

Jolly Dictionary



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Aa

achieve /əˈtʃiːv/

To be successful in doing something **VERB**

• **achievement** /əˈtʃiːvmənt/ **NOUN**

acid¹ /əˈsɪd/

A type of chemical that can burn **NOUN**

acid² /əˈsɪd/

Sour or bitter-tasting, like lemons

ADJECTIVE

acorn /əˈkɔːn/

A small nut that grows on oak trees

NOUN



acre /ˈeɪcər/

A measurement of land **NOUN**

acrobat /əˈkrəbət/

An entertainer who performs difficult jumps or balancing tricks, usually in the circus **NOUN**



• **acrobatic** /əˈkrəbətɪk/ **ADJECTIVE**

across /əˈkrɒs/

1. From one side of something to the other *Do you think you'll be able to swim across?* 2. On the opposite side of something *My aunt lives across the street.*

ADVERB, PREPOSITION

act¹ /ækt/

1. An action *What a generous act!*

2. One of the parts that a play is divided into *I really enjoyed Act Three.* **NOUN**

act² /ækt/

1. To do something or behave in a special way *He was acting strangely.*

2. To play a part in a film or play **VERB**

action /ˈæʃən/

1. Something that is done *His actions were very brave.* 2. Something happening, especially in a story *I liked the book, it had lots of exciting action.* 3. A strong or clear movement *The actions to this song are easy to learn.* **NOUN**

active /ˈæktɪv/

Always doing lots of things **ADJECTIVE**

I've had a very active day.

activity /ˈæktɪvəteɪ/

1. Something you spend your time doing *Inky organized lots of interesting activities for Bee and Snake.* 2. Being busy doing lots of things **NOUN**

actor /ˈæktər/

Someone who plays a part in a play or film **NOUN**



actress /ˈæktres/

A woman playing a part in a play or film **NOUN**

Ff



fabulous /fabyələs/

Wonderful **ADJECTIVE**

Bee is a fabulous flyer.

face¹ /feɪs/

The front part of your head **NOUN**

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face² /feɪs/

1. To look or be looking in the direction of someone or something *Turn and face the front.* 2. To deal with something bad *You must face this problem.* **VERB**

• **facing** /feɪsɪŋ/ Opposite **PREPOSITION**

fact /fækt/

Something that is true, or that really happened **NOUN**

factory /fæktəri/

A big place where people make things **NOUN**



fade /feɪd/

1. To gradually lose colour and become less bright *Look how my jeans have faded!* 2. To gradually disappear **VERB**

fail /feɪl/

1. To try and do something but not be able to 2. To not do something that you should *Zack failed to tell his teacher that he would be late.* 3. To not happen *The letter failed to arrive.* 4. To not pass an exam **VERB**

• **failure** /feɪljər/ **NOUN**

faint¹ /faɪnt/

To feel very weak suddenly and not know what is happening around you because you cannot see or hear for a short time **VERB**

faint² /faɪnt/

Not very clear **ADJECTIVE**

fair¹ /feə/

1. Light in colour 2. Treating all people the same *Everyone was given a fair share of cake.* **ADJECTIVE**

• **fairly** /feəli/ **ADVERB**

fair² /feə/

1. An outside event with games and machines to ride on 2. An exhibition where people show things from different companies or countries *We're going to a book fair.* **NOUN**

fairy /feəri/

A small person in stories with wings and magical powers **NOUN**



faith /faɪθ/

A strong feeling of belief in something or someone **NOUN**

• **faithful** /faɪθfəl/ **ADJECTIVE**

fake¹ /faɪk/

If something is fake, it looks real but is not **ADJECTIVE**

• **fake** /faɪk/ **NOUN**

fake² /faɪk/

To pretend to do or feel something **VERB**

falcon /fɔːlkən/

A big bird like a hawk that kills other birds and animals **NOUN**

Oo

Oo



oak /oʊk/

A big tree that has acorns as its fruit

NOUN



oar /ɔr/

A long pole with a flat part at the end for rowing a boat

NOUN

oases /oʊaɪseɪz/

NOUN PLURAL ▶ **oasis**

oasis /oʊaɪsɪs/

A place in a desert with water and trees

NOUN

■ **oases** /oʊaɪseɪz/ **PLURAL**

oats /oʊts/

The seeds of a plant used for making porridge or for feeding animals like horses

NOUN PLURAL

obey /əbeɪ/

To do what someone tells you to do

VERB

object¹ /ɒdʒekt/

A thing that you can touch

NOUN

object² /ɒdʒekt/

To disagree with something

VERB

oblong /ɒblɒŋ/

A shape that is long but not very wide, especially one that has square ends

ADJECTIVE ▶ **SHAPES**, page 17

oboe /əboʊ/

A musical instrument shaped like a tube that is played by blowing through the top

NOUN



observe /əbzɜrv/

1. To watch someone or something carefully
2. To notice something
Snake observed that there were plenty of egg sandwiches for the picnic.

VERB

obsessed /əbsest/

Thinking about someone or something all the time

ADJECTIVE

Snake is obsessed with food.

obstacle /əbstəcəl/

Something that blocks your way, or makes it difficult for you to do something

NOUN

obtain /əbteɪn/

To get something

VERB

obvious /əbvieəs/

Easy to see or understand

ADJECTIVE

• **obviously** /əbvieəslee/ **ADVERB**

occasion /əkeɪʒən/

1. A special event like a birthday
We're going to have a party for the occasion.
2. Used when talking about a time that something happens
On this occasion we're going to learn about the letter P.

NOUN

temporary /tempərəree/

Lasting for a short time only **ADJECTIVE**

tempt /tempt/

To make someone want to do something or have something, often something bad

VERB

- **temptation** /temptaishən/ **NOUN**
- **tempting** /tempting/ **ADJECTIVE**

tender /tender/

1. If a part of your body is tender, it hurts when you touch it 2. Food that is tender is soft **ADJECTIVE**

tennis /tenis/

A game where you hit a ball over a net using something with strings and a handle called a racket **NOUN**



- **tennis court** /tenis kort/ The area where people play tennis **NOUN**

tenpin /tenpin/

Tenpins are standing sticks shaped like bottles that you knock over in the game of tenpin bowling. They are sometimes called skittles **NOUN**

- **tenpin bowling** /tenpin boʊling/ **NOUN**

tense¹ /tens/

The tense of a verb is the form that shows when the action happens. The three main tenses are the past, present and future. For example, 'I see' is the present tense and 'I saw' is the past tense of 'to see' **NOUN**

tense² /tens/

Not relaxed because you are worried about something **ADJECTIVE**

tension /tenshən/

1. A feeling of being very worried or excited 2. Tension between people means that they do not like each other and often fight with each other **NOUN**

tent /tent/

A shelter made from a strong piece of cloth held up with poles and ropes. People use tents when they are camping **NOUN**



tentacle /tentəsel/

Tentacles are the long thin arms of an octopus that it uses for moving and feeling **NOUN**

term /term/

1. A period of time that people divide the year into *The summer term was very long this year.* 2. A word or expression with a special technical meaning **NOUN**

terminal /tərmənl/

1. A big building at an airport where people go when they get on or off a plane 2. A railway terminal is the last station on a line **NOUN**

terrace /terəs/

1. An area outside a building where people sit and eat 2. The terraces are steps at a football ground where people can stand while they watch the match **NOUN**

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camel /caməl/
A big desert animal that can have either one or two humps on its back **NOUN**



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