

prove verb (proves, proving, proved)

To prove that something is true means to show that it is definitely true. ▶ *These footprints prove that someone has been in the garden.*

proverb noun (PLURAL proverbs)

a short, well-known saying which gives you advice about something

provide verb (provides, providing, provided)

If you provide something for people, you give it to them. ▶ *The school provides us with books and pencils.*

prowl verb (prowls, prowling, prowled)

To prowl means to walk around very quietly and secretly.

prune noun (PLURAL prunes)

a dried plum

pry verb (pries, prying, pried)

If you pry, you try to find out about something that has nothing to do with you. ▶ *You shouldn't pry into other people's business.*

public adjective

Something that is public can be used by everyone. ▶ *Is there a public swimming pool in your town?*

publish verb (publishes, publishing, published)

To publish a book means to print it and sell it.

pudding noun (PLURAL puddings)

any sweet food which you eat after the main part of a meal ▶ *What are we having for pudding?*

puddle noun (PLURAL puddles)

a small pool of water

puff verb (puffs, puffing, puffed)

- 1 When a train puffs, it blows out smoke as it goes along.
- 2 If you are puffing, you are out of breath because you have been running.

puffin noun (PLURAL puffins)

a bird that lives near the sea and has a large orange and blue beak

pull verb (pulls, pulling, pulled)

When you pull something, you get hold of it and move it towards you.

pullover noun (PLURAL pullovers)

a jumper

pulse noun

Your pulse is the regular pumping of blood round your body. You can feel your pulse in your neck or wrist.

pump noun (PLURAL pumps)

a machine that pushes air or water into something or out of something ▶ *You use a bicycle pump to put air into tyres.*

pump verb (pumps, pumping, pumped)

When you pump water or air, you force it into something or out of something. ▶ *The firemen pumped all the water out of the flooded house.*

pumpkin noun (PLURAL pumpkins)

a very large, round orange vegetable

**punch** verb (punches, punching, punched)

If you punch someone, you hit them with your fist.

punctual adjective

If you are punctual, you arrive exactly on time.

punctuation noun

all the marks such as commas and full stops that you put into a piece of writing to make it easier to read

puncture noun (PLURAL punctures)

a small hole in a tyre

punish verb (punishes, punishing, punished)

To punish someone means to make them suffer because they have done something wrong. ▶ *The teacher punished us by keeping us inside at lunch time.*

- ④ A punishment is something nasty that happens to you when you have done something wrong.

pupil noun (PLURAL pupils)

- 1 A pupil is a child who goes to school. ▶ *This school has 500 pupils.*
- 2 Your pupils are the black circles in the middle of your eyes.

puppet noun (PLURAL puppets)

a small doll that you can move by pulling on strings, or by putting it over your hand like a glove and then moving your hand

puppy noun (PLURAL puppies)

a young dog

pure adjective (purer, purest)

Something that is pure is one thing only, with nothing else mixed in. ▶ *She was wearing a necklace made of pure gold.*

purple adjective

Something that is purple is the colour that you make by mixing red and blue together.

purpose noun (PLURAL purposes)

The purpose of something is the reason why you are doing it.

- on purpose

If you do something on purpose, you do it deliberately. ▶ *I didn't bump into you on purpose.*

purrr verb (purrs, purring, purred)

When a cat purrs, it makes a low, rumbling sound because it is happy.

purse noun (PLURAL purses)

a small bag that you carry money in

push verb (pushes, pushing, pushed)

When you push something, you use your hands to move it away from you.

put verb (puts, putting, put)

- 1 When you put something in a place, you move it so that it is there. ▶ *Please put the book back on the shelf.*
- 2 If you put something off, you decide to do it later instead of now.

puzzle noun (PLURAL puzzles)

- 1 a game in which you have to do something difficult or find the answer to a difficult question
- 2 If something is a puzzle, no one can explain it or understand it. ▶ *The disappearance of the jewels is still a puzzle.*

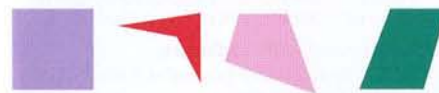
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quack verb (quacks, quacking, quacked)

When a duck quacks, it makes a loud sound.

quadrilateral noun (PLURAL quadrilaterals)

any shape that has four straight sides. A square is a type of quadrilateral.

**quake** verb (quakes, quaking, quaked)

When you quake, you shake because you are very frightened.

qualify verb (qualifies, qualifying, qualified)

- 1 When you qualify, you pass a test or exam so that you are allowed to do a job. ▶ *My mum has just qualified as a doctor.*
- 2 When you qualify in a competition, you get enough points to go on to the next part of the competition. ▶ *England managed to qualify for the World Cup.*

quality noun (PLURAL qualities)

The quality of something is how good or bad it is. ▶ *You need good quality paper for model-making.*

quantity noun (PLURAL quantities)

A quantity is an amount. ▶ *We measured the quantity of water in the jug.*

puzzle verb (puzzles, puzzling, puzzled)

If something puzzles you, it seems strange and you do not understand it.

pyjamas noun

loose trousers and a top that you wear in bed

pyramid noun (PLURAL pyramids)

a large stone building that was made by the ancient Egyptians to bury a dead king or queen

python noun (PLURAL pythons)

a large snake that kills animals by wrapping its body around them and crushing them

**quarrel** verb (quarrels, quarrelling, quarrelled)

When people quarrel, they argue with each other in an angry way.

quarry noun (PLURAL quarries)

a place where people cut stone out of the ground so that it can be used for building

quarter noun (PLURAL quarters)

One quarter of something is one of four equal parts that the thing is divided into. It can also be written as $\frac{1}{4}$.

quay noun (PLURAL quays) (sounds like key)

a place where ships can be loaded and unloaded

queen noun (PLURAL queens)

a woman who rules a country. A woman becomes queen because she is born into a royal family, or because she marries a king.

queer adjective (queerer, queerest)

Something that is queer is very strange.

quench verb (quenches, quenching, quenched)

When you quench your thirst, you drink something so that you do not feel thirsty any more.

query noun (PLURAL queries)

a question

quest noun (PLURAL quests)

a long journey in which you are searching for something