

STUDY 898e

study, v. Study a subject 42%
Study at the University under Dr. X
Study the passage carefully  
[Study to = try, 1%; Studied her face  
= looked at, 1%]

study, n. Attend to your studies 50%  
Made a special study of this subject  
[= room, 2%; = drawing or piece  
of music, 2%]

STUFF, n. 144e (1) (any liquid or solid, raw or manu-  
factured) 15%
I want some of that stuff for  
fixing glass in a window 39%  
(2) (cloth) 15%
[contemptuous—especially of speech and  
writing, 19%; verb, 21%]

[The word was selected for its value in conversational definitions where  
the correct word is not known; the dignified written equivalent is Substance.]
STUPID, adj. 62e

stupidity, n., 24e; stupidly, adv., 4e

SUBJECT, n. 1272e
Subject of debate
School subjects
Subject of—book or painting 56%
[King's subjects, 10%; of treatment, e.g., by doctor, 5%; of a sentence, 0.3%; adj., 17%; verb, 9%]

SUBSTANCE, n. 336e
(stuff of which a thing is made)
What is this substance?
A chemical substance 82%
? [Tell me the substance of the report, 4%]
[Man of substance, 1%; substance not shadow, 4%]

[The word was selected as the equivalent of Stuff for use in writing.]

SUCCEED, v. 588e
The attempt succeeded
He succeeded in reaching the top
He succeeded in his profession 52%
[= follow after, 48%]

success, n. 568e
The success of the attempt
No success in the attempt
Have a success
Be a (great) success

successful, adj., 400e; successfully, adv., 110e

SUCH, det. 5578e (1) (so, to such a degree)
I never heard such lovely singing;
ever heard such singing!

such a
Such a big one 49%
(2) (of that kind)
... eat meat; such animals are Carnivores

493
such as

Carnivores are such animals as eat meat
Such as was, would be, might be expected 18%

some such

Some such green vegetables, as cabbage, spinach, etc. 3%

no such

I said no such thing 2%

(3) (for example)
A professional man such as a doctor 8%
Such professional men as doctors, lawyers, etc. 4%

(4) (showing result)
Behaviour such that everyone disliked him 8%
[If such be, 3%; such and such, 1%; such as to make, 1%; as such, 1%]

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SUCK, v. 38e

(1a) Suck milk, blood 38%
(1b) Suck a sweet 16%
(2) (absorb)
Dry earth sucks in water 20%
Blotting paper sucks up ink [suck, n., 16%]

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SUDDEN 396e

sudden, adj.

Sudden decision, anger, change 74%

sudden, n.

Phrase:
All of a sudden (= suddenly, adv.) 18%

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suddenly, adv. 554e

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SUFFER 760e

suffer, v.

(1) (bear)
Suffer pain, wrong 35%
Suffer without complaining

(2) (receive, sustain)
Suffer injury 25%

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[Long-suffering, 2%] [= allow, 16%]

Suggest a remedy, an idea
Suggest that he should . . .
Make a suggestion
[There is no suggestion of a foreign accent in his speech, 6%]

SUIT
Suit my plans, purpose
What day will suit you (best)? 31%
A suit of clothes 36%
[Other meanings excluded]

SUMMER
The sun sets in the west (= light)
Sit in the sun; room never gets the sun; sun in my eyes 23%

SUN
Sunbeam, n., 18e; sunburnt, adj., 10e; sunlight, n., 92e; sunny, adj., 34e; sunrise, n., 22e; sunset, n., 74e; sunshine, n., 152e

SUPPER
**SUPPLY** 1558e
supply, v.
(1) (give)
Cows supply milk
Mr. X supplies us with milk
14% 8%
(2) (fill)
Supply a demand, want, need
6%
supply, n.
(1) Demand and supply
A supply of; a good supply of
59%
(2) (= stores)
Till our supplies were used up
7%

**SUPPORT** 876e
support, v.
(1) A beam supporting the roof
12% 9%
(2) He supports his aged mother
(3) Supported the government
A fact which supports this idea
27% 3%
support, n.
(1) A support holding up the roof
Phrases:
36% 4%
(2) In support of
Means of support

**SUPPOSE, v.** 766e
(1) (assume for the sake of argument)
Let us suppose that
Suppose you were King; supposing you were King
Even supposing it were so
21%
(2a) (think, expect)
The place was worse than I had supposed
I'm not supposed to know
45%
(2b) (imagine)
Do you suppose I'd do a thing like that
33%

**SURE, adj.** 900e
(1a) (of a person—convinced)
I'm sure (that) he will come (9%)
You may be sure (that) he will come
(3%)
Sure of a fact (3%)
Make sure of a fact (8%)
23%
[Know for sure, 2%]
(1b) (of a person—decided)
Will you go? I'm not sure
28%
SURE, adj.  (continued)
(2a) (steady, reliable—thing)
Sure eye; sure foot, sure-footed
(2%)
(2b) (very probable, inevitable)
It's sure to happen (15%)
Make sure that it will happen
(4%)
A sure way of doing it (6%)
A sure sign that . . . (1%)  28%
[Well, to be sure! = surprise, 10%; sure = yes, U.S.A., 9%]

surely, adv.  250e
(in a question, expressing strong belief or hope)
Surely I heard the clock?
Surely something can be done?
(surprise)
Surely you aren't going yet?  94%
[Slowly but surely, 6%]

SURFACE, n.  742e
The surface of the Earth, of water
Rise to the surface

SURPRISE  470e
surprise, v.
(1) (cause a feeling of astonishment)
I was surprised to see him there
I was pleasantly surprised to hear your news
I shouldn’t be surprised if it rains  43%
(2) (come upon unexpectedly)
Surprise the enemy
Surprised him in the act of . . .  3%
surprising, adj.
surprise, n.
I felt some surprise at seeing him there  21%
Phrases:
What a surprise!  3%
Take a person by surprise  3%
? [To the surprise of all, . . . ]
surprisingly, adv.  12e
surround, v. 460e  
The police surrounded the house 60%  
The trees surrounding the house 60%  
The surrounding air (adj.) 19%  
My surroundings (= environment) 21%  

suspect, v. 208e  
(1) (imagine evil)  
I suspect him of stealing  
I suspect that man; the suspected man (adj.)  
I suspect him of being a thief; that he is a thief  
Poisoning is suspected 68%  
? [2] (have a vague idea, not necessarily of evil)  
I rather suspected that this might happen 32%  

suspicion, n. 178e  
(imagination of evil)  
Have a suspicion  
Phrase:  
Under suspicion  
Above suspicion 94%  
[vague idea, No suspicion that he would be the future King, 5%; faint suggestion of—a suspicion of garlic in the salad, 1%]  

suspicious, adj., 36e; suspiciously, adv., 8e  

swallow, v. 142e  
(1) Swallow food, drink 42%  
? [2] (figurative)  
Swallowed up in the mist 17%  
? [Swallow a tall story, 2%; your insult, 2%; swallow up the profits, etc., 10%]  

swear, v. 222e  
(1) (promise solemnly)  
Swear (by Heaven) to do this, that you will do this  
Swear loyalty  
A sworn enemy (adj.) 18%  

498
SWEAR, v. (continued)

(2) (assert solemnly)
Swear that you love me, that
what you have said is true, to
the truth of this statement
Sworn evidence (adj.) 37%

(3) (use bad language)
Began to curse and to swear
Swearing is wicked and silly
Swear at the dog, the weather 25%

[4] (special use)
Sworn in to an office, as a juror 12%

SWEAT, v. and n. 66e (literal; and figurative = work)

Sweep, v. 300e

(1) (brush)
Sweep the floor; sweep the
room clean
Sweep out the soot; sweep up;
sweep away the mess 9%

(2) (carry off as by brushing, destroy)
The wind and the flood swept
away the crops 25%

(3) (intransitive, move swiftly)
The army swept over Italy
She swept out of the room
Sweep by, down, across 43%

[Sweeping changes, 11%; sweep, n.,
except = act of sweeping, 1%]

SWEET
sweet, adj.

614e

(1) Sugar is sweet 8%

(2) (pleasant to feel)
Sweet sleep, etc. (19%)
(— to see)
A sweet sight, face (15%)
(— to hear)
Sweet music; a sweet voice (22%) 56%

(3) (of persons)
Sweet friend, etc.
A sweet nature
It's very sweet of them to ask me 21%

499
sweet-/  
Sweet-scented, etc.  
[not tainted, 21%, but somewhat confused with meaning (1)]

sweet, n.  
(1) (= pudding)  
(2) (suck sweets)  
(3) My sweet! = person, 1%

sweeten, v.  
32e  
(1) (add sugar to)  
(2) (make pleasant)  
Flowers sweeten the air  
Sweeten labour, etc.

sweetly, adv., 72e; sweetness, n., 38e

SWELL  
132e

swell, v.  
(1) His arm is swelling (up)  
A swollen arm  
Swell out  
(2) The river swelled  
This rain will swell the river  
(3) (figurative)  
Swollen profits, numbers  
A swelling on my arm  
[Music swelled, 2%; my heart swells, swollen with pride, 9%; noun, 14%; adj., 2%]

swelling, n.

SWIM, v.  
180e  
He swims well  
He can’t swim (a stroke)  
Swim the Channel, across the river  

swimming-/  
Swimming-bath, etc.  
[Eyes swimming with tears; meat swimming in fat, 3%; swimming head = giddy, 3%; swim = float, 3%]

SWING  
250e  
(1a) (intransitive, = oscillate)  
Swinging to and fro  
A swinging bell, gate  

500
swing, v. (continued)

(1b) (figurative)
The battle swung to and fro 19%

(1c) (make a curve)
The road swings round to the right 3%

(2a) (transitive, cause to oscillate)
Swing a bell
Swing it to and fro 28%

(2b) (cause to move round)
Swing a club
Swing the weight round and throw it 7%

The swing of a pendulum 8%
The swing of a club 5%
Child’s swing 1%

[Swinging walk, step, 7%; work with a swing, 4%]

SWORD, n. 492e
Draw a sword

SYMPATHY, n. 290e

(1) (feeling for others)
Sympathy with others in their troubles
Sympathy for the troubles of others 47%

(2) (agreement)
Had no sympathy with the Pacifists 52%

sympathetic/ally, adj., adv., 88e; sympathize, v., 36e

SYSTEM, n. 1630e

(1) (organised whole)
Solar system, nervous system, railway system 31%

(2) (method)
The Pitman system of shorthand-writing
You ought to follow some system, have some system in your work, not work anyhow 69%

? [systematic, adj., 58e; systematically, adv., 36e]
TABLE, n. 718e  
(1) (piece of furniture)  
Table-cloth, -leg, -top, etc.  
(2) Multiplication table, time-table, etc.  
52%  
4%  
35%

TAIL, n. 166e  
The tail of an animal, coat, procession

TAILOR, n. 30e  
[verb, 7%]  
93%

TAKE, v. 7008e  
(1) (seize, hold: complementary to 
Leave go, Let go; see also § 7)  
Take this; take it back  
Take my hand; take by the arm,  
in his arms (4.0%)  
Take hold of (0.4%)  
Take by surprise  
Take prisoner; take a city (3.5%)  
Taken ill (0.3%) 8.2%  
(2) (receive, come to possess: complementary to Give)  
Take possession of (3.2%)  
Take food, medicine (2.2%)  
Take a bath (0.2%)  
Take leave, a holiday (1.0%)  
Take a house for a year (0.4%)  
Take lodgers (0.3%)  
Take a wife, in marriage (0.8%)  
Take his opinion, advice (1.1%)  
Take the answer “No”; take a telephone call (0.6%)  
Take a degree in the University (0.7%)  
(3) (receive, take on oneself)  
Take effect (1.7%) 12.2%  
Take money; what will you take for it? (0.3%)  
Take shape, take the shape of (2.3%)
TAKE, v. (continued)

Take charge of, take in hand (5.4%)
Take a class; take duty (2.4%)
Take a job; take on a job (1.0%)
Take over a business (0.7%)
Take an oath (0.5%)
Take pupils; take him in Latin (0.3%) 12.9%

(4) (select)
Take what you like. I'll take this
Take French in the exam; take up painting (3.0%)
Take the side of; the part of; take sides (1.5%)
Which road shall we take?
Things must take their course (0.6%) 5.1%

(5) (occupy)
Take a chair; take the chair at a meeting (8.5%)
Take up a position (1.0%) 9.5%
[Take place, . . . .]

(6) (need)
Take time, take three hours; take your time
It will take a lot of money to do that 3.7%

(7) (use: not easily distinguished from §1 seize)
Take an opportunity, a chance (8.2%)
Take a bus, a train (3.4%)
Take a walk, a journey (1.2%) 12.8%

(8) (bring, lead, carry)
Take me with you
Take a letter to the post (6.1%)
The work which took me to London (0.2%)
Take up a stone; take up the carpet (0.8%)
Take up my work again after the war (0.3%)
Take into account, a name into a list (0.3%)
Take on passengers (0.2%) 7.9%
TAKE, v.
(continued)

(9) (remove)
Take seven from ten
Take the life of;
Who has taken my pen?
Take down a picture
Take away, off, from, out
Take out a stain
Take oneself off
(The work takes it out of me, take to one’s bed, to drink)

(10) (derive)
This passage is taken from Smith’s History
Takes its name from
Take notes of
Take a photograph of

(11) (understand)
Take my meaning; take it as meaning; take it that; take him for a fool

(12) (get a feeling)
Take an interest in; take offence at; take pity on; take a fancy to
Take trouble
Take care! Take care (not) to.
Take care of (look after)
Take it in earnest; take it coolly

[Take to = take a fancy to, take after, 0.2%]

TALK

talk, v.

(1) (converse)
We sat up and talked
Talked about many things
I talked to a small gathering for ten minutes; talk to (= re-buke)
We talked of going to Spain this winter. Talking of, (= à propos of)

(2) (with a noun)
Talk scandal, nonsense, etc.
Talk it over (with)

[Talk business, talk shop, 0.8%]
talk, n. Had a long talk; love a good talk 13%  
There has been some talk of (= rumour) 3%  
The talk of the town (= subject of conversation) 2%  
? (= way of speaking or writing—tall talk, silly talk, 2.0%)  

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[Water-tap, 9%, is not in the Report; its value depends on local nomenclature and prevalence. Other meanings, mainly technical, excluded.]

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<td>Shows (good) taste in her dress 20%</td>
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| taste, v.   |      |
|            | 19%  |
| tasteless, adj. | 6e   |

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TAX

**tax, n.**

Income tax, etc.

**Tax-collector**

(to raise taxes)

[**Tax** = estimate, e.g., Tax costs, 0.3%; tax my strength, 3%; tax with, 0.6%]

**TAXI, n.**

**TEA, n.**

160c  

(1) (plant; prepared leaves)  30%

(2) (drink)  35%

(3) (meal)  19%

tea-/

Tea-cup, -leaves, -party, -pot, table, etc.  14%

TEACH

**teach, v.**

(1) A school is a place for teaching (children)  17%

(2) Teach a subject, teach English  19%

(3) Teach him English  38%

(4) Teach him to (speak English)  14%

The teachings of philosophers

[I’ll teach you to play with my typewriter! 0.3%]

teachings, n.

teacher, n.  322e

TEAR

**tear, v.**

A

(1) I’ve torn my coat, torn a hole in my coat

Tear to pieces; tear apart  13%

(2) Tear down, out, up  10%

(3) Tears easily (intransitive)  1%

(? ) Tear myself away, 6%

[Tear along = rush, 2%]

B

Eyes filled with tears  57%

Tear-drop, tear-shaped, etc.  1%

tear, n.

tear/s, n.

tear-/

506
TELEGRAPH, v. and n. 156c

TELEPHONE, v. and n. 178c

TELL, v. 3550c  (1) *(inform, narrate)*
Tell of, tell about
Tell him that . . .
Tell what happened
Who told you that? . . .

*Phrases:*
Tell a story, a tale 7%
Tell the truth, lies 2%
Tell a secret. Don’t tell (any-one)! 2%

(2) *(discriminate, understand; not always distinguishable from § 1)*
Can’t tell one twin from the other
Can’t tell why
Who can tell what will happen! . . .

(3) *(order)*
Tell him to come on Monday . . .

[Don’t tell me that . . .! 0.6%;
hear tell of, f %; telling = effective,
0.3%; I tell you! . . .]

TEMPER, n. 160c  (1) *(anger)*
Keep, lose one’s temper
In a good, bad temper 45%

(2) *(disposition)*
Has a sweet temper
Good-tempered, bad tempered 33%

[of *metal*, 18%; ill-tempered—covered by bad —]

TEMPERATURE, n. 306c  The temperature of the room
I have got a (high) temperature

TEMPLE, n. 470c  The temple of a god
*(various large buildings so named)* 96%

*[part of head, 4%]*

507
TEMPT, v. 68e
(1) (persuade to do wrong)
The Devil tempted Eve
Tempt a man to steal 24%
(2) (persuade)
I am tempted to go
A tempting offer, tempting food 50%
(adj.)
A tempting offer, tempting food 27%
tempter, n., 6c; temptation, n., 36e

TEND, v. 360e
(1) (go in the direction of)
All his speeches tend towards
Fascism 12%
(2) (be likely to)
A starchy diet tends to make one
fat 79%
tendancy, n. 298e

TENDER, adj. 180e
A. (easily harmed or hurt)
A tender plant
A tender place on my skin (= painful) 22%
B. (gentle, loving)
Tender hand
A mother's tender care 38%
.getenv 20, Tender green, 7%;
tender, v. and n., 33%
tenderly, adv., 24c; tenderness, n., 82e

tENT, n. 132e

TERM, n. 966e
(fixed period of work; opposite of
holidays)
School term (19%)

[The figure 19% is too large as this heading includes "term of years, of life"; all other meanings were excluded by the Report.]
| TERRIBLE, adj. 396e | (1) (causing great fear or horror) | A terrible storm | 64% |
|                     | ? [(2) (in conversation only, excessive, very bad)] | A terrible cold in the head | 36% |
|                     | As a lecturer, he's terrible! | | |

| terribly, adv. 88e | (1) (causing fear or horror) | Terribly injured | 45% |
|                    | ? [(2) (in conversation = very, very much)] | He's a terribly dull lecturer | 54% |
|                    | Suffered terribly from cold | | |

| TEST 442e | Test of an engine, of a chemical substance | Test of knowledge; intelligence test | 71% |
| test, n.  | | To test an engine, intelligence, etc. | 24% |

| THAN, conj. 8138e | | | |

| THANK/S 230e | Thanks very much; many thanks, very many thanks | 26% |
| thanks, n.  | [Thanks to = because of, 12%; give thanks, 1%] | | |
| thank, v.   | Thank you | | |
|             | No, thank you | | |
|             | Thank you for this, for doing this | 51% |
|             | ? [Thank God, goodness, heaven, 9%] | | |

| thankful, adj. 18e | [thanksgiving, 40e, A service of thanksgiving; also U.S.A. festival, 60%] | | |

509
Demonstrative pronoun
What's that? *(thing)*
Who's that? That's father *(person)*
To be or not to be, that is the question; ... that's all *(referring to a preceding fact or clause)* 9.1%

Phrases:
After that; ?[With that, upon that (*that* = *then*)] 0.1%
Indians use *ghi* *(that is, liquid butter)* for cooking 0.7%
I wish I could draw like that 0.3%
[And all that = *etc.*; Not so bad as all that, *part of*, 0.3%]
[That I will, I will that, 0.1%; and dear at that, 0.1%]

Demonstrative adjective
(1) What's that thing?
Who's that man? 13.5%
(2) That Mr. Smith is a nice fellow
*(referring to a person or thing known to the hearer)*
That Mr. Smith! *(showing admiration or contempt)* 0.5%

Relative pronoun
The man *(thing)* that I saw
*(= whom, which)*
The man *(thing)* that was there before *(= who, which)* 12%

Conjunction
I know *(say)* that it is ... 
Say that they may *(must, should)* go at once 54%
Pleased that he had succeeded
*(= because)*
Such a storm that ...; so bad a storm that ... 2.3%
? [Oh that I might! 6.7%
[It was because he didn't work that he failed, 0.1%; Who is Sylvia, what is she, that ... = *in view of the fact that*, 0.4%; but that, 0.1%]
THE, det.  (. . .)  (1a) (denoting some particular person or thing; "you know which one I mean")
The man standing there (whom we saw yesterday, etc.)
(1b) (denoting some well-known person or thing)
The sun; the King
(2) (used emphatically)
The man for the job
(3) (used of a class, equivalent to a plural)
The horse is an animal (= horses are . . .)
the . . . the . . .
The sooner the better; the more . . . the more . . ., etc.

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THEIR  14,016e

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THEM, pron.  9346e

THEN, adv.  6638e  (1) (at that time)
I shall see him next week and will tell him then
I saw him last week and told him then

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THEN, adv.  
*(continued)*

English as it was then pronounced, pronounced then
Just then, by then, since then,
before then, from then, till then
When the first rain falls, then is
the time to sow  (3%)  76%

Phrase:
Now and then; every now and then  1%
[Then and there, 0.1%; the then government, 0.1%]
(2)  (And then = next)
We'll have supper first and then
have some music  4%

(3)  (= in that case)
If you're free, then come
If you did not know, then you
should have said so
And if I have taken the money,
what then?
Well, then, what are you going to
do about it?
[But then = on the other hand, 0.7%;
Now then, what's all this noise! 0.1%]

THERE, adv. 12,496e

A.  (in that place)
He's there, if anywhere, and
where he is, she is there too
There they are!—those people,
there!
Who's there?
There I agree with you (= on
that point)  19%

(2a)  (to that place)
I'm on my way there
There and back

(2b)  (that place)
From there . . . to there  1.5%

Phrase:
Here and there
[Neither here nor there = irrelevant, . . . ]  1.3%

B.  (equivalent to the French, Il y a)
There was once a king
There's a man at the door  70%

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THROUGH, adv. (continued)

(2) (with other verbs than Be, for emphasis)
There came a man who . . .
There goes the bell!
[There, there! There, now! = soothing, 0.5%]

THEORETICAL, adj.

THEORETICALLY, adv.

THEORY, n.

THERE, adv.

(2) (with other verbs than Be, for emphasis)
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THEREFORE, adv.

A = B, B = C, therefore A = C 99%
[therefor = for it, 1%]

THESE

(see THIS)

THEY, pron.

? [They = French On, e.g., "They say,"]

1.6%

THICK

thick, adj.

(1) (of dimensions)
Thick glass 44%

(2) (of frequency per unit area)
Thick trees 33%

(3) (dense)
Thick syrup, smoke, darkness 14%

Spread the butter thick 3%

thickly, adv., 34c; thicken, v., 20c; thickness, n., 68c

THIEF, n.

26e

THIN

thin, adj.

(1) (of dimensions)
Thin paper
Thin thread 39%

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thin, adj. (continued)  

(2) (not fat)  
Thin cattle, meat  

(3) (of frequency per unit area)  
Thin forest; thin meeting, attendance  

(4) (not thick, diluted)  
Thin liquid; thin wine  
(— also figurative)  
A thin plot, argument  

thin, v.  
Thin out the cabbages; seedlings; plants  

 thinly, adv., 18e; thinness, n., 4e

THING, n.  

3666e  
Things have changed  
Do great things  
Always says the right thing  
Make things worse  
Put things right  
Think hard things of  
The great thing is to be happy  
Poor thing! (= person) (1.3%)  
Pack my things (= belongings, clothes) (1.1%)  
[The thing = fashionable; also Not feeling quite the thing, 0.4%]  

THINK, v.  

3566e  

(1) (cogitate)  
Man is a thinking animal  
I just sit and think  
Think sad thoughts  
Think about it  
Think it over  
Think of others; think only of yourself  
I (just) didn’t think of it  
(3.2%)  

(2) (imagine)  
Just think!, we’ll be home in an hour  
Only think!  
You can’t think how pleased I was  
3.7%
THINK, v.  
(continued)  
(3) (be of the opinion)  
Think that he is right; think,  
"Yes, he's right"; think him  
(to be) right  
Think of him as (being) right  
Yes, I think so; don’t you think  
so?  
I didn’t think you’d be here  
57%  
[Think fit, proper, 1.7%; well of,  
0.8%; think nothing of cheating,  
0.3%; think shame of, 0.2%]  
(4) (plan)  
Think what to do next  
Think (twice) before you act  
Think of a way of doing it  
Think out a way of doing it  
Think this thing out  
9%  
[Thought to get special favour = hoped,  
1.1%]  

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thinker, n.  52e  (see also THOUGHT)  

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THIRST, n.  46c  Died of thirst  
Thirst for knowledge  

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thirsty, adj.  24e  I’m thirsty; feel thirsty  

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THIS  21140e  

Demonstrative pronoun  
This is what I like  
This is our new headmaster  
I’ll just say this: I don’t approve  
Some time after this  
Do it like this  
[For all this, part of, 1.8%]  
28%  

Demonstrative adjective  
This book  
I don’t like this news in the paper  
I’ve been ill for this last week  
Just this once  
This same kind  
72%  

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these  7006e
THORN, n., 50e; thorny, adj., 4e

THOROUGH,
adj.  68e  Thorough knowledge, test, work 82%, Thorough rascal .9%

thoroughly, adv.  176e

THOSE
(see THAT)

THOUGH, ALTHOUGH,
conj.  2644e  (1) (Even) though they tried hard, they did not succeed
Although they tried hard, they did not succeed
Mr. X, though (although) French by birth, has lived in England all his life

? (2) (As though = as if; ? prefer As if)
He hurried as though he wanted to catch a train
[Didn't succeed, though, 1.3%; though he be, 2%]

THOUGHT, n.  1134e  (1) (thinking)
Careful thought
In deep thought
Leaders of scientific thought

(2) (one idea)
At the thought of
A kind thought

? (Second thoughts; on second thoughts, 1%)
[Have some thoughts of, 2.6%; take thought for, 3.6%]
(see also THINK)

thoughtful/ness, adj., n., 64e; (?) [thoughtless, adj., 10e]

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THREAD  220e

thread, n.

(1) A thread of silk, etc.  84%
(2) (figurative)
Follow the thread of the argument 10%

thread, v.

Thread the cotton through the eye of the needle 1%
Thread a needle 1%
Thread one's way through 4%

THREATEN, v.  294e

Shook his fist and threatened me
Threatened to hit me
Threatened me with a stick, with a beating
The danger which threatens Europe 66%
(figurative)
The sky looks threatening 33%

threat, n.  72e

THROAT, n.  144e

The collar is rather tight round my throat
A sore throat; diseases of the nose and throat 57%
Cut its throat 14%
[proverbial uses, e.g., Jump down my —, a lie in his —, 21%; any narrowed part, e.g., of a passage or bottle, 1.4%]

THROUGH  3996e

through, prep.

(1) (position or movement)
A nail half way through the board; drive a nail through the board
Spread through the air
Could just hear him through the noise 47%

(2) (— with the idea of an obstacle or danger)
Has passed through many processes, dangers
Has got through his examination 3%
all through

(3) (of time)
Talked about it all through dinner 12%

(4) (idea of intermediary)
Do it through an agent
Succeeded through his help 27%

(idea of transit)
A train going through London
Read it (right) through 9%

Phrase:
You're through (telephone)
Wet through; wet through and through
[= finished, is the work through yet?]
[throughout, prep. and adv., 596c, largely replaceable by All through; not in original Word-list]

THROW

throw, v. 836e

(1a) Throw a ball, stones
A ship thrown on the rocks
Thrown from a horse
Threw the power into his hands
(fig.)

(1b) (of light)
Throw light on (and fig.)
Throw a shadow
[Throw himself on a horse; she threw herself at him, 0.2%]

(2) (put carelessly or hastily)
Throw on (off) his clothes
Throw up earth-works
Throw (things) about
[Throw a bridge over the stream, 0.5%]

(3) (with the idea of force)
Throw open the door
Throw an army into battle
Throw into prison
Throw myself on your mercy
Throw into confusion

Special uses:
Throw away (as useless)
Throw away his chances, his life 4.6%

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throw, v. (continued)

Throw back—Has thrown us back to the beginning again 1.2%
Throw down—Throw down a wall, your arms 0.6%
? [Throw in—Throw in your luck with us, 0.5%]
? [£100 for the horse and I'll throw in the cart with it, 1%]
Throw off—Throw off illness, fatigue 2.4%
[Throw off pursuers, 0.2%]
Throw out—Throw out of a meeting, of work [candidate at an election] 3.6%
[Throw out a suggestion, hint, 0.2%]
? [Throw over—Throw over a friend, a lover, 1%]
? [Throw together—We were thrown together very much at school, 0.7%]
Throw up—Throw up one's hands, thrown up by the sea 2.4%
[Throw up = vomit, 0.5%; throw up one's job, 0.2%]
That was a good throw 2%

THUMB, n. 68e
(part of hand or glove)
? [Under the thumb of, 6%]

THUNDER 176e
thunder, n.
Thunder and lightning.
The thunder of the guns 72%

thunder, v.

THUS, adv. 2130e (1) (in this way)
The angle thus formed
Per cent is shown thus: —% 48%
(2) (in the same way, accordingly)
He is not quite honest; thus, for example, he sometimes forgets to give me the change 48%
[Thus far, thus much, 3%]
| **TICKET**, n. | 154e | Railway ticket, theatre ticket  
Price ticket  
[U.S.A. politics = platform] |
| **TIDE, n.** | 188e | (1) High tide, low tide  
The tide is coming in, going out  
46%  
(2) (figurative)  
The tide of popular opinion  
33%  
? [tidal, adj.  
18e] |
| **TIDY, adj. and v.,** | 14e |
| **TIE** | 272e | (1) Tie a knot, the string in a knot  
Tie things together  
45%  
Tie up a parcel, a horse, a boat  
10%  
[Tie a building, 4%]  
(2) (figurative)  
Tied together (in marriage)  
11%  
Tied down by an agreement  
Tied hands  
Tied up, 0.7%; tied game, 0.7%  
Tied of blood  
A neck-tie  
Tie-rod, 2%; in a game, 2%  |
| **TIGHT, adj.** | 80e |  
A.  
(of a ship, having close fitting seams,  
and so keeping water out; hence generally)  
Water-tight, air-tight, etc.  
8%  
|  
B.  
(1) (in such a state that it cannot be moved)  
Fixed tight; screwed up tight  
Pulled tight  
Fitting tight, tight-fitting; too tight under the arms; my shoes are too tight  
Packed tight  
28%  
| 520 |
TIGHT, adj. (continued) (2) (figurative and phrases)
Keep a tight hand on; tight discipline
In a tight place (difficult) 20%
tight, adv. Hold tight 20%
? [Sit tight, 3%]
tight-/ Tight-fitting, etc. 5%
[Money is very tight, tight bargain, tight-listed, 10%]
tighten, v., 40c; tightly, adv., 36c

TILL, UNTIL 888c

till, until, prep. Till (until) morning, long after midnight, just before dawn
Till now, then, further notice 35%
till, until, conj. Wait till (until) you come; waited till (until) he had gone 65%

TIME, n. 8320c
A. (1) (duration)
Father Time
Time heals all wounds
A long, short time
For some time; for a time
Spend, save, pass, take up time

Phrase:
It's merely a matter of time
? [Give him time; given the time I can do it... ] 18%

(2) (particular period)
All the time; half the time; half time
In the time of Queen Victoria
At that time; at all times
Modern times; past time; time to come
Difficult times; hard times 25%

(3) (opportunity)
Have no, little, not much time for play
Had no time to do it; hadn't time to do it
Make time; find time 6%

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TIME, n. (continued)

(4) (point of time)
   What’s the time? Tell the time
   Time of day
   Tea-time
   This time, another time; last
time; the time before last
   Up to (until) that time
   At the time; at one time; at times
   At the same time as . . .
   [At the same time = but, part of
    5.7%]

Phrases:
   Before my time (= life, period of
    office); will last my time (2%)
   Now’s the time; now’s the time
to sell (2%)
   In time for your . . . (2%)
   From time to time (2%)
   Had a good (bad) time (1%)
   [In good time, 0.1%; on time, 0.2%]

B.

(frequency)
   Five times three equals fifteen
   Five times as many (much) as
   you’ve got
   Did it several times, many times
   Two at a time

Phrases:
   ? [Time after time, 0.2%]
   [Time and time again, 0.1%; times
    without number, 0.1%]

? [timely, adv.] 24e]

TIN

tin, n. 78e

(1) (metal)
(2) (box, can)

Tin-mine, tin-box, etc.

Tinned, adj.

Tinned iron
Tinned food: (U.S.A. canned)

TIP, v. and n. 110e

(gratuity)

* [Other meanings excluded by the Report:
   top, 64%; verb, 16%; hint, n.,
   4%; v., 2%; tip over, 11%]
tire, v.  (1) (become exhausted, exhaust)
I tire easily
This work tires me (out)
Very tiring work 8%
(2) (bore)
Don’t tire me with the details 4%
tired, adj.
Tired; tired out
Tired of reading 68%

TITLE, n.  Title of a book 27%
Title of Earl 34%
[— to land, to respect, 19%; descriptive name, e.g. Ethelred the Unready, 15%]

TO to, prep.  A.  (Sample count of 1593 occurrences)
(1a) (showing direction of movement)
Go to London (9.8%)
Go out to dinner (0.2%)
Phrase:
To and fro 10.0%
(1b) (showing position)
Lies to the south of this (2.3%)
Cheek to cheek, etc. (0.1%)
Stand to your post, guns (0.2%) 2.6%
(2) (showing a limit)
Faithful to the end, last (1.5%)
Hours—10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (0.5%)
Ten minutes to one (1.6%)
To an inch, the full, bursting (2.6%) 6.2%
(3) (showing a resultant state)
Lay the field down to grass
Sentence to death (1.9%)
Cut to shape
All to pieces, bits (1.6%)
To his surprise, joy, sorrow (3.2%) 6.7%
(4) (showing indirect object, and similar relationship)
Give it to him, lose money to him (10.4%)
Kind to, cruel to, etc. (2.4%)
Known to, visible to (1.0%)

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to, prep. (continued)

Of use to, value to (1.0%)
What do you say to that? (6.0%)
An altar to, temple to, health to,
greeting to (1.3%) 22.0%

(5) (showing attachment, possession)
Fix to, stick to (1.0%)
Title to; claim to (0.1%)
At an angle to (0.1%)
Servant to (2.4%)

Phrase:
Get it all to ourselves (3.1%) 6.7%

(6) (showing a ratio)
Three houses to the square mile (0.2%)
The odds are ten to one against (1.7%)
Superior to, inferior to, equal to (4.4%)
Made to order, to measure (0.1%)

Phrases:
To my taste
To my knowledge (1.9%) 8.3%

(1) (showing purpose or result)
Do it to please me; went to meet him (8.2%)
A knife to cut bread (with)

So much to do; nothing to do; house to let (3.1%)
Born to blush unseen (0.3%)
Did so much to help (2.0%)
Too old to work (1.0%) 15.7%

(showing destiny)
Is to be the next Viceroy; Viceroy to be (3.1%)
The best is yet to be (1.5%) 4.6%

(2) (with verb):
Have to, force to, try to, need to,
ought to, etc.
Want, wish, hope, like to (7.2%)

Seen, heard, found, known to be

Refuse to, allow to (2.1%)
(with adjective):
Glad to, sorry to, ready to, etc.
Nice to eat, soft to touch, etc.
Difficult to, hard to, easy to
First to, last to (4.8%)
to, particle with the infinitive
(continued)

(\textit{with noun}) :
Power to help
No-one to help

\textbf{Phrase} :
Nothing to speak of \hspace{1cm} 0.6\%
(3) \hspace{1cm} (\textit{absolute})
On the pavement, or (to use an
Americanism) the side-walk \hspace{1cm} 1.8\%
Pull the door to
[Fall to, set to, turn to and work] \hspace{1cm} 0.6\%

\textit{to-}\textit{/} \hspace{1cm} (\textit{as in the compounds} : Today, tonight,
tomorrow, etc., which see)

\textbf{Tobacco}, n. \hspace{1cm} 176e

\textbf{Today} \hspace{1cm} 859e
\textbf{today, adv.} \hspace{1cm} 22\%
(1) I saw him today
(2) (= \textit{the present})
Great poets in the past, but none
\hspace{1cm} 61\%
today

\textbf{today, n.} \hspace{1cm} 2\%
Today has been fine
\hspace{1cm} 13\%
Scientists of today

\textbf{Toe}, n. \hspace{1cm} 70c

\textbf{Together}, adv. 1352e
\hspace{1cm} (\textit{in one place, at one time})
Bring together ; all go together ;
rush together ; all together in
one place
They both (all) came together at
\hspace{1cm} 58\%
the same time

\hspace{1cm} (\textit{in co-operation})
Work together ; conspire together
\hspace{1cm} 12\%

\textbf{Phrases} :
More than all the others put to-
\hspace{1cm} 3\%
gether
Hold together (= \textit{not break up})
\hspace{1cm} 7\%
Fold, roll together
\hspace{1cm} 4\%
Together with
\hspace{1cm} 16\%

[\textit{For hours together} = \textit{without inter-
ruption}, 0.6\%]

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TOMORROW, 200e
  tomorrow, adv.
    I shall come tomorrow
    Tomorrow evening  69%
  tomorrow, n.
    Before tomorrow; the day after tomorrow  31%

TON, n. 444e
  (weight) ? [unit of measure for ships]
  [Phrase; Tons of (money), 1.4%]  93%

TONGUE, n. 292e
  (1) (part of body)  14%
  (2) (considered as organ of speech)
    Hold your tongue (fig.)  53%
  (3) (thing so shaped)
    A tongue of land  6%
  [Technical uses, e.g. of shoe, 4%]
  [(4) (= speech—rather literary). The gift of tongues; the Latin tongue, 19%]

TONIGHT 96e

TOO, adv 2738e
  A. (also):
    Take this one too
    I, too, was mistaken  28%
  B. (excess):
    Too thick, large, difficult, late,
    much, many
    A little too thick, much too thick,
    much too much, etc.
    Too hard for him (to do); too
    heavy for him (to carry)  71%
    [Too, too-too = very, 0.8%; only
    too, none too, part of 0.5%]

TOOL, n. 172e
  (1) Carpenter’s tools  70%
  (2) (figurative)
    Used him as a tool  26%
    Tool-chest, etc.  2%
    [verb, 1.2%]
TOOTH, n. 354e  
(1) Clean my teeth 84%  
(2) Tooth on a cog-wheel 7%  
Tooth-brush, etc. 3%  

[Phrases: Teeth on edge, tooth and nail, show one's teeth, 2%]

TOP, n. 410e  
(1) The top of the hill, table, bottle, page 53%  
(2) (tips of plants): Tree tops, turnip tops 8%  
(3) (used as an adjective): Top corner, end 4%  

? "At the top of the tree" = high in his profession, 4%; at the top of his voice = loud and high, 3%; from top to bottom, 3%]

on top (of)  
A cake with candles on top (of it) 10%  
Come out on top 10%  

[verb, 4%]

TOTAL 836e  
(1) The total amount 50%  
(2) (= complete)  
A total eclipse 7%  
Total absence of formality 7%  
What's the total? 39%  

? [totally adv., 23e]

TOUCH 732e  
(1) Touch it and feel if it is hot 28%  
Just where the sea touches the land 2%  
The price just touched 99, then fell 10%  
In passing I must just touch on (upon) the subject of . . .

(2) (= affect)  
The fall in prices has not yet touched this Company 3%  
Her sad story quite touched me, my heart; a touching story 12%  

? [Ship touched at Gibraltar, 3%]  
[Touching = about, 0.6%]

527
**touch, n.**

1. Felt a light touch on my hand  
2. *(figurative)*  
   The touch of Winter  
   I recognize this painter’s touch  
3. *(small amount)*  
   It needs a touch of salt  
   A touch of influenza  

*Phrases:*  
In touch with, out of touch with

**TOUGH, adj.**  
58e  
1. Tough meat, leather, metal  
2. Commando troops have to be **tough** *(= strong, enduring)*  
3. *(difficult)*  
   A tough job  
   [Tough luck; that's tough = unfortunate, 4%]

**TOUR, v. and n.**  
114e  
Tour India; a tour through India  
Go on tour  
[A theatrical touring company, 7%]

**tourist, n.**  
154e

**TOWARD/S, prep.**  
1456e  
1. Go towards the door; facing towards the sea  
2. Towards evening, the middle of the century  
3. A tendency towards Communism  
   Efforts towards better education  
   A small contribution towards the new building  
4. Act towards, feel towards

**TOWEL, n.**  
22e

**TOWER**

tower, n.  
312e  
A high tower  
The Tower of London  

tower, v:  
Skyscrapers towering above the streets  
83%  
17%
TOWN, n. 1450e  A small town
Land is very expensive in the town,
but is less so in the country 93%

Town-/  Town-life, etc 3%
? [In town tonight; out of town; leave
town = London, . . . .]

town-hall, n. 20e

TOY, n. 60c  Children's toys
A toy-railway 83%
[verb, 13%]

TRACK 238e
track, n.  (1) (course)
A narrow track through the fields
A running-track
Railway track (U.S.A. = railway
line, Britain) 52%
Phrase:
The beaten track 5%
(2) (marks)
Saw the track(s) of a lion in the
sand
Follow the track of, on the track
of, lose track of (actual and
figurative) 32%

track, v.  Track the murderer 9%

TRADE, n. 1060e  (1) (skilled occupation)
Learn a trade, follow a trade 15%
(2) (buying and selling)
The fur trade 49%
trade-/ (1) Trade-union, etc. 11%
(2) Trade mark, trade price 3%
[The trade = publishers and booksellers;
persons in one trade, 4%; Trades =
trade-winds, 1%]

trader, n., 96e; tradesman, n., 30e (= retailer, 93%; = skilled
worker, 7%)
[trade-wind, 6e] 529
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<td>TRAP, v. and. n.</td>
<td>A mouse-trap, a rabbit-trap</td>
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<td>A trapped animal</td>
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<td>The trapping of animals</td>
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<td>(figurative) :</td>
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<td>The Roman army was caught in a trap ; it was trapped</td>
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<td>[Trap-door, trap a drain, etc., 19% ; trappings, 17%]</td>
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<td>TRAVEL</td>
<td>(1) I'm fond of travelling ; I have travelled in many countries ; I have travelled many miles</td>
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<td>travel, v.</td>
<td>[Travel in women's hats = be salesman of, 0.6%]</td>
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### Travel

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<td>The wheel travels along this bar</td>
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<td>Those who travel this path; a well travelled road</td>
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<td>Fond of travel</td>
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<td>Gulliver’s Travels (= stories of travel)</td>
<td>19%</td>
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<td>[The travel of the moving part = distance travelled, 2%]</td>
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<td>Travel-agent, etc.</td>
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### Treasure

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<td>(gold, silver, etc.) The King’s treasures of gold and jewels</td>
<td>53%</td>
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<td>(figurative) My two treasures, my children My cook is a treasure!</td>
<td>25%</td>
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<td>Treasure-house, etc.</td>
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<td>I treasure the memory of that day</td>
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<td>I treasure up every bit of sugar</td>
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### Treasurer

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<td>(financial official)</td>
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### Treasury

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<td>(financial department)</td>
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### Treat

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<td>Treats the subject well in his book</td>
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<td>Treats his servants as badly as he treats his horses</td>
<td>44%</td>
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<td>Treats the law with contempt</td>
<td>21%</td>
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<td>Treated the wound with penicillin Treat the film with formalin to harden it</td>
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<td>Treated Mr. X for his rheumatism [= negotiate, 2% ; supply with free food or drink, 4%]</td>
<td>16%</td>
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<td>treatment, n.</td>
<td>(1) (of a subject)</td>
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<td>(2) (of a person or animal)</td>
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<td>(3) (medical treatment)</td>
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TREE, n. 1274e

TREMBLE, v. 182e (shake, e.g. with fear) 83%  
* [Not very necessary except for story-telling; for technical subjects, vibrate is essential]

TRIAL  
(see TRY)

TRIBE, n. 296e African tribes 90%  

TRICK  

| trick, n. | (1) (fraud) | 40% |
| | A mean trick | |
| | Caught me by a trick | |
| | (2) (act of skill or special knowledge) | 33% |
| | Tricks of the trade (?§11) | |
| | A conjuror's tricks | |
| | [= habit, 5%; cards—Take the trick, 9%; Phrases, 3%] | |

trick, v.  3%

TRIP, n. 264e (short journey by sea or land) 90%  
[Of doubtful merit in a list of this size.]

TROUBLE  

| trouble, n. | (1) (distress; individual distress; cause of) | |
| | I am in great trouble (22%) | |
| | She has had many troubles (22%) | |
| | His son is a great trouble to him (4%) | |
trouble, n. (continued)

Phrase:
Get into trouble (3%) 51%
(2) (pains, exertion)
Take a lot of trouble over
Take the trouble to do
Save trouble; give trouble, cause
trouble 14%

trouble-

Trouble-maker 2%
 [= public disturbance, 9%]

trouble, v.

(1) (distress, disturb)
He won't trouble you again
Troubled dreams 7%

(2) (inconvenient)
Sorry you've been troubled
Never troubled himself to write
May I trouble you to post this letter

troubled, adj.

(both meanings; probably mainly §1) 10%

troublesome, adj. 36e

TRUE, adj. 1406e

(1) (correct, not a lie)
A true statement
Phrase:
(= although)
It is true that it's dangerous but I
mean to try 50%

(2) (genuine; according to law or rule)
The true owner
True north 31%

Phrase:
True to life; true to nature 2%

? [This wheel is not true, 0.3%]

(3) (faithful)
A true friend
True to his friends 10%

truly, adv. 270e

(verbatimly)
Tell me truly
"Yours truly" (letters)

?[Truly that is a disaster!, ...]
= loyally, 2%]
truth, n. 798e Tell the truth, speak the truth
What is the truth about the matter?

Phrase:
Well, to tell (you) the truth, I don't quite know
[Of a truth; in truth, 10%]

truthful/ness, adj., n. 10e

TRUNK, n. 126e (1a) (of a tree)
(1b) (of the body)
? [trunk-, Trunk-road, -call, etc., 16%]
[= box, 19%]

TRUST 402e

trust, v.

(1) I trust him more than I trust his brother
I trust him to do the work properly.
that he will do the work properly
I have trusted him with the work
[Trust Mr. X to find a way of evading the tax! = he will be sure to, 0.5%; trust you for the money, 1%]

(2) I do not trust the story (= believe)

trusted, adj.

trust, n.

(1) (confidence)
Have trust in; take on trust; a position of trust

(2) (state of trusteeship)
This money is in trust, on trust
A breach of trust

(3) (organization)
The Iron and Steel Trust
Trust-deed, -manager, -money, etc.

entrust, v., 56e; [trustee, n., 48e]
TRY

(see TRUE)

TRY

try, v.

(1) Try a case, the prisoner 8%
(2a) (test)
Try the strength of
Try different medicines; try everything once
Try your luck, your skill
Try on a coat
Try out a machine 5%
(2b) Try an experiment 11%
? [Try if you can do it, 0.6%; try it over on the piano, 1%]
(3) (endeavour)
Try to do it
If at first you don’t succeed, try, try again 65%
? [Try and do it, 3%; try for a degree, 1%; a very trying journey
= tiring; tries my eyes, 3%]

Have a try at it
Succeeded at the first try 1%

trial, n.

238e

(1) (in a law court) 72%
(2) (experiment)
A trial of strength
Trial and error
Give it a trial
Trial-trip 15%
(3) (trouble, distress)
Has had many trials
Her daughter is a great trial to her
The hour of trial 11%

TUBE, n.

172e

(1) Rubber tube, glass tube, etc. 77%
(2) (special anatomical uses)
Bronchial tube, etc. 4%
[Tube railway, go by tube, 1%; tube-/,
tube-boiler, etc., mostly technical, 5%; rubber tubing, steel tubing, etc., 5%]
tune, n.  (1) The tune of a song
   Play us a tune  51%
(2) (harmony)
   In tune
   In tune with
   Out of tune  17%

Tune, v.  Tune a piano, etc.  26%
   Tune the wireless, etc.  3%

turn, v.  A.  (1) (rotate)
   Turn the wheel; the wheel is turning  4%
(2) (change position)
   Turn on a hinge
   Turn the page
   Turn it upside down
   Turn it back; turn your back on
   (3a) (change direction)
   Turned the stream, her steps
   Turn the corner
   Turn round, turn to the right
   She turned away
   A turning in the road  25%
(3b) (figurative)
   Turn to him for help (1.4%)
   Turned my attention, thoughts to
   (3.0%)
   Turn to another subject (4.8%)
   Turn upon (= attack) (1.8%)
   Turn it to a new use (0.7%) 11.7%

Special uses:
   Turn about; about turn!  0.8%
   Turn away from; turn people away  3.5%
   Turn down the corner of the page; the lamp  0.9%
   Turn your toes in
   (Turn in = go to bed, 0.1%)
   Turn off the water, gas, etc.  0.2%
   Turn out the light; ?[turn out the guard; the people turned out to see]  1.1%
turning, n. (continued)  
? [Turn out things by the dozen = make, 2.5%]
  Turn over in bed; turn over (the page); turn over the work to Mr. X; the boat turned over
  Turn it over in your mind (fig.) 4.4%
  Turn up a card, the soil 0.4%

? [Turn up at a meeting, 0.5%]

turn, v.  B.  
(= change)
The fairy turned the Prince into a frog
It has turned from blue to red
It has turned red 11%

Phrase:
  It has turned out fine, well, etc. (= has become eventually) 2.3%

turn, n.

(1) (rotation)
  A turn of the wheel 1%
  Three turns of rope round the stick 0.3%

(2) (change of direction)
  Made a sudden turn
  Turn of the road
  Turn of one's luck 2%

? [Did him a good turn, 0.4%; turn of mind, 0.5%; gave me quite a turn, 0%]

(3) (indicating a regular succession)
  In turn; out of turn; your turn 9%

? [turning point, n., 16c; turn-over (of money in business), n., 14c, 86%]

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TWIST  130c

twist, v.
  Twist threads together to make string
  Twisted the paper up and threw it away
  The road turns and twists
  Twist one's meaning 75%

twist, n.
  21%
TYPE

type, n.
(1) (printer's type) 7%
(2) Many types of animal and plant
   A person of that type; the
   criminal type 92%

type, v.
(see typewrite)
typewriter, n., typewrite, v., 20e; typist, n., 10e

UGLY
ugly, adj.
Ugly man, animal, building, face 79%
[fact, thought, 14%; = dangerous,
ugly sea, 7%]

UMBRELLA, n. 22e

UNCLE, n. 356e

UNDER, prep. 3392e
(1) (below, below the surface)
   Under the sun, water, trees
   Inject under the skin
   Carried it under his arm
   Horse shot under him 18.2%
(2) (in the protection or tutelage of)
   Shelter under a wall (1.3%)
   Serve under the British flag (1.4%)
   Under the Roman Empire, British
   rule, King George (3.1%)
   Study under Professor X (0.6%)
   Under the direction, control, influence,
   orders, editorship of (20.9%) 27.3%
(3) (showing the activity to which some-
thing is subjected)
   Under treatment (6.1%)
   Under cultivation (1.3%)
   (implying limitation or constraint)
   Under pressure (1.1%)
   Under guard (0.8%)
   Under the threat of, fear of
   (0.8%)
   Under the necessity of [under con-
   straint] (5.4%) 15.5%
UNDER, prep. (continued)

[Under these conditions, circumstances, 14% = ? prefer In]
[Under the impression that = with the idea that, 0.7%]
(4) (with the idea of cover or pretence)
Under the pretence that, the disguise of (3.0%)
Under the name of (1.9%) 4.9%
(5) (with the idea of tabulation or classification)
Classify under “Biographies”
See under M (2.3%)
Under Section 11\B2 of the Act (0.1%) 2.4%

(6) (= less than)
Under £5
Under the age of
Under age(d), under-size(d) 16%
The under-side, under-lip, undergarment (0.6%)
Under-gardener, -footman, etc. (0.2%) 0.8%

underneath 50e (preposition) 88%
(adverb) 12%

underclothing, n., 8e; underfeed, v., 10e; undergraduate, n., 24e;
derground, n., 44e; underline, v., 2; undersell, v., 8e

UNDERSTAND, v. 1026e
I understand the meaning
I understand what you say
I understand you 82%
[Understood = agreed, an understanding = agreement, 18%]

UNION, n. 784e
(becoming one, making one, the united thing so produced)
Produce union; union of two elements
Union of two states
Trades Union, etc. 81%

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<td>(continued) ?[Union — with special U.S.A. importance, 15%]</td>
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<td>(? [= marriage], 1.2%; Union Jack, 0.3%; [Oxford Union, 0.8%; = workhouse, 0%])</td>
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<td>unit, n.</td>
<td>Tens and units Unit of measurement, of length, etc.</td>
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<td>The family is the unit of society</td>
<td>94%</td>
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<td>[Military unit, 5%; technical use as an adjective, 0.6%]</td>
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<td>unite, v.</td>
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<td>UNIVERSE, n.</td>
<td>(all existing things)</td>
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<td>universal, adj.</td>
<td>(extending over the whole; applicable in all cases) Universal knowledge, rule, happiness, opinion, etc.</td>
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<td>UNLESS, conj.</td>
<td>I will come unless I change my mind</td>
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<td>Unless you hear to the contrary [as preposition, 8%]</td>
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(1) (idea of elevation)
Go up the hill; up on the hill
The sun is up
Put up a flag; hang up
Look up
The case must go up to the High Court
Prices are up (20.0%)
(Special use)
Up river (1.7%)
Up to London; the up train (5.0% 26.7%

(2) (idea of being erect)
Stand up; get up from the ground;
help him up (3.7%)
(with special reference to bed)
Get up in the morning; he isn't up yet; stay up late (1.1% 4.8%)

(3) (idea of heaping or raising above the surface)
Put up a house; the house is up at last (2.4%)
Heap up, gather up, store up (6.4% 8.8%)

(4) (idea of coming to the surface, to notice)
Plants come up in the Spring
The subject may come up in committee
He turned up late at the party (6.8%)
(idea of reaching maturity)
Bring up a child; grow up (1.2% 8.8%)

(5) (idea of increase of activity)
Cheer up; wake up; hurry up (5.6%)
Speak up (1.1% 6.7%)
[What's up now? Something up (1.7%)]

(6) (idea of approach)
Went straight up to him; come up and see me (0.4%)
Up to midday; up to 1873 (6.2%)
Catch up; keep up with (0.5%)
? [Not up to his work; up to all their tricks (0.7%)] 7.8%
UP, prep. and adv.  
(continued)  
(7) (idea of completion)  
His time is up  
Finish up  
Dig up, tear up, break up  
Pay up  
Make it up to $10: make it up to him  
Clean up  
Add up  
Tie up, sew up  

up-and-down, adv., adj., 2e; uphill, 8c; uppermost, 2c; upside-down, 28e; upstairs, 48e; up-to-date, 22e  
(?) [uphold, 66e; upkeep, 14e; upland, n., 24e; uplift, 52e; uproot, v., 12e]

UPON, prep. 5402e  
(see ON)

UPPER, adj. 368e  
(higher, actually or figuratively)  
[Upper hand of, 1.6%]

uppermost, adj. and adv., 48e

UPRIGHT,  
adj. and adv. 72e  
(1) Stand upright, walk upright  
An upright stone  
A steel upright (n.)  

86%  
14%

(2) An upright man (= honest)

UPSET  
upset, v. 58e  
Upset the boat; upset the milk-jug  
Upset all my plans  
[You’ve upset my father; he’s very cross, 4%]

31%  
38%

upset, n.  
An upset in the kitchen  
21%
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<td>Climb upwards From the bottom upwards 82%</td>
<td>Urge the need of care Urge him to be careful Needed no urging</td>
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<td>An upward tendency</td>
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<td>[Upward of = more than, 6%]</td>
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<td>An urgent need</td>
<td>A letter marked “Urgent”</td>
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**USE** 4048e

**use, v.**

A. (1) *employ for a purpose*

- Use a knife for cutting, a lens for seeing, gum for sticking (16.6%)
- Used cars, used stamps, etc. (8.3%)

(— of non-material things)

- Use patience, tact, your strength
- Uses queer words (1.6%)
(— of persons)

- Do you use a typist in your work? (0.5%) 27.0%

[Used him badly, ill-used, 0.3%]

(2) *with the idea of consumption*

- Don’t use the butter, use margarine

Order some more when all this is used, is used up 23.6%

(with the idea of habit or custom)

(a) You used to play very well

(b) You used not to smoke

(?) [You didn’t use to smoke]

- There used to be a boat here

(b) You’ll soon get used to the work 9.0%
use, n.

(1) (employment for a purpose)
Make use of; put to use
For the use of the men: for their use
In use; in daily use; out of use

Phrases:
Have lost the use of my arm (0.4%)
Make good use of (0.2%)

(2) (usefulness)
What's the use of this thing?
Find a use for: have no use for
Of great use, little use, no use (1.9%)
I've tried my hardest, but it was no use. It's no use complaining (1.3%)

[= custom, 1.1%]

useful-ness, 256e; useless, adj., 82e; user, n., 14e

USUAL, adj. 400e
The usual custom
It is usual to do this
More (Less) than usual

usually, adv. 574e

VAIN, adj. 298e
(1) (useless)
All science is vain if it does not make men happy
A vain attempt
Vain show

Phrase:
In vain; I tried, but it was all in vain (28%)

[Take my name in vain, 0%]

(2) (proud of personal appearance)
A vain woman

(The word is easily avoidable and the double meaning is troublesome)

[vainly, adv., 28e = without effect, 28e]
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| VALUE | 1166e |
| value, n. | The real value of the house is £1,000 but it sold for more |
| | His work has a certain value |
| | Of little, no, special value to |
| | ? [mathematical use, 7%; painting, 0.3%; set a value on, 0.2%] |
| value, v. | Value it at £1,000 |
| | Have it valued |
| | Value it highly (= prize it) |
| valuable, adj. | 388e |
| | A valuable Chinese jar |
| | Army life is a valuable training for body and character |
| | ? [valuables, n., 3%] |
| valueless, adj. | 38c |

| VARIOUS, adj. | 1032c |
| (of many kinds) | Various people have various opinions |
| | For various reasons |
| | ? [variously, adv., 22e] |

| variety, n. | 368c |
| (1) (variousness, change) | Lack of variety in the day’s work |
| | Has a great variety of ties and wears a different one every day |
| | ? [(2) (special kind, different from the class or group) |
| | An early flowering variety of sweet pea |
| VEIL | 150e |
| veil, n. | She wore a veil |
| | A veil of mist |
| | A veiled woman |
| | Veiled in mist |
| veil, v. | 68% |
| NN | 545 |
| VERB, n. | 28e |
| VERSE, n. | 218e |
| (1) Written in verse: blank verse 47% |
| (2) Verse I 27% |
| VERY, adv. | 6194e |
| A very good man 82% |
| Very soon; very few |
| ? [Intensive use, very last, very first: a very paradise, the very minimum, this very afternoon, this very question, 17.9%] |
| VESSEL, n. | 430e |
| [This word was selected to give a general term for any container; which sense is 11%. As a defining word Container is more useful. The sense Ship, 87% was excluded by the Report. But Blood vessel, 1%, is difficult to replace and the word might even be confined to this use. Compare Preserve.] |
| VICTORY, n. | 414e |
| victorious, adj. | 78e |
| VIEW, n. | 1390e |
| (1a) (vision) |
| Keep him in view 18% |
| In full view of the house |
| [Pictures on view, 0.3%] |
| (1b) (outlook) |
| A beautiful view from the upper windows 6% |
| (2) (opinion) |
| This is my view of the matter 59% |
| My political views |
| ? [view, v., 9%] |
| VILLAGE, n. | 588e |
VIOLENT, adj. 180e A violent storm, effort, speech, person

violence, n., 168e; violently, adv., 78e

VIRTUE, n. 416e (moral goodness)
Patience is a virtue
[= chastity, 5%; By virtue of, 11%; make a virtue of, 1.5%; special efficacy or essence, e.g., of a plant, 7.3%]

? [virtuous, adj. 32e]

VISIT 628e

visit, n. Make a visit; pay a visit,
On a visit
A visit to the sea-side (= trip) 12%
? [The doctor charges a guinea for each visit, 2%]

visit, v. (go as a guest or tourist or professionally)
visiting-
Visiting-book, etc.
[Visit it on = avenge, 2.5%]

visitor, n. 188e

VOICE, n. 1016e Has a good singing voice
The sound of men's voices
Had a bad cold and lost his voice 89%

VOTE 1090e

vote, n. Give one's vote
Take a vote
As a ratepayer I have a vote
It was decided by a vote of the committee that ... 69%
vote, v.
The right to vote
Vote for, against
The committee voted the money 31%

voter, n. 46e

VOWEL, n. 4e

VOYAGE, n. 258e (journey on a ship) 90%

WAGE/S, n. 456e (1) (in the singular)
A living wage 35%
wage-/Wage-earner, etc.
(2) (in the plural)
Pay me my wages 33%

WAIST, n. 64e (1) (part of body, or of garment) 68%
waist-/Waist-band, -belt, etc.
(2) (figurative = narrow part) 3%

waistcoat, n. 12e

WAIT
wait, v. 606e
(1) (remain inactive or expectant)
I told the driver to wait
I waited two hours for her
Wait (await) the result
Phrases:
Wait about (0.3%)
Wait one’s chance (0.3%)
Wait and see (0.3%) 88%

(2) Wait at table
We are waited on by a very old waiter 3%

waiting-/Waiting-room, etc.
[Lady-in-waiting, 0.7%; waited upon
Lord X = paid a respectful visit to, 2.6%]
wait, n.

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<td>[Lie in wait, 0.7%]</td>
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waiter, n., 18e; waitress, n., 6e

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WAKE, v. 236c

1. *(intransitive)*
   - I wake (wake up) every day at seven
   - You must wake up! Don't be so lazy
   
2. *(transitive)*
   - Between sleeping and waking
   - Please wake me up at seven
   - The boys need waking up; they're idle

[Wake up to = become aware of, make aware of, 5%]

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WALK 630e

walk, v.

1. Don't run; walk
   - Walk in, out, about
   - The horse didn't canter; it walked
   - Very fond of walking
   
2. *(with a noun)*
   - Walk the streets, the deck

3. *(transitive)*
   - Walk the horse

walk, n.

1. *(action)*
   - Go for a long walk

2. *(path or road)*
   - Bird-cage Walk

[Walk warily = behave, 1.9%; walk of life, 0.6%]

walking-stick, n. 2e

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WALL, n. 794c

1. Town wall
   - Outside walls of house; garden wall; wall of a room

2. *(figurative)*
   - Wall of the chest

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549
WANDER, v. 308e
Wander in the forest
Wander away from the subject
His mind is wandering

WANT
want, v. 1258e
(wish, desire, need)
I want someone to read to me
He wants to be friends
I want you to do this at once
Won't go if (where) I'm not wanted
Am I wanted for anything?
Do you want anything from the town?
[= lack, Nothing shall be wanting, 76%]

want, n.
(need)
A long felt want
In want of
[= lack, For want of a nail the battle was lost, 8%; = penury, 2%]

WAR, n. 2468e
Peace and war
Declare war
Go to war; be at war with; make war on
The Great War
War-department, war-ship, etc.

/-WARDS

(see BACK, DOWN, UP, etc.)

WARM
warm, adj. 274e
(1) A warm day, room
Warm water
Go for a run and get warm
Warm clothes

(2) (of feelings)
Warm friendship, friends
A warm debate (= angry)
A warm invitation (= eager)

[Warm brown, 0.7%]

warm, v.
warmly, adv., 24e; warmth, n., 84e
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<td>Give it a wash (0.8%) Send clothes to the wash (0.4%) Has the wash (= clothes) come back, yet? (3.2%) The wash of the sea (1.6%) A wash of paint (0.8%) Eye-wash; hair-wash, etc. (1.6%)</td>
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<td>(unprofitable expenditure) Waste of time, of money (40%) ? [Run to waste, go to waste, 2%] Waste-pipe, etc. (2%) Waste materials, waste water (3%) Waste, v. (spend uselessly) Waste money (time, etc.) on Waste words, paper, space on useless discussion Wasted opportunities, hours (34%) [Wasted by disease = decayed, weakened, 4%]</td>
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WATCH

watch, v.

(observe carefully)
You must watch him; he needs watching; I don’t quite trust him
Watch me; watch what I’m doing, what I do
Watch football
Watch for the postman;
Watch the postman coming

watch, n.

A. Keep watch; on the watch
Watchman, watch-dog

B. Pocket watch, wrist watch
Watch-chain, etc.

watchful/ness, adj., n., 32e

WATER

water, n.

Fresh water, salt water, sea water
A drink of water; sugar and water
Land and water
Across the water; over the water
Above water, under water
Travel by water
Water-pipe, mill, supply, (etc., see below)

water, v.

Water the garden

water-bottle, n., 4e; watercourse, n., 20e; waterfall, n., 26e; water-pipe, n., 6e; water-proof, adj., 20e; water-tight, adj., 4e; waterway, n., 30e; water-wheel, n., 6e; waterworks, n., 14e; watery, adj., 22e

? [water colours, n., 4e; water-hole, n., 4e]
WAVE

wave, n. 522e

Sea waves 25%
The army attacked in waves 5%
A wave of anger (figurative) 17%
Light waves, sound waves, etc. 17%

wave-/

wave, v. (1) (intransitive)
The branches wave in the wind 11%
Waving corn

(2) (transitive)
Wave a flag
He waved his hands, waved me aside 10%

wavy, adj. 4e

WAX, n. 80e

Sealing wax, candle wax, etc.

WAY, n. 2800e

A. (1) (passage, opening)
A narrow way between two houses
Just over the way
Milky Way . . .] 4%

(2) (direction of travel)
Are you coming my way?
It's on your way
Please tell me the way to . . .
Find my way
The river isn't this way; it's that way

Phrases:
It got in my way; won't stand in your way (1.3%)
Well on my way (0.9%)
Get out of my way; an out-of-the-way place (0.8%) 22.4%

(3) (opportunity to pass)
Give way; make way; make one's way; force one's way 4.6%

(4) (distance)
Some way, a long way, half way, all the way 4.0%
WAY, n.  
(continued)  
(5) (figurative, of morals)  
The way of God  
Get into bad ways  
4.6%  
B.  
(method)  
In what way can I help you  
In some way or other  
Go the wrong way to work; hold it the wrong way round  
Have it your own way; get your own way  
It's a good thing, in one way,  
in some ways  
47.3%  
[Seems that way, 3%; under way, 0.8%]

wayside, n., 10c; doorway, n., 57; gateway, n., 68

WE, pron.  
9276e

WEAK, adj.  
344c  
(1) (not strong physically or morally)  
A weak character, government, chain  
A weak moment (fig.)  
54%  
(2) (enfeebled, not resistant to illness)  
Weak after illness  
A weak stomach  
28%  
(3) (of skill, of the intellect)  
A weak side (in a game)  
Weak in arithmetic, French, etc.  
My arithmetic (etc.) is weak  
Weak evidence  
(3.5%)  
Phrase:  
Weak point; my arithmetic is my weak point  
13%  
(4) (dilute)  
Weak tea  
3%

weaken, v., 114c; weakness, n., 134e

WEALTH, n.  
496e  
Wealth and poverty  
The Wealth of Nations

wealthy, adj.  
120e
WEAPON, n. 148e

WEAR, v. 784c  (1)  (have on)
Wear a coat, a hat, a crown 66%
(2)  (cause to decay by wear)
Wear away, down, out
Wear smooth 13%
[Novelty wore off, 2%; afternoon wear on, 0.8%; weary and worn =
tired, 2.3%; a very wearing day,
0.2%; wore a sad expression,
4.1%; wore a beard, 1.8%]

wear, n.
Signs of wear 3%
[Evening wear, 2.2%]

worn-out, adj. 18e

WEATHER, n. 326e Fine weather, bad weather
weather-/
Weather-forecast 95%

WEAVE, v. 132c

weaver, n. 24e

WEED 80c

weed, n.
Thistles are a troublesome weed 78%

weed, v.
Weed the garden 3%

WEEK, n. 682e Seven days in a week
£10 a week as salary
?[This day week, . . .]

weekday, n., 4e; weekend, n., 8e; weekly, 216e (adj., 41%; n., 56%;
adv., 4%)
WEIGH, v. 204e  
He weighed it in the scales and found that it weighed 2 lbs. 53%  
He weighed out two ounces of tobacco 3%  
He weighed it in his hand 2%  
Weighed down by a heavy load, by care (fig.) 7%  
? [It weighs on my mind, 2%]  
[= consider. Weighed it in his mind, weighed his words, 18%; weighed the disadvantages against the advantages, 1%; that argument does not weigh with me, 8%]

weight, n. 568e  
(1) The weight of the box  
What's your weight? 75%  
Four pounds in weight  
(lumps of metal)  
Give me the 2 lb. weight 4%  
The weights of the clock  
(figurative uses) 14%  
The weight of years, responsibility  
[His opinion will carry weight, 0.3%]

WELCOME 406e  
welcome, n. and adj.  
You are always welcome 50%  
Welcome signs of improvement  
Gave me a warm welcome  
[You are welcome to call me by my Christian name, 1%]  
welcome, v.  
I was warmly welcomed 49%  
Welcomed me in  
Your help will be welcomed

WELL 2904e  
well, adj.  
(1) (in good health)  
You'll soon be well again 1.5%  
(2) (satisfactory)  
All will be well 1.8%  
? [It's just as well] 5%  
[Leave well alone, 0.2%; well and good, 0.1%]

556
well, adv.  B.  (1) (in a good way)
Advised me well; all went well
Wish me well; speak, think well of me
Mother and child are doing well

Phrases:
You might as well
You might just as well, might equally well  (3.1%)
[You may well ask! = with good reason, (2.5%)] 5.6%

(2) (fully)
Well dried, well worth, well deserved  (13.6%)
As soon as we were well started, well on our way, well past the river  (14.1%)
Know perfectly well, well aware, well able to  (5.9% 33.6%)

(3) (exclamatory)
Well!; well, well!  (16.7%)
Well now!; O well!  (1.1%)
Very well (= I agree)  (1.3%)
(or as a delay word)
Well; well now; well, let me see; well, let's think  19.1%

as well as
He's learning French as well as German
He's learning French and German as well  19.5%

well-born, adj., 2e; well-bred, 16e; well-built, 8e; well-chosen, 2e;
well-done!, 4e, etc., well-meaning, well-meant, 12e;?
[well-being, 42e]

[well-off, adj., 10e; well-to-do, 22e]

well, n.  C.  A well of water; an oil well  4.6%

WEST, n.  890e

western, adj. and n., 522e; westward, adv., 86e
WET
wet, adj.
Get wet
Wet clothes: face wet with tears
A wet day: wet weather ...
Come in out of the wet ...
Wet the paper slightly before printing on it ...
I got wet through ...
[Meanings, chiefly U.S.A., connected with alcohol excluded]

WHAT
what
(1) interrogative (in direct questions)
What shall I say?
What's that thing?
Eh what? What did you say?
What animal is that? (= what sort of?)
What's the news? What's the time? What news have you?
What about? What else? What then?
[What the devil? What on earth?, etc., 0.3%]
[What of it?, part of 1.2%]
(2) (in indirect questions)
I asked what it was
What! No train till tomorrow?
What nonsense!
None except what you've seen
Better than what you've seen
Like what you've seen
You can have what is left
Do what you please
[What with the long hours and the bad food, she has fallen ill, 0.1%]

whatever, pron.
(1) (= all that)
You can have whatever you want, whatever things you want
(2) (= no matter what)
Whatever his faults, he was always generous
Whatever you may do, I shall always
whenever, rel., adv.
and conj.  
(1) (at any time when)  
I'm always ready whenever he may come  94%  
[(2) (intensive)]  
Whenever will he arrive! He's very late, 4%

WHERE  3516e  
(1) (interrogative)  
Where are you?  
Where have you come from?  
I asked where he was staying  
Where are you going? (= to what place) 11%  
(2a) (relative)  
Stay where you are  
I can see it from where I am  
The place where I'm sitting  
Go where you like  66%

Whatever, pron. (continued)  
(3) (intensive)  
Whatever will he do next!  
None whatever 18%
WHERE

(continued)

? [(2b) (introducing an additional statement = and there)]

I went into a room, where a man was asleep on the floor

(This dangerous and avoidable use may be excluded)]

(2c) (= the point on or at which, the case in which)

That's where he's mistaken

Where there has been proof of carelessness, the punishment should be severe 11%

wherever 1166e

(relative)

Wherever he is, he always does well 97%

[interrogative, intensive, Wherever are you going at this time of night ?, 3%]

WHETHER, conj. 1284e

(1) (introducing a question or doubt or choice)

To hear whether there is any news I don't care whether it's true or not 29% 25%

(2) (telling an alternative)

Whether...or...

I shall go whether it's fine or wet We should help them all, whether friend or enemy 32% 10%

WHICH 17298e

(1a) (in direct questions)

Which of you is Tom?

Which is the master and which (is) the servant?

Which thing do you want?

[Which is which? ...]

(1b) (in indirect questions)

I asked him which thing he wanted

(2a) (relative pronoun)

The book which I am reading

The pen with which I am writing

[During which time, 0.9%]

? [(2b) (= and that) Said he wasn't there at the time...which is a lie, 0.6%]

whichever, conj. 16e
WHILE 2182e

while, conj.

(1) (of time)
He came while I was out
Finish the work while there is light, 39%

? [(2a) (giving the sense of Although)]
While I am sorry you have lost your job, (yet) I am glad to have you home again 18%

[(2b) (equivalent to And, — modern and rather journalistic)]
The walls were painted brown, while the ceiling was dark cream 30%

[while, n.

For a little while, a long while 8%

[Phrase: Worth my while, 2%
[The while, all the while, 2% ; once in a while, part of, 0.2%]

? [whilst, adv. 174e (1) (= while) 67%
? [(2) (= but or and, 31%]

meanwhile, 268e (adverb) 98%
(noun) 2%

? [worth-while, adj. 22e]

WHIP 86e

whip, n.

(1) (thing used for beating, e.g. a horse ; thing so shaped)
(2) (blow with a whip ; stimulus)
[A whip round for money, 2%]
[Technical uses, 7%]

whip, v.

(1) He whipped (up) the horse
He gave the boy a whipping (n.) 26%

? [(2) (figurative)]
Whip up an old friendship, quarrel, enthusiasm, etc. 9%
[= move quickly, 4.6% ; = snatch, 7% ;
= conquer, 7% ; = bind with string,
2.3% ; whipped cream, 2.3%]
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| WHISTLE  | 136c  | (1) (instrument) | 18% |
|          |       | (2) (act, sound) | 15% |
| whistle, n. |       |                  |     |
|           |       | He whistled a tune | 59% |
| whistle, v. |       |                  |     |

| WHITE    | 906c  | White as snow; white hair; white bread; white wine; a white man | 79% |
|          |       | [white = transparent, 1.5%] |
| white-/- |       | White-ant, etc. |
| white, n. |       | Dressed in white; Chinese white (paint) |
|          |       | ? [White of egg, 0.7%] |

| white-hot, adj., 6e; whiten, v., 12e; whiteness, n., 44e; white-wash, n. and v., 20e; (figurative, 30%) |

| WHO, pron. | 8414c  | (1a) (in direct questions) |
|           |       | Who is he? Who is it? |
|           |       | (1b) (in indirect questions) |
|           |       | I wonder who it is |
|           |       | (2) (relative pronoun) |
|           |       | Let those who wish come |
|           |       | My brother, who is a soldier, was there |
|           |       | (3) (introducing extra information) |
|           |       | I gave the picture to Jones, who is a well-known artist |
|           |       | [sometimes equivalent to “and he”: I gave it to Jones who gave it to Smith, 22%] |

| whoever, pron. | 78e    |       |
| whom, pron.    | 1336e  |       |

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| whole, adj. | (1) *(the complete amount or extent)*  
Tell me the whole story 67%  
(2) *(in opposition to Half)*  
A whole holiday 13%  
(3) *(in opposition to Cut in pieces)*  
A whole fish 3%  

whole, n. | The whole of it  
Think of it as a whole 8%  

Phrase:  
On the whole 7%  
Whole-meal, etc. 0.4% |

| wholly, adv. | 236e |

| WHOSE, pron. | 1444e |

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| *(interrogative)* | (1a) *(in direct questions)*  
Why did you do it? 33%  
(1b) *(elliptical)*  
Why so late? 4%  
(2) *(in indirect questions)*  
He asked why I did it 22%  
(3) *(with "the reason")*  
I asked the reason why  
There's no reason why you should (shouldn't) go 18%  

why! | *(exclamation)*  
Why! I must have been asleep  
Why no! I suppose not 18% |

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| *(sinful)* | Wicked people, acts 89%  

wicked, n. | The wicked  
*[of an animal = ill-tempered, 5%; jokingly = very bad, 5%; of a child, playfully naughty, 2%]*  

| wickedly, adv., 5e; wickedness, n., 30e |
|---|---|
| *The word was included because of its use in religious teaching; it is of doubtful value otherwise.* |
WIDE

wide, adj.

1. (extensive)
   A wide plain
   Wide experience, knowledge

2. (showing a large interval)
   A wide difference
   A shot wide of the mark

3. (= broad not easily distinguishable from §1)
   A mile wide
   Coat too wide in the shoulders
   Far and wide
   Wide apart, wide open
   The ball went wide (of the mark)

wide-awake, adj., 14c; widely, adv., 148c; widen, v., 48c; widespread, adj., 88c; width, n., 80c

WIDOW, n.

WIFE, n.

WILD, adj.

1. (undomesticated)
   Wild animals

2a. (uncultivated: found in its natural state)
   Wild flowers
   Wild honey

2b. (of a place)
   A wild garden
   Wild scenery

3a. (uncontrolled, unrestrained)
   The child is very wild
   A wild savage
   Wild behaviour

Phrase:

To run wild

3b. (of weather)
   A wild night; wild waves, seas

3c. (of speech)
   Wild cries, words, talk

4. (imprudent, fantastic)
   A wild plan, project, story

wildly, adv.

(1) (without restraint)

90%
WILL, 'LL, WON'T, WOULD, v., 16302c
A. (1) (intend, be determined to, used with stress)
They will do it, although I tell them not to (1.1%)
I will do it, I say! (0.3%)
They will! Will they (elliptical) (0.2%)
He would do it, although I told him not to (0.3%)[Do what you will = wish, 0.1%] 2.0%

? (2) (be in the habit of, be capable of)*
Give me anything that will hold water (1.5%)
I asked for anything that would hold water (0.5%)
Sometimes they work hard, and sometimes they will sit idle all day (1.1% 3.1%)

*(This use, difficult and easily avoided in speech, may perhaps be learned as reading vocabulary only.)

(3a) (choose to, be agreeable to)
Will you refuse such a good offer? (0.5%)
Will you help me? All right, I'll try (2.0%)
No, I will not (won't) help you (1.3%)
He said he would help me (2.3%)
He said he would not help me (0.8%)

Phrase:
I would rather . . . (see RATHER)
[He would have us do it = would like us to, 1.2%; I would that I might = wish 0.2%] 8.3%

(3b) (The simple future tense)
(referring to immediate action)
Well, I'll say goodbye (2.5%)
(the ordinary use)
He will go there next Tuesday (17.8%)
He said he would go there next Tuesday (2.0% 22.3%)

(Meanings (3a) and (3b) are not easily distinguished.)
WILL, 'LL, WON'T, WOULD, v. (continued)

(4) (in conditional clauses)
If you go there, you will see him
(20.7%)
If I went there I should (would) see him
If you (he) went there, you (he) would see him
(36.4%) 57.1%

(5) (hypothetical)
It would seem that
Would you like to . . . ? (1.2%)
I wish you would . . . (0.3%)
If he would only . . . (0.3%)
[This will be the drawing room = I]
[suppose that this is . . . , 0%] 1.8%

willing, adj. B
Is he willing to do the work? 1.5%
A willing worker

will, n.
The will of the people
Against my will
Will-power 1.7%

willingly, adv., 42e; unwilling, adj., 68e

WIN, v. 804e

(1) (be victorious)
Win a battle, a game
Win by 3 goals to 2 34%

(2) (gain)
Win a prize, fame, his confidence
? [Wooed and won her, 3.2%; win souls, 7.2%]
[Win over, 2.5%; win through, 0.2%]

winning, adj.
Winning stroke, side, -post 1.4%
? [My winnings = money won, 1.0%]
[Winning ways, 1.5%]

WIND 724e

wind, n. A.

(1) A north wind
Scattered by (to) the winds
The wind is against us
Up (down) wind 81%

566
wind-/ Wind-beaten, wind-mill, etc. 4%
[2] ( = breath), Get one's second wind, 0%, but wind instrument, 6e and wind-pipe = trachea, 4e]

windy, adj. 14c

wind, v. B. (1) (bend to and fro)
We wound to and fro along a winding path 6%
(2) (twist a piece of string, etc.)
He wound the string round his finger
He wound the wool up in a ball 4%
Phrase:
Wind up the clock 1%
? [Wind up a discussion, estate, 1%]

WINDOW, n. 422e

WINE, n. 328e

WING, n. 344e (1) (part of a bird, anything so shaped) 38%
Phrases:
On the wing 3%
Take under its wing 1%
(2) (of an aeroplane) 11%
(3) (of an army, political party, etc.) 25%
(4) (of a building) 2%

wing-/ Wing-case, wing-shaped, wing-tip, etc. 6%
? [winged, adj., Winged statue, arm-chair, etc., 9%]
[wing, v., 2.5%; theatre, In the wings, 0.6%]

WINTER, n. 424e

wintry, adj. 14e
WIPE, v. 94e
(1) (clean, dry)
Wiped his hands, his shoes, away a tear 55%
(2) (figurative)
Wipe out a debt
The whole company was wiped out (= killed) 36%

WIRE, n. 230c
wireless, adj., n. 118c (= radio)

WISE, adj. 544e
(having good judgement, prudent)
Solomon was a very wise man
He thought it wiser to wait 72%
[= informed, Where ignorance is bliss,
sis folly to be wise; none the wiser, 2%
wise, adv., wisely, wisely, etc., 25%]

wisely, adv., 48c; wisdom, n., 220c

WISH
wish, v. 632e
(1) (with a noun)
Wish you joy, success
[= Wish you good night]
(2) (absolute)
Touch the wishing-stone and wish
You can have it if you wish
(3) (with an adjective)
Wished himself dead, miles away, etc.
(4) (with a verb)
Do you wish to have it?
I wish I could (might) have it
I wish I had it now, had had it then
Do you wish me to do it? 82%
You shall have your wish
I grant your wish
In obedience to his wishes 18%

wish, n.
WITH, prep. 23232e

(1a) (idea of company)
Go with; bring with, take with, carry with
Came with all his luggage, family
Don't wear brown shoes with a black suit
Bread and butter with my tea
Mix this with that 18.4%

(1b) (idea of the same time)
With his death, the business came to an end
With that (with these words, with a stamp of her foot) she went away
His expenses increased with the increase of his business 1.8%

(2a) (idea of agreement or disagreement)
Agree with, disagree with
Break with, quarrel with
In harmony with
Fight with
Vote with
Or we may believe, with Dr. Jones, that it is better not to operate in such cases (6.9%)

(2b) (showing any general relationship)
Trade with
A weekly air service with India
Be rough, hard, strict, gentle with

Phrases:
With respect to, with regard to (9%)

(2c) (= in the case of)
Such mistakes would be impossible with a careful secretary (1.0%)

? [We are all the same, with God, 0.2%] 18.3%

(3) (forming a phrase equivalent to an adjective)
A knife with a bone handle
A girl with a flower in her hair
The man with red, swollen eyes 14.3%

(4) (forming a phrase equivalent to an adverb)
It can be done with an effort, with patience
I shall watch it with interest
It may be done with advantage
With pleasure! I shall be very pleased to do as you ask

569
WITH, prep. (continued)

With the condition; with the exception (0.6%) 15.4%

(5a) (showing an instrument)
Cut it with a knife
Made with eggs and butter
Fill, furnish, cover with
Begin with; end with (0.7%) 21.1%

(5b) (showing a cause)
Bent with age
Ill with a cold

Phrase:
Pouring with rain (0.6%) 2.9%

WITHIN, prep. 1444e (inside a limit)

Within ten minutes
Within two inches of the bull's eye
Within hearing

[Within the boundaries of the city, 15%; within himself, 7%; literary uses = inside, 33%; adverb, 7%]

WITHOUT, prep. 2542e

Without (any) money; without a ticket
Can't live without you
Did it without (any) help
Die without forgiveness
Without end, fear, success, doubt 67%

? [Without fail]
Special use:
Went without seeing me
Without buying a ticket 27%

[Not without, 0.2%; = unless, 0.1%]

WITNESS

witness, n.

(1) (person)
Were there any witnesses of the accident?
You will be called as a witness 42%

(2) (evidence)
Bear witness 10%

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<td>witness, v.</td>
<td>Witness a document, a signature</td>
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<td>([= see; — rather journalistic]) [Many thousands witnessed the spectacle, 43%]</td>
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**WOMAN, n.**  
1562c

**WONDER**  
542c

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<td>(feeling of amazement)</td>
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<td>Filled with wonder</td>
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<td>Phrase:</td>
<td>No wonder he has taken so long!</td>
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<td>(2)</td>
<td>(marvellous thing or event)</td>
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<td>The Seven Wonders of the world</td>
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<td>Do wonders ; work wonders</td>
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<td>[Hear wonders of him, 2%]</td>
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<td>(feel amazed)</td>
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<td>I wonder at his generosity</td>
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<td>I wonder (that) he can afford to be so generous</td>
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<td>? [I should not wonder if he went bankrupt . . . , not to be wondered at, 2%]</td>
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<td>(ask oneself, doubt)</td>
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<td>I wonder if he is to be trusted</td>
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<td>Is he to be trusted, I wonder ?</td>
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**wonderful, adj.** 366e ; **wonderfully, adv.** 50e

**WOOD, n.**  
642e

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<td>(small forest)</td>
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<td>Walking among fields and woods</td>
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<td>Well wooded country</td>
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<td>(2)</td>
<td>(the substance, as fuel or raw material)</td>
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<td>Made of wood</td>
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<td>Put some wood on the fire</td>
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<td>Wood-cart, -carving, -cutter, etc.</td>
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WOOD, n. 224e (1a) (the raw or manufactured animal
substance)
A sheep's wool
Mending-wool 77%
(1b) (any substance similar in appearance)
Cotton wool
Wool-sorter, etc. (mostly technical) 15%
woollen, adj. and n., 62c ; (?) [woolly, adj., 6e]
work, n.

(1) (action, function, employment)
What's his work? What work does he do?
Hard work; part-time work

[Good works, 0.6%]

Phrases:
At work; in work; out of work
(2.0%)
Go to work
(0.6%)
Set to work; set him to work
(1.0%) 37.1%

[Scientific meaning, 0.2%]

(2) (the result of action)
Let us see your work

/・work

A frame-work, net-work, etc.
Earth-works

works, n.

Shakespeare's Works
Works of art

Special uses
(= factory)
The Ford Works; paint-works, etc.
(= machinery)
The works of a clock

work, v.

(1) (labor)
Work with one's hands
Work on the land, in a factory, for Mr. Jones

[Work miracles, 0.3%]

(2) (expend labor on)
Work a table-cloth with silk (= embroidery)
Work it (up) into a smooth paste
Work the soil
Easily worked stone (= soft)

(3) (cause to function)
Work a ship, a railway
He works his men hard
Phrase:
Work one's way

(4) (function)
I can't make this machine work
It has gone wrong; it doesn't work

573
work, v. (continued)  
? [(5) (go, move), Work round to: work slowly along the shelf of rock, 0.5%]
(6) (Work out = bring to a definite result)  
Work out one's own destiny  
Work out an idea  
Work out a sum  
It works out at exactly 1 lb. 3 oz. 2.0%  
[wrought; produced an effect, e.g., The misery which his action had wrought on the people, 1.8%; all worked up = excited, 0.1%]

working/s, n.  
Some changes in the working of the system, Act, business, etc.  
Mine-workings  
0.6%

working, adj.  
Working-day, -capital, etc.  
2.2%

workable, adj., 20e; unworkable, adj., 2e; worker, n., 602e; working-class, n., 22e; workman, n., 240e; workshop, n., 36e  
[workhouse, n. 12e, workmanship, n., 22e]

WORLD, n. 2688e  
(1a) (the society and activities of men)  
Bring, come into the world  
How's the world going?  
My position in the world  
Go out into the world  
Get on in the world  
This world; the next world (= heaven)  
19.0%

(1b) (a social section; a unit of living things)  
The literary world  
The animal world  
Phrase:  
Lives in a world of his own  
12.4%

(2) (the whole human race—hardly distinguishable from (1a))  
Died to save the world  
And the World said . . .  
All the world is against me  
World affairs; world government 16.0%
**WORLD, n.**

(continued)

(3) *(the globe, or a part of it)*
Round the world in 80 days
Other worlds (in the sky) than ours
The New World

world-/

World-famous, world-ruler, etc. 7.5%

*[intensive—Did him a world of good, 0.4%; nothing in the world would make me do it; not a penny in the world; how in the world!, 9.9%]*

world-wide, adj., 38e; ? [worldly, -liness, 26e]

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<td>(1) Earth-worm</td>
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<td>(2) <em>(maggot, parasite)</em></td>
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<td>Thread-worm; tape worm</td>
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<td>And the worms shall eat him</td>
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worm-/

Worm-eaten, etc. 6%

*[term of abuse, 6%; worm drive, 0.6%]*

**WORRY** 94e

worry, v.

(1) *(cause minor irritation to)*
Does the noise of my typewriter worry you? 19%

(2) *(cause anxiety)*
I'm very worried about my son's health 28%

(3) *(give way to anxiety)*
Don't worry! It'll be all right 23%

worrying, adj.

A worrying time 2%

worry, n.

A lot of worry 19%

*[Worry along, 2%; worry a bone, a prey, 0%]*

**WORSE** 378e

worse, adj.

Worse than Nero *(morally)*
This coat is worse than the last
To make matters worse 67%

575
worse, adj. (continued)  

Phrases:
- Worse and worse 2%
- Nobody seemed any (a penny) the worse 4%
- So much the worse (for you) 10.1%

worse, adv.  
- The more I tried, the worse I played 5%
- You might do worse than go into the Army 5%
- He’s behaving worse and worse, worse than before 2%

worse, n.  
- A change for the worse 57%
- [For better, for worse, 4%]

? [worsen, 2e]  

worst, adj.  
- The worst boy in the class 57%
- The worst meal I’ve ever eaten 57%
- The worst possible 2%

worst, adv.  
- The worst-governed country in the world 2%

worst, n.  
- Expect the worst, know the worst 6%
- Do your worst 1%
- The worst of it is that 2%
- If the worst comes to the worst 2%
- At the worst; at worst; at his worst 39%

WORSHIP  

worship, n.  
- Place of worship 56%

worship, v.  
- To worship God 20%

[The word was selected only for its use in religious teaching; c.f. Wicked]

WORST (see WORSE)
WORTH 694e
worth, adj.
(1) (of money value)
   Worth a lot of money ; worth six-pence
   What's it worth to you ? 40%
(2) (of comparative value)
   (Not) worth the trouble, labour, expense
   Worth looking at, studying, etc. 12%
   ? [Well-worth, 2%]
   [Run for all you're worth = as fast as you can, 0.3%]
worth, n.
   Of little worth
   His money's worth 30%

worthless, adj., 56e ; ? [worth-while, adj., 22e]

WOULD (see WILL)

WOUND 558e
wound, n.
   The wound will soon heal 51%
wound, v.
   (1) Wounded in the arm ; a wounded arm
   A wounded man ; the wounded 44%
   (2) (figurative)
       Your remarks have wounded me deeply
       Wounded pride (adj.) 5%

WRAP 102e
wrap, v.
   Wrap it (up) in paper
   Wrap yourself up warmly
   Wrap a cloth round it
   Wrapped in thought, sleep, etc.
   (fig.)
   A warm wrap 98%
wrap, n.

wrapper, n. 2e

PP 577
WRECK
wreck, n. 136e

(1) (of a ship or aeroplane)
There was a (ship-)wreck last night 19%
The wreck of a ship

(2) (figurative)
The wreck of one's hopes, home, fortune, etc. 22%
Phrase:
He is a physical (nervous) wreck 6%

wreck, v.

(1a) (of a ship or aeroplane)
The ship was wrecked on the rocks 16%
(1b) He was wrecked in the H.M.S. Loudon

(2) (figurative)
His hopes, chances were wrecked 34%
His career, health was wrecked

[wrackage, n., 16e; shipwreck, n., 40e]

WRIST, n. 50e
A wristwatch on my wrist

WRITE, v. 1548e

(1) (form letters, write words)
He writes very badly; his writing is very bad 21%
Had the trouble of writing it all out again

write out
Write down what I say
I'd like to have that in writing

write down
Write a poem, a book, music
All the writings of Milton (n.)

in writing
Write me a nice long letter
My son writes that he has been ill
My son writes every week

writing-

handwriting, n. 16e

WRONG
wrong, adj. 442e

(1a) (morally wrong)
It is wrong to steal (10%)

578
wrong, adj. (continued)

(1b) (improper, unsuitable)
The wrong clothes for this occasion
The wrong way to deal with the matter
What's wrong? What's wrong with this? Nothing is wrong with it

Phrases:
The wrong side of the road; wrong side of the question; wrong side out

(2a) (incorrect)
Wrong answer to the sum
Going the wrong way; in the wrong direction

(2b) (mistaken)
I confess I was wrong in thinking that

wrong, adv.

(1) (not according to morals)
You did wrong in taking the money

(2) (incorrectly)
You're doing it all wrong
You were told wrong

(3) (go wrong)
You're going wrong; turn to the left here
Jones has gone wrong; he's in prison
The clock has gone wrong

wrong, n.

(1) (= morally bad thing)
Know right from wrong

(2) (an injustice, an injury)
He did me a great wrong
The wrongs of the people

Phrase:
Put me in the wrong

wrong, v.

(do an injury or injustice to)
You wrong me in believing that story

wrong-doer, n., -doing, 10e; n., wrongly, adv., 16c
### YARD, n.

322e

**A.**

1. *(small enclosed space)*
   - The backyard of a house 17%
2. *(enclosed space used for some special purpose)*
   - Farm-yard; brick-yard; railway-yard
   - *measure*
   - Three feet make one yard
   - A square-yard
     - *(= ship's pole or bar, 3%)*

**B.**

YEAR, n.

6268e

1. *(measure of time)*
   - Worked there one full year
   - This time next year
   - The year 1948 A.D.
     - *(as a measure of age)*
   - A man in years, but a child in character
   - The best scholar of his year
     - *(= group of students)*
   - *(vague date or period)*
   - The years of Queen Victoria were glorious
   - In after years
   - Years later
   - Year after year; from year to year; [year in, year out]
   - New Year

yearly, adj. and adv., 38e; year-old, adj., 4e

### YELLOW

274e

**yellow, adj.**

- Butter is yellow 62%
- This yellow is too dark 25%
- *(mainly technical)*
  - Yellow-fever 9%

**yellow, n.**

yellow-/

yellowness, n.

4e
YES, adv., part.  670e

(1) (showing agreement)
   Do you agree? Yes. Oh, yes.
   Yes I do. Yes, but . . . Yes, and
   ...
(2) (showing consent)
   Call a taxi. Yes, sir...
   [for emphasis, Hit me—yes ME, his father!, 1.5%]

YESTERDAY, n. & adv.

YET, adv.  2496e

A.  (up till now)
   Has the painting been finished yet? No, not yet
   I have yet to discover why he did it
   The strangest thing yet  27%
   ? [As yet, 4%]
   [= still, While there is yet time, 4%;
      yet again, yet more, 3%]

yet, conj.  B.
   Although he didn't promise, yet I think he'll do it
   You promised faithfully, and yet you've done nothing  62%

YIELD  416e

yield, v.

(give way)
   The army yielded to the enemy
   Yielded to persuasion
   The bar yielded under a weight of 1,000 lbs.

yielding, adj.

Soft and yielding  42%
   [= produce, Yield a heavy crop, 38%;
      yield, n., A heavy yield, 20%]
   [Yield = produce may be excluded for the sake of clearness.]

YOU, pron.  12406e

your, pron., 3224e; yours, pron., 288e; yourself, pron., 288e

581
YOUNG, adj. 1338e  (1) Young people; young Mr. Jones 63%
The young 2%
(2) Young animals, plants 9%
A tiger with its young (n.) 2%
(3) (of development in contrast to years) 2%
Very young for his years; a young
face
A young head on old shoulders 3%
(?) [Phrase: In my young(er) days, 0.6%]
Young-looking, etc. 1%

? [younger, n. 102e]

youth, n. 598e  (1) (youthfulness)
If only I had my youth and
strength 16%
(2) (period of life)
In my youth I wrote poetry 27%
(3) (= young people)
A youth hostel; the youth move-
ment
The youth of today 25%
(4) (= a young man)
Wanted, a youth to deliver parcels 31%

youthful, adj. 68e

ZERO, n. 50e
SUPPLEMENTARY SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL VOCABULARY

By W. E. Flood and Michael West

This list of 425 words, taken together with the words of the main Carnegie list, constitutes a vocabulary capable of expressing all ordinary scientific and technical subjects within the limits of non-specialised study. It was devised for the purpose of expounding science to the non-academic reader.

Starting with a list of 1,450 defining words,† the writers proceeded to write a dictionary‡ explaining about 10,000 scientific and technical words as to a person without formal training in the subjects. Words were added to the starting vocabulary when their necessity became established. The whole defining vocabulary of the dictionary was about 2,000 words. The list here presented plus the Carnegie list is rather longer because the Carnegie list includes some words needed in other types of discourse but not in scientific and technical writing.

It will be noted that the list contains various types of words; these include:

1. Essential scientific words often needed, e.g., atom, electrolysis, protein, valve.
2. Scientific words of moderate necessity but unavoidable when required, e.g., condenser (electric), neutron, violet (not purple).
3. Key words which facilitate the explanations of groups of ideas, e.g., Daisy (a key word for features of the Compositae), Crank, Lever, Piston, etc. (for engineering practices), Yeast (for enzyme action).
4. Ordinary names which do not happen to be in the Carnegie list, e.g., ape, bee, jute, coconut.
5. "Dignity" words. These are words which could have been avoided if an absolute minimum vocabulary were required but were retained to avoid childishness and over-simplification (which might be mistrusted). They are also liable to creep in as errors of vocabulary-control. Examples of such words (with simpler alternatives) are: Consists of (is made of), Method (way), Similar (rather like, of much the same kind).

The list also includes "Wanted" words (marked *). These were not used in the dictionary experiment but were only avoided with difficulty. The compilers recommend that they should be included in a science vocabulary.

Words generally accepted as "international" are included in the list (e.g., beer, cigarette) but names of chemicals, minerals, plants and animals considered to be proper nouns are not listed.

† Bulletin No. 4 of the Ontario College of Education.
An attempt was made to grade the words by testing the vocabularies of senior children in English non-academic types of school. As a result it was decided that 69 of the words are highly scientific and therefore difficult. These are printed in CAPITALS. A further 144 words were considered to be semi-scientific. The words of both of these lists were explained in the dictionary.

The adequacy of the vocabulary has been tested by re-writing passages from popular scientific books.
celluloid
cement
CENTIGRADE (centimetre)
channel
charcoal
charge (electric)
cheek
chemistry, -ical
chew
chin*
china*
chisel
chocolate
cigarette
cinema
CIRCUIT (electric)
circumference
claw*
climate
coconut
coiff
coke
compass
COMPOUND (chemical)
compress
concentrated*
CONDENSER (electric)
CONDUCTOR (heat, electricity)
cone
consists of
contract, to
cord (string, spinal)
corresponds to*
crab
crane (machine)
crank
(cross-section)*
crystal
cube/ic
cylinder (shape, engine)
daisy
decimal
deepe
decorate
dense
deposit
design
develop (photography)
diagonal
diagram
diameter
digest
dilute*
DIRECT CURRENT (disinfectant)
dissolve
dose*
drain/age
dress (a wound)
drill (tool)
drug
dye
eevo
eclipse
ELECTRODE
ELECTROLYSIS
ELECTRON
ELEMENT (chemical)
emotion
energy
EQUATION
equator
equivalent*
(evaporate)
expand
extract

FAHRENHEIT
FERMENT, TO, A
fern
fertilize (seeds)
fertilizer (chemical)
fiere
FIELD (magnetic, electric)
file (tool), filings
filter*
fix
flax*
flax
focus
formula*
FOSSIL
fraction
FREQUENCY (of waves and friction [electric current])
frog
fuel*
fungus
funnel*
furnace
garment
gear (wheel)
generate/or (electricity, heat, gas)
ger* gl *
gland (of body) glaze
globe* glue
gourd
gramophone
gramme
grape
graph
gravity
groove
hymen
 heel
hen
(hereditary)
hinge
honey
horn
hydrocarbon
hydrogen
image
impulse
induce (electricity)
infectious, disinfectant
inflammation
inhere, hereditary
inject
insulator
intelligence, . . . — test
interval
ion
irritate
ivory
jelly
jet
jute
kidney
knit*
knob*
laboratory
lamb
larva
lathe
lavatory
layer
lemon
lens
lever
lick*
lily
lime
lined, lining
linen
liver
lizard
loon
loop
magic
magnet
magnify
maize
malaria
mammal*
manure
mass (scientific use)
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mathematics/ical
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(millimetre)
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sensation
sensitive/ory
septic, antiseptic
series
sex
sieve
similar
skeleton*
skull
slanting
slate
slit
smallpox
snail
soak
soda
soda-water
sole (foot, shoe)*
SOLUBLE, SOLUTION
soot
source
spark
spear
SPECTRUM
spider
spine, spinal cord
spiral
spoke (of wheel)
sponge/y
SPORE
spray, to*
squared, square root
starch
stern (ship)*
STIMULUS*
STORAGE BATTERY
structure*
submarine
surgery/ical
switch
tank (war)*
tap (instrument)
tar
telescope
television
temporary*
thermometer
theory
-tight (air-tight, etc.)
tile
tip (end)
TISSUES (of living body)
toad
torch (electric)
transparent
triangle
truck*
trumpet
tuft
tunnel*
tyre
urine
vacuum
VALVE (machine, radio)
vapour, evaporate
varnish
vary
vegetable
vein
vibrate
vinegar
violet (colour)
vitamin
volcano
VOLT
volume (= bulk)
vomit
wedge
whale
wrinkle
X-rays
yeast
yolk