

► **split** *noun* [C] **1** a division in a group: *Disagreement about European policy led to a split within the Conservative party.* انشقاق

**2** a long cut or hole in sth شق، صدع

**split 'second** *noun* [C] a very short period of time: *It only took me a split second to decide.* برهة وجيزة

**splutter** /'splʌtə(r)/ *verb* **1** [I,T] to speak with difficulty e.g. because you are very angry or excited: *'How dare you!' she spluttered indignantly.* يججم، يتكلم بصعوبة

**2** [I] to make a series of sounds like a person spitting or coughing: *He fell into the pool and came up coughing and spluttering.* يتف

► **splutter** *noun* [C] جمجمة، "تفتنة"

‡ **spoil** /spɔɪl/ *verb* (pt) (pp) **spoil** /spɔɪlt/ or **spoiled** /spɔɪld/) **1** [T] to make sth useless or unsuccessful, or not as good as before: *The new office block will spoil the view.* ○ *Our holiday was spoiled by bad weather.* ○ *Eating between meals will spoil your appetite.* يفسد

**2** [T] to do too much for sb, especially a child, so that you have a bad effect on his/her character; *a spoiled child* يفرط في التدايل، يفسد

**3** [T] to treat sb/yourself very well for a certain period of time in order to make this person/yourself happy: *Why not spoil yourself with one of our new range of beauty products?* (= in an advertisement) يدلل

► **spoils** *noun* [plural] things that have been stolen, or taken in a war or battle غنيمة، سلب

**spoilsport** /'spɔɪlspɔ:t/ *noun* [C] a person who tries to stop other people enjoying themselves من يفسد أو يعكر بهجة الآخرين

**spoke**<sup>1</sup> /spəʊk/ *noun* [C] one of the thin pieces of metal that connect the centre of a wheel (the hub) to the outside edge (the rim) شعاع الدولاب، برّوق، "سيخ"

**spoke**<sup>2</sup> *pt* of SPEAK

‡ **spoken** *pp* of SPEAK

**spokesman** /'spəʊksmən/ *noun* [C] (pl. **spokesmen** /-mən/) a person who is chosen to speak for a group or organization متحدث (رسمي)، ناطق بلسان

A woman is called a **spokeswoman**. **Spokesperson** is now often preferred because it can be used for a man or a woman.

**sponge** /spʌndʒ/ *noun* [C,U] **1** a piece of rubber or plastic (or of a natural substance also called 'sponge'). Sponges have many small holes, soak up water and are used for cleaning things or for washing yourself. اسفنجة

**2** [C,U] = SPONGE CAKE

► **sponge** *verb* [T] to clean sth with a wet sponge or cloth يمسح أو ينظف باسفنجة

**PHRV** **sponge on/off sb** (informal) to get money, food, etc. from sb without doing or giving anything in return: *It's about time you stopped sponging off your parents!* يتطفل على، يستدر منه مالا وغيره

**'sponge bag** *noun* [C] (Brit) a bag in which you put soap, toothpaste, etc. when you are travelling حقيبة صغيرة لمستلزمات الحمام

**'sponge cake** (also **sponge**) *noun [C,U] a light cake made with eggs, flour and sugar, and sometimes fat الكعكة الاسفنجية*

**sponsor** /'spɒnsə(r)/ *noun* [C] **1** a person or an organization that helps to pay for a special sports event, etc. (usually so that it can advertise its products) راع لبرنامج أو حدث رياضي وما إليهما

**2** a person who agrees to pay money to a charity if sb else completes a particular activity: *I need sponsors for a bike ride to Brighton in aid of Cancer Research.* متكفل مالياً

► **sponsor** *verb* [T] to be a sponsor (1,2) for sb/sth: *A large insurance company is sponsoring the next football tournament.* ○ *a sponsored walk to raise money for children in need* يرعى: يتكفل مالياً

In Britain, it is common to try to raise money for charity by taking part in a **sponsored walk, swim, run**, etc. People ask their friends, family and colleagues to give them a certain amount of money, e.g. 50 pence for each mile that they do and the money is collected afterwards and given to the charity: *Will you sponsor me for a charity swim I'm doing?*

**sponsorship** *noun* [U]: *Many theatres depend on industry for sponsorship.* رعاية: تكفل مالي

**spontaneous** /spɒn'teɪniəs/ *adj* done or happening naturally; not planned: *a spontaneous burst of applause* عفوي، تلقائي

► **spontaneously** *adv* عفوياً، تلقائياً

**spontaneity** /,spɒn'teɪniəti/ *noun* [U] عفوية

**spooky** /'spu:ki/ *adj* (**spookier**; **spookiest**) (informal) frightening: *It's spooky being in the house alone at night.* مرعب، مفرع

**spool** /spu:l/ *noun* [C] a round object which thread, film, wire, etc. are wound around when you buy them ↻ Look at **reel**<sup>1</sup>. بكرة، ملف، "كرارية"

‡ **spoon** /spu:n/ *noun* [C] **1** an object with a round end and a long handle that you use for eating, stirring or serving food: *Give each person a knife, fork and spoon.* ○ *a wooden spoon for cooking* ملعقة

**2** (also **'spoonful**) the amount that one spoon can hold: *Add two spoonfuls of sugar.* ملء ملعقة

► **spoon** *verb* [T] to lift or serve sth with a spoon يرغف أو يسكب بالملقعة

**sporadic** /spə'rædɪk/ *adj* not done or happening regularly: *There has been sporadic gunfire during the night.* متفرق، متقطع

► **sporadically** /-kli/ *adv* بين آن وآخر

‡ **sport** /spɔ:t/ *noun* **1** [U] a physical game or activity that you do for exercise or because you enjoy it: *John did a lot of sport when he was at school.* ○ *amateur/professional sport* ○ *And now with the news, sport and weather here's Mark Foster* (= on the radio or on television). رياضة

**2** [C] a particular game or type of sport: *Which sports do you like playing?* ○ *the sports page of a*