

alphabet

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg
Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn
Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu
Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz

vowels

Aa Ee Ii Oo Uu Yy [sometimes]

capitalized, proper nouns

- names of cities [New York]
- nationalities [American]
- names of geographic locations [Rocky Mountains]
- names of bodies of water [Mississippi River]
- names of people [Michael Jordan]
- days of the week [Wednesday]
- months of the year [April]
- usually, but not always, brand names [Google]

not capitalized, common nouns

- city
- nationality
- mountain
- river
- basketball player
- day
- month
- season

numbers

one	1	sixteen	16	one hundred and one	101
two	2	seventeen	17	two hundred	200
three	3	eighteen	18	four hundred, thirty-one	431
four	4	nineteen	19	one thousand	1000
five	5	twenty	20	six thousand and one	6001
six	6	twenty-one	21	ten thousand	10,000
seven	7	twenty-two	22	two hundred	200
eight	8	thirty	30	four hundred, thirty-one	431
nine	9	forty	40	one thousand	1000
ten	10	fifty	50	six thousand and one	6001
eleven	11	sixty	60	ten thousand and three	10,003
twelve	12	seventy	70	forty thousand, nine hundred	40,900
thirteen	13	eighty	80	one million	1,000,000
fourteen	14	ninety	90	two million, six hundred thousand and thirty-two	2,600,032
fifteen	15	one hundred	100		

*It is important to distinguish between numbers that sound similar such as:

three	3	four	4	five	5	six	6
thirteen	13	fourteen	14	fifteen	15	sixteen	16
thirty	30	forty	40	fifty	50	sixty	60
seven	7	eight	8	nine	9		
seventeen	17	eighteen	18	nineteen	19		
seventy	70	eighty	80	ninety	90		

time**times of day**

- 12:00am = twelve o'clock am, midnight
- 6:00am = six o'clock am
- approximately 6:00am = sunup = sunrise = dawn
- 9:00am = nine o'clock am
- 9:15am = *a quarter past* nine o'clock am
- 9:30am = *half past* nine o'clock am
- 9:45am = *a quarter to* ten o'clock am = *fifteen to* ten o'clock am
- approximately 10:00am to 11:00am = mid-morning
- 12:00pm = twelve o'clock pm = noon = mid-day
- approximately 1:00pm to 5:00pm = afternoon
- 5:00pm = five o'clock pm = evening
- approximately 5:00pm = sundown = sunset = dusk = evening
- approximately 7:00pm = night = full dark

days of the week

- weekdays = Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
- weekend = Saturday, Sunday

seasons of the year

- winter = middle of December to the middle of March
- spring = middle of March to the middle of June
- summer = middle of June to the middle of September
- fall, autumn = middle of September to the middle of December

years

- 1600 = sixteen hundred
- 1622 = sixteen, twenty-two
- 1600 to 1699 = sixteen hundreds
- 1900 = nineteen hundred
- 1901 = nineteen, oh, one
- 1923 = nineteen, twenty-three
- 1950 = nineteen, fifty
- 1900 to 1999 = nineteen hundreds
- 2000 = two thousand

- 2001 = two thousand, one = twenty, oh, one
- 2015 = two thousand, fifteen = twenty, fifteen
- 2020 = two thousand, twenty = twenty, twenty
- 2035 = two thousand, thirty = twenty, thirty-five
- 2000 to 2999 = two thousands

dates

December 1, 2026 = December first, twenty, twenty-six

April 4, 1987 = April fourth, nineteen, eighty-seven

weather



sun = noun

sunny = adjective

Example: The sun is bright today.



cloud = noun

cloudy = adjective

Example: Look at that cloud in the sky.



rain = noun

rainy = adjective

Example: It's so rainy outside.



snow = noun

snowy = adjective

Example: It's very snowy in January.



wind = noun

windy = adjective

Example: It's really windy in Chicago!



storm = noun

stormy = adjective

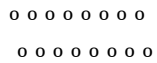
Example: The weather is stormy.



thunder = sound of a storm

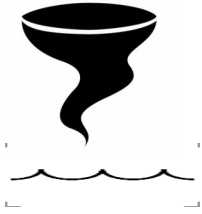
lightening = electrical flash during a storm

Example: I heard the sound of thunder and saw flashes of lightening last night.



hail

Example: The hail in Texas causes a lot of damage.



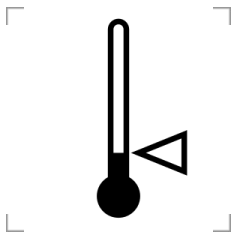
hurricane

Example: The hurricane blew in from the Gulf of Mexico.



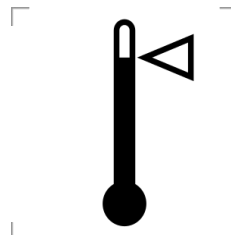
tornado

Example: We sometimes call tornadoes, twisters.



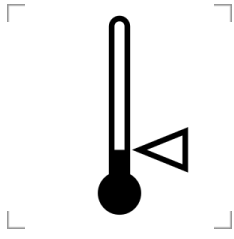
cold

Example: I'm so cold today.

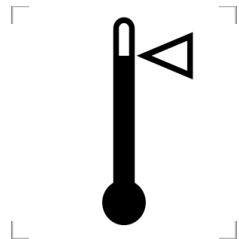


hot

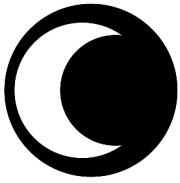
Example: She's so hot, she needs a drink of water.



temperature



Example: The temperature varies based upon region.



moon =

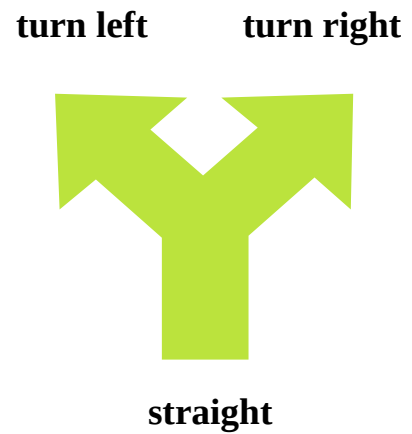
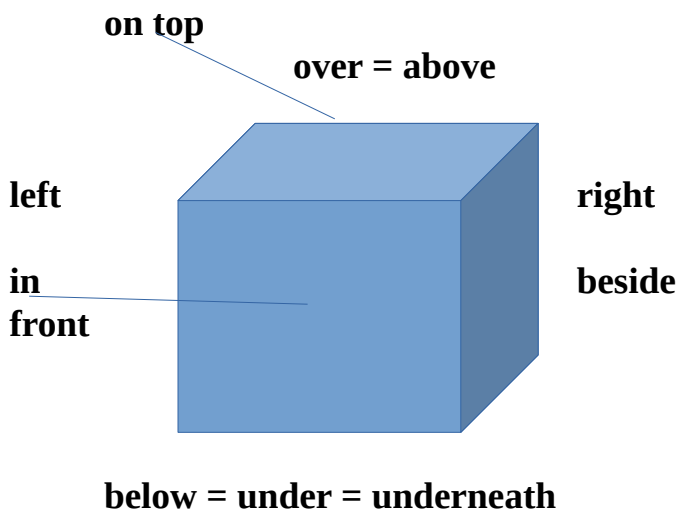
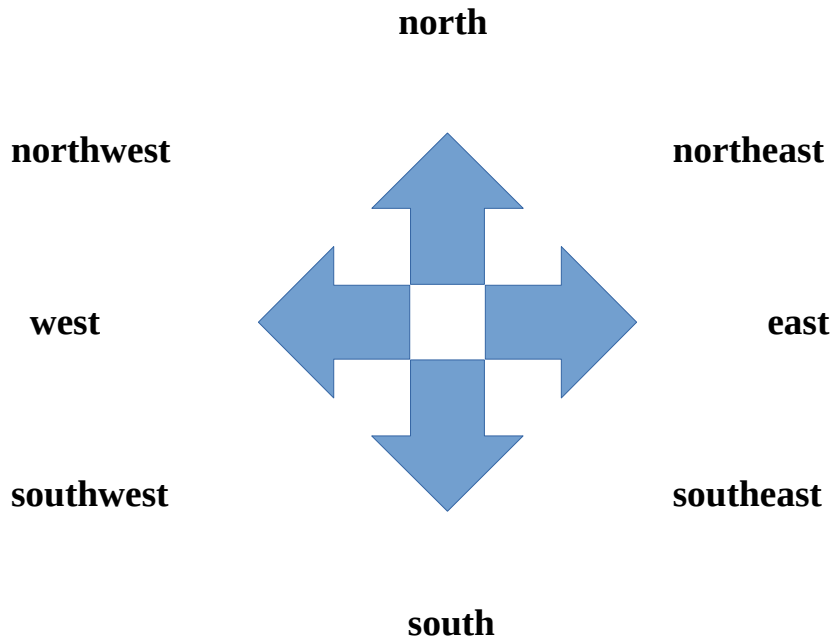
Example: The moon affects the tides.



star =

Example: The sky is so clear that we can see stars.

directions



weights and measures

The United States commonly uses:

length

- inch
- foot
- yard
- mile

weight

- ounce
- pound
- ton

area

- square inch [area]
- square foot [area]
- square yard
- square mile
- acre

temperature

- Fahrenheit

volume

- cubic inch
- cubic foot
- cubic yard
- acre-foot

liquid volume

- teaspoon
- tablespoon
- cup
- pint
- quart
- gallon
- barrel

money

penny = one cent = .01



nickel = five cents = .05



dime = ten cents = .10



quarter = twenty-five cents = .25



dollar = one hundred cents = 1.00

five dollars = 5.00

ten dollars = 10.00

twenty dollars = 20.00



\$ = dollar symbol

USD = United States dollar

\$5.83 = 5.83 USD = five dollars and eighty-three cents

\$16.99 = 16.99 USD = sixteen dollars and ninety-nine cents

\$51.27 = 51.27 USD = fifty-one dollars and twenty-seven cents

\$142.12 = 142.12 USD = one hundred, forty-two dollars and twelve cents

\$556.01 = 556.01 USD = five hundred, fifty-six dollars and one cent

personal pronouns**first person**

I
me
my
mine
(to) myself

first person plural

we
us
ours
ours
(to) ourselves

second person

you
you
yours
yours
(to) yourself

second person plural

you all
you all
all of yours
all of yours
(to) yourselves

third person

he, she, it
him, her, it
his, hers, its
his, hers, its
(to) himself, herself, itself

third person plural

they
them
theirs
theirs
(to) themselves

“to be” verb

“to be” = state of existence, presence, or being

past

I was	example: I was here a minute ago.
you were	example: You were there an hour ago.
he was	example: Yesterday, he was second in line.
she was	example: She was second in line the day before yesterday.
it was	example: Last night, it was under the table last night.
we were	example: We were fine last week.
they were	example: They were in school last year.

present

I am	example: I am here today.
you are	example: Right now, you are there.
he is =	example: He is second in line at the moment.
she is =	example: She is second in line at this time.
it is =	example: It is under the table now.
we are	example: At the present, we are fine.
they are	example: They are presently [currently] in school.

future

I will be	example: In the future, I will be there.
you will be	example: Tomorrow, you will be late.
he will be	example: He will be twelve-years-old this Sunday.
she will be	example: She will be cooking this weekend.
it will be	example: Next weekend, I think it will be raining.
we will be	example: We will be at the park next Friday.
they will be	example: They will be fine next week.

past, present, future**words that indicate the past**

- in the past
- a minute ago
- two minutes ago
- an hour ago
- two hours ago
- yesterday
- day before yesterday
- last night
- last week
- last month
- last year

words that indicate the present

- today
- now
- right now
- at this moment
- at the present
- at this time
- presently

words that indicate the future

- in the future
- a minute from now
- an hour from now
- tomorrow
- this Sunday
- this weekend
- next Friday
- next week

question words

who = refers to a person, people

example: **Who** is he?

what = refers to an object

example: **What** was it?

where = refers to place

example: **Where** is the school?

when = refers to time

example: **When** is breakfast?

why = refers to reason

example: **Why** is the sky blue?

how = refers to method

example: **How** did you arrive?

whose = refers to possession

example: **Whose** chair is this?

which = refers to choice

example: **Which** flavor do you prefer?

whom = refers to action towards a person

example: To **whom** will you be giving it?

colors and descriptions

colors

red



pink



orange



black



gray



brown



violet



purple



lavender



blue



turquoise



green



tan



yellow



white



some descriptions

tall

short

slim, slender, skinny

fat

poor

rich, wealthy

mean, cruel

nice, pleasant, kind

comfortable

uncomfortable

stupid

smart, intelligent

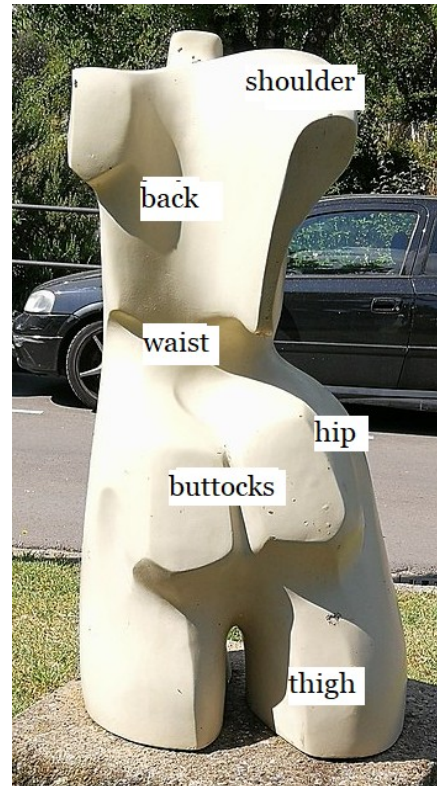
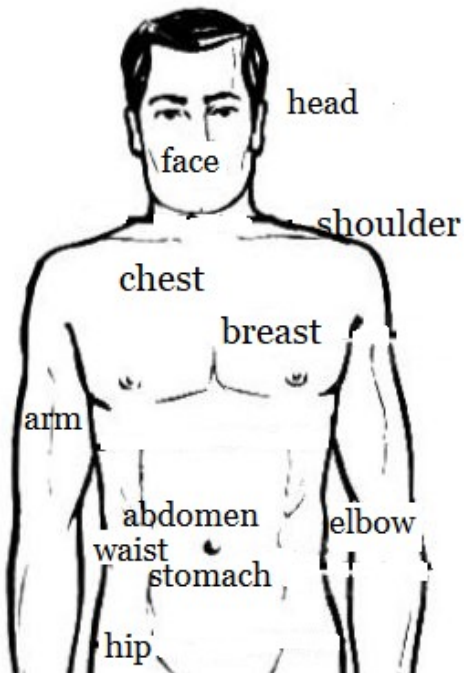
bright

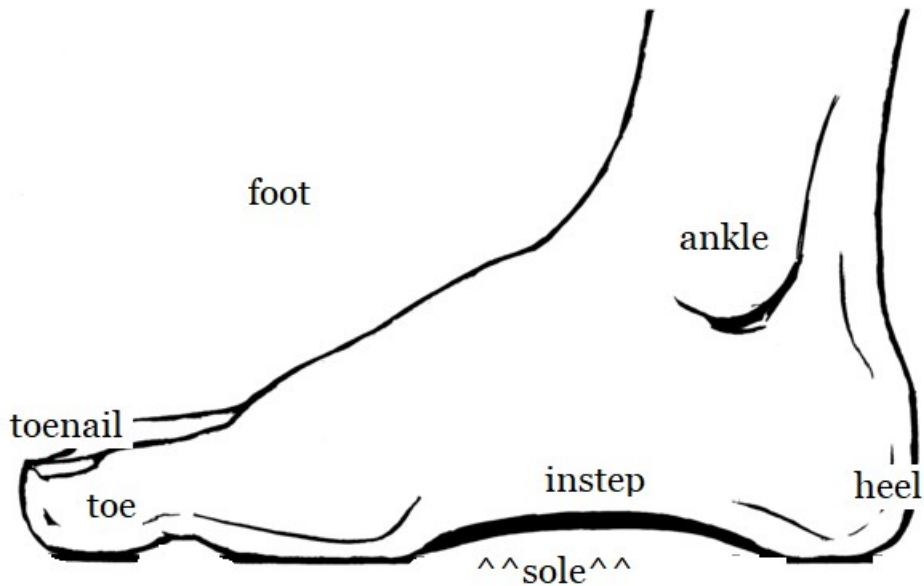
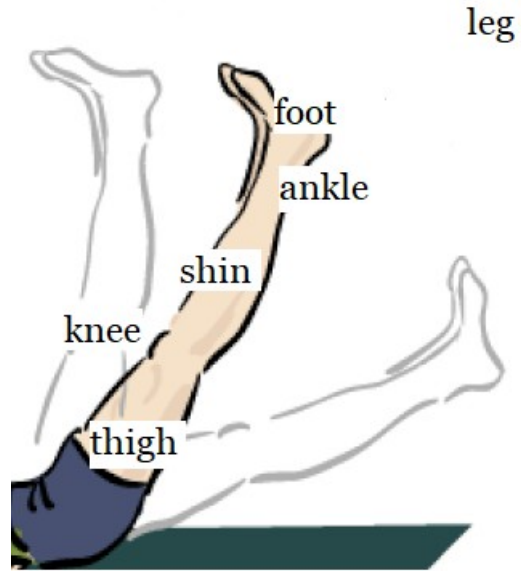
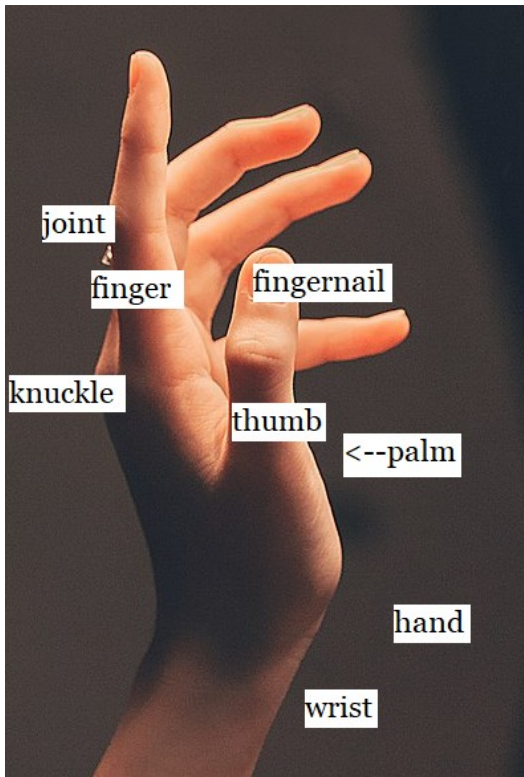
dull

example: The yellow sun is bright in the blue sky.

example: The skinny man is poor, but also very kind.

parts of the body





people in your family**ancestor**

example: My ancestor was born in Alabama.

great-grandparent

example: My great-grandparents worked as domestics.

great-grandmother

example: My great-grandmother is from Mississippi.

great-grandfather

example: My great-grandfather owned horses.

great-aunt

example: My great-aunt was wealthy.

great-uncle

example: My great uncle was famous.

grandmother

example: My grandmother is the mother of my father.

grandfather

example: My grandfather is the father of my father.

mother

example: His mother is married to his father.

father

example: His father is married to his mother.

sister

example: Their sister is a teenager.

brother

example: Her brother is Kevin.

aunt

example: Our aunt is the sister of our father.

uncle

example: Our uncle is the brother of our mother.

cousin

example: My cousin is the child of my aunt.

niece

example: I am my uncle's niece.

nephew

example: I am my aunt's nephew.

son

example: The son is the child of his parents.

daughter

example: The daughter is the child of her parents.

grandson

example: Their grandson likes pizza.

granddaughter

example: Their granddaughter will visit on Friday.

great-niece

example: Her great-niece is at the university.

great-nephew

example: Her great-nephew is still in high school.

bonus example: My grandfather and grandmother are old and wealthy.

in your house

front yard	green space in front of the house
back yard	green space in back of the house
patio	balcony that sits on the ground
garage	used to store vehicles, equipment, tools, supplies
living room	where friends, family guests gather to sit
dining room	where people sit to eat
kitchen	where food is stored and cooked
laundry room	where clothes are washed
basement	under the main living area used for storage
hallway	space that connects rooms of a house
closet	stores clothes, shoes, boots, coats, umbrellas
bedroom	where people sleep
bathroom	where people bathe, take showers, perform hygiene
nursery	where infants and small children sleep
attic	the space under the roof used for storage
roof	the topmost covering of the house
balcony	elevated patio

in your neighborhood or city

house	building where people live
sidewalk	where people walk
street, road	where vehicles drive
fire hydrant	water used to put out fires
tree	provides shade
garden	where plants grow
store	where people buy food and household supplies
school	where people obtain education
bank	where people conduct financial transactions
library	where books are stored
museum	where objects are stored and arranged for viewing
church	where people engage in religious practices
college/university	where people obtain higher education
mall	commercial center specifically for consumerism
police station	where police gather
firehouse	where firefighters gather
city hall	where city government conducts business

in a restaurant**menu** list of items offered**table** holds items**chair** holds people sitting at table**cutlery** instruments used to eat food**knife** cuts food**spoon** scoops food**fork** spears food**napkins** paper or cloth used to wipe**cup** holds beverage**saucer** holds cup**plate** holds food**bowl** holds liquid food**tablecloth** protects table**waitstaff** carries items to customer**chef** directs kitchen staff**cook** staffs kitchen, directed by chef**bus person** clears items from table**coffee** beverage from beans**tea** beverage from leaves, spices**juice** beverage made from fruit**water** melted ice**ice** frozen water**sugar** spice provides sweet flavor**salt** spice enhances flavor**milk** lightens coffee and tea**cream** heavier than milk**salad** uncooked mixture of vegetables**bread** side accompaniment to meal**butter** spread used to flavor bread**pepper spice** provides piquant flavor**meat** food made from animal flesh**dessert** sweet accompaniment to meal**check** bill issued for payment of meal**reservation** holds table for customer

buying clothes**clothing store** location to purchase clothing**mall** large commercial center with many stores**mom-and-pop store** family-owned business**shoes** protects feet from mild exposure**socks** protect the feet inside shoes**boots** protect feet from harsh exposure**sandals** shoes with open access to air**tennis shoes** used to play sports**high heels** shoes with elevated heel**slacks, pants** cover each individual leg**skirt** covers legs together**dress** long covering, usually worn by women**belt** used to hold pants up**shirt** covers the upper body**blouse** covers the upper body**t-shirt** informal knit shirt**sweater** thick knit covering for upper body**hat** protects head from exposure**scarf** protects head, neck, shoulders**jewelry** objects to decorate body**watch** timekeeper worn on wrist**ring** jewelry, usually worn on fingers**earring** jewelry worn on ears**necklace** jewelry worn around neck**bracelet** jewelry worn on wrist**gloves** protects fingers and hands**coat** protects body from exposure**sunglasses** protects eyes from sun**purse** bag that holds personal objects**wallet** small bag that holds money**backpack** large bag worn on back**jacket** protects torso from exposure**suit** matching top and bottom**tights** coverings for individual legs

technology

wifi	provides internet access
desktop computer	sits on top of desk
laptop computer	sits on lap, mobile
notebook smaller	than a laptop, mobile
headphones	provides sound
earbuds	smaller than headphones
touchpad	allows fingers to manipulate data on a computer
mouse	touchpad separate from computer
keyboard	where data and commands are typed
charge cord	provides electricity to a battery
online	electronic information on world wide web
website	individual place on world wide web
search engine	used to seek information online
social media	online place to share information
email	electronic service to send messages
artificial intelligence	computer systems that perform human tasks
cell phone	wireless phone
word processing	a program used to type documents on computer

at school

school	building where students gather
school bus	brings students to school building
principal	administrator of school
teacher	educator of school
substitute teacher	takes place of unavailable teacher at school
hallway	connects classrooms and offices of a school
locker	container where students store belongings
poster	large-sized paper on wall
cafeteria	where students gather to eat meals
drinking fountain	provides water
bathroom	where hygiene is performed
class room	where students gather to learn
desk	table used by students, teachers, administrators to work
book	used for reading
bookshelf	used to hold books
pen	ink-based tool used for writing or drawing
pencil	lead-based tool used for writing or drawing
pencil sharpener	used to expose more lead for writing or drawing

at work

work shift	the time used by a worker to perform tasks
break	a period of time for workers to rest
breakroom	a place where workers gather to rest
owner	person who possesses or holds a business as proprietor
boss	person who supervises operations of a business
manager	person who supervises a specific department of a business
supervisor	person who provides direct leadership to workers
employee	person who works for a business
staff	group of employees
building	place where people and/or businesses gather
elevator	machine that moves people up and down a building
security	person who provides a safe environment at a location
secretary	person who performs administrative tasks at a business
janitor	person who cleans a building
lobby	front entrance of a building
report	document created by or for a business
deadline	a time set to finish tasks
meeting	gathering of people with mutual interests

timesheet	a record of work shifts
conference	large gathering of people with mutual interests
paycheck	monetary reward for performance of work

travel around the world

train	group of cars that follow a track
plane	flies passengers and/or cargo in the air
automobile	vehicle that drives on roads
truck	vehicle that drives on roads with space for cargo
boat	small vehicle that drives or floats on water
yacht	large vehicle that drives on water with passengers
ship	large vehicle that drives on water with passengers or cargo
ocean liner	large vehicle that drives in deep water with passengers or cargo
submarine	vehicle that drives underwater
airport	where passengers board airplanes
dock/port	where passengers board water craft
seat	where passengers sit
reservation	used to hold a seat for passenger
bicycle	two-wheeled vehicle driven by pedals
motorcycle	two-wheeled vehicle driven by engine
traffic	gathering of vehicle driving in multiple directions
signal	signs or lights used to guide traffic
road	where vehicles drive on land

street	similar to a road, but with more infrastructure installed
freeway	larger than a street, within a city
highway	larger than a freeway, connects cities
interstate	larger than a highway, connects states
bridge	allows traffic to cross over other traffic
ticket	proof of purchase for a service
fare	money required to buy a ticket
map	shows locations of destinations